

**MS-449, Trinity Baptist Church Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-449

**Title:** Trinity Baptist Church Records

**Dates:** 1916-2011

**Creator:** Trinity Baptist Church

**Summary/Abstract:**

This collection contains the papers of Trinity Baptist Church, located on Shiloh Springs Road in Dayton, Ohio. The church opened in 1886 and closed in 2011. The records include pamphlets, bulletins, financial records, member files, Women's Baptist Missionary Society materials, correspondence, and programs.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 11 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:**

The Trinity Baptist Church Records were donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Robert L. Kerr in October 2011.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

Researcher will need a computer with disk access to read 3.5 inch floppy disks.

**Related Material:**

MS-81 First Regular Baptist Church, Dayton Records  
MS-257 Central Baptist Church Records, Oregon District  
MS-309 Dayton Area Baptist Association Records  
MFM-112 First Baptist Church of Centerville Records

**Processing Information:**

Material was removed from three ring binders that contained treasurer reports and placed in folders.

**Processed by:** Jeri Kniess and Misti Spillman, March 2012

**Arrangement:**

The Trinity Baptist Church records are arranged into four series and three subseries:

Series I. History  
Series II. Administration  
Series III. Financial  
Series IV. Membership  
    Subseries IVA: General  
    Subseries IVB: Publications  
    Subseries IVC: Women's Societies

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Trinity Baptist Church was founded in 1886, when a group of fifteen people held services in the Murray home on West Third Street. The church began as a mission of First Church. On June 30, 1918, the church became an independent church. A committee selected a new name and Trinity Baptist Church was chosen.

On December 3, 1978, ground was broken on a new church building on Shiloh Springs Road, which was completed in 1979. Over the years the church has met in at least twelve different places of worship, under the leadership of numerous pastors, including Rev. O.E. Hall and Dr. Luman F. Marsh. Both of these pastors served twenty years with the church. In 2011, Trinity Baptist Church closed its doors because of dwindling financial and congregational support. The church was in session for a total of 125 years.

**Scope and Content:**

The Trinity Baptist Church Records document the history of the church from 1916 to 2011. These records provide information on the church's correspondence, annual reports, minutes, membership files, and financial/treasurer information. The collection is arranged in four series and three subseries.

Series I, History, consists of information on the planning and commencement of the centennial celebration in 1986 as well as souvenir trivets from this event, the ideas for the outside sign of the church, deeds, new building planning materials, a small group of photographs including three

aerial views of the church and one featuring the outside sign, new building dedications, and property information for the church's various locations over time.

Series II, Administration, features two large sections: Board of Trustee and Regular Business Meeting materials and minutes, annual reports, and correspondence. This series also contains a bound volume of Board of Deacons minutes from 1999 to 2002.

Series III, Financial, consists mainly of reports from the financial secretary and the treasurer, offerings, monthly statements, annual financial reports, and check receipts. The 2005-2006 financial reports are contained on three 3.5 inch floppy disks.

Series IV, Members, has the most variety of information and is arranged in three subseries. Subseries IVA, General, consists of baptismal records from 1969 to 1976, correspondence, and membership application cards which contain a wealth of personal information on the members such as date of birth and birth place, marriage date and spouse information. This subseries also contains the church directories listing all members with addresses, the earliest being from 1924-1934, then ranging from the 1960s to the 1990s. In addition, this subseries contains various pamphlets, news clippings, a small batch of photographs featuring pictures from picnics and the MS walk in 2005, yearbooks from 1962-1967, vacation bible school materials, Sunday school enrollment lists, and youth fellowship materials. Subseries IVB, Publications, consists of the weekly Sunday bulletins from 1933 to 2004 without many gaps of missing years. Also in this subseries are newsletters called Trinitarians that span from 1954 to 2005. Subseries IVC, Women's Societies, is divided into two separate societies, American Baptist Women and Women's Baptist Missionary, with the bulk of the information found in the latter. These Women's societies feature annual and treasure reports, meeting minutes for the various Women's Circle groups, including a bound ledger with the "Stitch & Chatter" club's minutes from 1952-1955, correspondence, handbooks, information for each location the Missionary Society visited including some souvenirs, handmade invitations for various celebrations held at the church, and officer's information.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

- Baptist Convention of the State of Ohio
- Women's Missionary Society (Evangelical and Reformed Church)
- Trinity Baptist Church

### **Places**

- Dayton (Ohio)

### **Subjects (General)**

- American Baptist Women
- Baptists
- Baptismal records
- Church archives - - Administration
- Church records and registers

Church archives - - United States - - Directories

**Material Types**

Newspapers  
Photographs  
Correspondence  
Annual Reports

**Collection Inventory-**

**Series I : History**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Baptist Church History – General	1945, 1969, 1981, Undated
	2	Centennial Celebration Bulletins	Oct 5, 1986
	3	Centennial Celebration Souvenir - Trivets	1986
	4	Centennial Committee	1986
	5	Church Closing	2010
	6	Church Deeds	1927, 1970, 1975
	7	Church Sign Ideas	1990, 1991, 1995
	8	Dedications	1916, 1928, 1958
	9	New Building Planning	1953-1956
	10	New Building Planning	1957
	11	New Building Planning	1958
	12	Photos of Church	1979, 1986
	13	Property Information	1946-1955, 1971, 1977
	14	Publications	1886, 2010, Undated

**Series II : Administration**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Advisory Board	1964
	2	Advisory Board	1968-1969
	3	Advisory Board	1971-1982
	4	Advisory Board	1983-1987
	5	Advisory Board	1990, 1996
	6	American Baptists Conventions – Annual Reports	1966-1985
	7	American Baptist Churches of Ohio – Grant Opportunities	1995-1997
	8	American Baptist Convention in Dayton	1967-1968
	9	Annual Report	1965-1969

	10	Annual Report	1970-1980
	11	Annual Report	1981-1989
	12	Annual Report	1990-1996
	13	Board of Christian Education – Minutes	1961
	14	Board of Christian Education – Minutes	1962-1965
	15	Board of Christian Education – Minutes	1966-1970
	16	Board of Christian Education – Minutes	1970-1977
	17	Board of Christian Education – Minutes	1979-1983
	18	Board of Deacons – Minutes	1932-1933
	19	Board of Deacons – Minutes	1999-2002
	20	Board of Trustees – Annual Reports	1954-1959
	21	Board of Trustees – Annual Reports	1960-1965
	22	Board of Trustees – Annual Reports	1966-1967
	23	Board of Trustees – Annual Reports	1968-1970
	24	Board of Trustees – Annual Reports	1971-1972
	25	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1955-1957
	26	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1958
	27	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1963-1964
	28	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1965-1969
	29	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1970-1971
	30	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1972-1974
	31	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1975-1976
	32	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1977-1978
	33	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1979-1982
	34	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	1992-1993
	35	Board of Trustees - Correspondence	2008-2011
	36	Board of Trustees – Minutes	1950-1955
	37	Board of Trustees – Minutes	1956-1959
3	1	Board of Trustees – Minutes	1960-1965
	2	Constitution and Bylaws	1938, 1953-1956, 1965
	3	Constitution and Bylaws – Amendments	1970, 1983
	4	Correspondence – General	1959
	5	Correspondence – General	1960-1962
	6	Correspondence – General	1963
	7	Correspondence – General	1983-1984
	8	Correspondence – General	1987-1989
	9	Correspondence – General	1990-1991
	10	Correspondence – General	1994-1997
	11	Correspondence – General	2008-2010
	12	Dayton Area Baptist Assoc. – Directory Update	1989
	13	Long Range Planning Committee – Minutes	1984-1987
	14	Pulpit Committee – Minutes	1968-1969, 1976- 1978
	15	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1930-1939

16	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1940-1945
17	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1946-1950
18	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1951-1953
19	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1957-1960
20	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1961-1965
21	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1966-1968
22	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1969-1971
23	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1972-1975
24	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1976-1978
25	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1979-1982
26	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1983-1984
27	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1985-1986
28	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1987-1989
29	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1990-1992
30	Regular Business Meeting – Minutes	1993-1996
31	Special Commitments – Missions	1956-1957
32	Special Commitments – Missions	1971-1974, 1977-1978, 1986

### **Series III: Financial**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	33	Annual Reports	1960-1962
	34	Annual Reports	1970-1972
	35	Annual Reports	1978-1990
	36	Annual Reports	1992
	37	Annual Reports	1993
	38	Annual Reports	1994
	39	Annual Reports	1995
	40	Annual Reports	1996-1997
	41	Annual Reports	1998
	4	1	Annual Reports - Budgets
2		Annual Reports - Budgets	2008-2010
3		Check Receipts	2007-2008
4		Check Receipts	2009-2011
5		Dayton Christian Center Donations	2009-2010
6		Insurance Riders and Policies	1957-1971
7		Ledgers	1986-1987
8		Missionary Committee Budget	1958-1983
9		Missionary Donations	1977-1979, 2008-2010
10		Missionary Financial Information	1988-1989
11		Mortgages	1972-2007
12		Monthly Statements	1966-1967

	13	Monthly Statements	1989
	14	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1976-1979
	15	Secretary's Record Book	1955-1956
	16	Secretary Reports	1961-1963
	17	Secretary Reports	1964-1966
	18	Secretary Reports	1967-1969
	19	Secretary Reports	1973-1974
	20	Secretary Reports	1975-1979
	21	Secretary Reports	1979-1982
	22	Secretary Reports	1983-1989
	23	Secretary Reports	1990-1994
	24	Treasurer's Report	1947-1949
	25	Treasurer's Report	1950-1955
	26	Treasurer's Report	1956-1957
	27	Treasurer's Report	1958-1960
	28	Treasurer's Report	1959-1962
	29	Treasurer's Report	1963-1966
	30	Treasurer's Report	1967-1969
	31	Treasurer's Report	1970-1971
	32	Treasurer's Report	1972-1975
	33	Treasurer's Report	1976-1982
	34	Treasurer's Report	1983-1984
	35	Treasurer's Report	1985-1989
	36	Treasurer's Report	1990
	37	Treasurer's Report	1991
	38	Treasurer's Report	1992
	39	Treasurer's Report	1996-1997
	40	Treasurer's Report (three 3.5 floppy disks)	2005-2006
	41	Offerings	1974
	42	Offerings	1982-1983
5	1	Offerings	1984-1985
	2	Offerings	1987
	3	Offerings	1988
	4	Offerings	1989
	5	Offerings	1994
	6	Offerings	1997
	7	Offerings	2008
	8	Offerings	2009
	9	Offerings	2010
	10	Pew Donations	1957
	11	Proposed Yearly Budgets	1960-1965
	12	Taxes and Tax Exempt Recertification	1979, 2002, 2011

## Series IV: Members

### Subseries IVA: General

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Admission Statement	1966
	2	Attendance	1947-1948, 1964
	3	Baptism Records	1969-1976
	4	Black History Clippings	Undated
	5	Church Information Survey	Undated
	6	Correspondence	1947-1949, 1951-1952
	7	Correspondence	1967-1970
	8	Correspondence	1976, 1978
	9	Correspondence	1990, 1998-1999, Undated
	10	Correspondence – Transfer Requests	1950-1959
	11	Correspondence – Transfer Requests	1960-1964
	12	Correspondence – Transfer Requests	1965-1968
	13	Directories	1924-1934
	14	Directories	1960-1969
	15	Directories	1970-1979
	16	Directories	1980-1986
7	1	Directories	1993-1995
	2	Every Member Canvass Information	Undated
	3	Membership Application Cards	1890-1915
	4	Membership Application Cards	1921-1949
	5	Membership Application Cards	1950-1958
	6	Membership Application Cards	1959-1961
	7	Membership Application Cards	1962-1964
	8	Membership Application Cards	1965-1969
8	1	Membership Application Cards	1970-1979
	2	Membership Application Cards	1980-1989
	3	Membership Application Cards	1990-1996
	4	Membership Application Cards	Undated
	5	Membership Application Cards	Undated
	6	Membership Lists	1971-1983
	7	Memorials	1958-2010, Undated
	8	MS Walk, Photos and Flyer	2005
	9	Newspaper Clippings	Undated
	10	Nominating Committee	1947-1949, 1960-



		1969
11	Nominating Committee	1970-1992
12	Pamphlets	1976-1981, Undated
13	Photographs	1990, 2006, Undated
14	Problem Study	1964
15	Seder Service	1991, 1996
16	Sunday School Enrollment	1962
17	Vacation Bible School	1958, 1966
18	Vacation Bible School	1985, Undated
19	Yearbooks	1962-1967
20	Youth Fellowship	1957

#### **Subseries IVB: Publications**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	1	Bulletins	1933-1934
	2	Bulletins	1935
	3	Bulletins	1936
	4	Bulletins	1937
	5	Bulletins	1938
	6	Bulletins	1939
	7	Bulletins	1940
	8	Bulletins	1941
	9	Bulletins	1942
	10	Bulletins	1943
	11	Bulletins	1944
	12	Bulletins	1945
	13	Bulletins	1946
	14	Bulletins	1947
	15	Bulletins	1948
	16	Bulletins	1949
	17	Bulletins	1950
	18	Bulletins	1951
	19	Bulletins	1952
	20	Bulletins	1953
	21	Bulletins	1954
	22	Bulletins	1955
	23	Bulletins	1958
	24	Bulletins	1959
	25	Bulletins	1960
	26	Bulletins	1961
	27	Bulletins	1962
	28	Bulletins	1963

	29	Bulletins	1964
	30	Bulletins	1965
	31	Bulletins	1966
	32	Bulletins	1967
10	1	Bulletins	1968
	2	Bulletins	1969
	3	Bulletins	1970
	4	Bulletins	1971
	5	Bulletins	1972
	6	Bulletins	1973
	7	Bulletins	1974
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	10	Bulletins	1977
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	15	Bulletins	1982
	16	Bulletins	1983
	17	Bulletins	1984
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	25	Bulletins	1992
	26	Bulletins	1993
	27	Bulletins	1994
	28	Bulletins	1995
	29	Bulletins	1996
	30	Bulletins	1997
11	1	Bulletins	1998
	2	Bulletins	1999
	3	Bulletins	2000
	4	Bulletins	2001
	5	Bulletins	2002
	6	Bulletins	2003
	7	Bulletins	2004
	8	Trinitarian	1954-1957
12	1	Trinitarian	1958

	2	Trinitarian	1959
	3	Trinitarian	1960
	4	Trinitarian	1961
	5	Trinitarian	1962
	6	Trinitarian	1963
13	1	Trinitarian	1964-1965
	2	Trinitarian	1966-1967
	3	Trinitarian	1968-1969
	4	Trinitarian	1970-1971
	5	Trinitarian	1972-1974
	6	Trinitarian	1975-1978
	7	Trinitarian	1979-1980
	8	Trinitarian	1981-1982
	9	Trinitarian	1983-1984
	10	Trinitarian	1985-1986
14	1	Trinitarian	1987
	2	Trinitarian	1988
	3	Trinitarian	1989
	4	Trinitarian	1990-1992
	5	Trinitarian	1993
	6	Trinitarian	1994
	7	Trinitarian	1995
	8	Trinitarian	1996
	9	Trinitarian	1997
	10	Trinitarian	1998
	11	Trinitarian	1999
	12	Trinitarian	2000
	13	Trinitarian	2000-2002
	14	Trinitarian	2003-2005

#### **Subseries IVC: Women's Societies**

		<b>American Baptist Women</b>	
15	1	Anniversary Issue	1971
	2	Annual Report	1966, 1969
	3	Annual Report	1970-1972, 1976
	4	Annual Report	1982-1989, 1990
	5	Handbook	1973-1976, 1989-1991
	6	Program Resource Guide	1971
	7	Treasurer's Reports	1971-1972
		<b>Women's Baptist Missionary Society</b>	
	8	Annual Reports	1974-1975

	9	Bylaws	1963, Undated
	10	Circle Constitution	1956-1965
	11	Circle Correspondence	1967-1968
	12	Circle Correspondence	1973-1977
	13	Circle Meeting Minutes – “Stitch & Chatter” Club	1952-1955
	14	Circle Meeting Minutes	1953-1956
	15	Circle Meeting Minutes	1960-1968
	16	Circle Meeting Minutes	1972-1979
16	1	Correspondence	1962-1968
	2	Correspondence	1970-1974, 1978
	3	Correspondence	1982, 1986-1987, 1990
	4	Handbooks	1958-1967
	5	Handbooks	1969-1979
	6	Handbooks	1979-1986
	7	Invitations – Father and Son Program	1975
	8	Invitations – Miscellaneous	1962, 1964
	9	Invitations – Mother and Daughter Banquet	1973-1974, 1980
	10	Leader’s Guide	1967-1976
17	1	Locations – China, Thailand, Okinawa	1975-1978, 1986
	2	Locations – Europe	1972
	3	Locations – Haiti	1978-1979
	4	Locations – India	1975, 1978-1979
	5	Locations – Japan	1972
	6	Locations – Orissa, Binar, Bengal	1966, 1969, 1970- 1975
	7	Love Gift Information	1972, Undated
	8	Minutes	1961-1969
	9	Minutes	1970-1979
	10	Minutes	1979-1983
	11	Officer’s Information	1963-1974
	12	Plays	1971
	13	Secretary’s Information	1967-1977
	14	Treasurer Reports	1953-1959
	15	Treasurer Reports	1965, Undated
	16	Treasurer Reports	1977-1983, 1985- 1987
	17	Treasurer Reports (Bound)	1961-1988