

MS-81 First Regular Baptist Church Records

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Title: First Regular Baptist Church Records

Dates: 1829-2003

Creator: First Regular Baptist Church (Dayton, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

The First Regular Baptist Church is located in Dayton, Ohio. The collection includes church council minutes, board minutes, annual reports, church publications, constitution, resolutions, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photos, and business record. The records document the creation of the church to present day.

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Related Material:

MS-257 Central Baptist Church, Oregon District, Records

MS-309 Dayton Area Baptist Association Records

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into seven series and two subseries:

Series I: Church History

 Subseries IA: Related Organizations

 Subseries IB: Church historical books and depositions

Series II: Church Records

Series III: Courier

Series IV: Publications and handouts

Series V: Church Schools and Youth Organizations

Series VI: Women's Organizations and related organizations

Series VII: Photographs, Scrapbooks, and Audio

Biographical/Historical Note

In 1823, several Baptists from Lebanon and other surrounding communities moved into Dayton. This movement initiated what became the First Baptist Church of Dayton. The church was organized on May 29, 1824. This strongly Calvinistic congregation held meetings and services at the Court House, in a room on St. Clair Street and on the porch of William Huffman's house at Third and Jefferson Streets. Stephan Garel, who had been pastor of a church in Trenton, Ohio, is believed to have been the first pastor. In September of 1824, the Miami Baptist Association received the church into its fellowship.

Under the ministry of D.S. Burnett, the church softened its Calvinism, erected its first church building, and saw their membership increase to 84, the largest in town. After these early successes, the Dayton Baptist Church encountered two major crises. On March 21, 1829, Rev. Burnett led the majority of the congregation into the Campbellite movement. They called for a simplified faith which could unite Christianity into one body and separated themselves from the Missionary Baptist Association. Only eight (possibly nine) members remained loyal to the Baptist creed.

In 1835, the Dayton Baptists suffered another blow when the Miami Baptist Association took a stand against the use of benevolent institutions. When the Baptist churches in Dayton, Cincinnati, Lebanon, and Middletown refused to condemn the use of Sunday Schools, missionary societies, etc., the Association dropped these churches from their minutes.

On February 25, 1837, the Dayton church became incorporated as the First Regular Baptist Church of Dayton. The term "Regular" distinguished them from the churches of the Miami Baptist Association.

In 1840, the congregation moved into its first church building after the Campbellite affair. This Greek Revival building sat on the corner of Jefferson and East Fourth Streets. Its construction proved financially burdensome to the congregation who had to seek aid from the Ohio Baptist State Convention. The congregation quickly gained strength, however, and by 1851, it had over two hundred members. On October 25, 1863, the Dayton First Baptist Church dedicated their third building on Main Street, free of debt. By 1867, the membership roll included three hundred names.

In 1868, Dr. Henry F. Colby began a pastorate, which lasted for thirty-four years. During this time the church undertook many new projects and developed some new institutions. The church began several mission schools around the Dayton area, some which developed into churches. The First Church figured prominently in organizing the Linden Avenue Baptist Church in 1872. This period also saw the development of Young Peoples organizations and Women's Missionary circles. Dr. Colby brought the First Church into greater prominence by his many civic and denominational involvements. He served three year terms as President of the Ohio Baptist Convention and as President of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Dr. Colby also acted as President of the Board of Trustees for Dennison University for twenty-two years and for the Miami Valley Hospital for nineteen years. After retiring from the pastorate, Rev. Colby continued with the church for many years.

In 1904, Rev. Howard Whidden, then pastor, and Dr. Henry Colby led the church to a conscious decision to remain in the central city area rather than follow the movement to the suburbs. At this time the church bought the property on Monument Avenue for its present building. Despite the decision to remain downtown, the church still helped organize the Dayton View Baptist Church in 1912. This project took thirty-one of its members.

Construction of the new building proceeded slowly and suffered a major setback in the Dayton flood of 1913. The properties on Main Street and on Monument Avenue suffered severe damage. In addition, nearly half of the church's membership lived or had businesses and factories in areas which remained flooded for four days. The laymen of the First Baptist Church participated in resolving this community crisis at nearly every level of activity. Henry A. Stout and E.A. Deeds had prominent roles in acquiring money and legislation for the Miami Conservancy project to prohibit further flooding.

The pastorate of Rev. Charles Lyon Seasholes (1931-1965) brought many changes. The structure of the church's committees and boards underwent a major reorganization. A west wing was added to the building in 1937. The church reordered its schedule for the Sunday worship services to convenience those who traveled from the suburbs. Dr. Seasholes introduced the practice of dedicating babies, and the wearing of robes by the ministers for Sunday worship service. On Wednesday evening, he lectured on world problems, and he initiated a book review series for the Sunday evening services. Dr. Seasholes served on many civic boards and further distinguished himself by initiating the first Planned Parenthood program in Dayton during the early 1930's. He was a recognized leader in the American Baptist Convention and served as an accredited delegate to

the 1948 meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. In 1967, the First Baptist Church compiled a study of its work and the community which it served. They found most of its members lived in Dayton's more prestigious communities of Dayton View, Oakwood, and Kettering. Around 87% of the members were found to be either white collar workers or professional people.

The turbulence of the 1960's challenged the First Church to several new involvements. Through a community organization called PUSH, they attempted to purchase and rehabilitate substandard housing for resale to low income families. A coffee house which the church attempted for its youth proved to be a short-lived venture. The Day Care Center, begun at this time, has remained to the present.

The 1970's have seen the First Church reemphasizing a personal ministry as is evidenced by its support of the Key '73 evangelism campaign and the formation of a spontaneous devotional fellowship known as "One in the Spirit."

Most of the records from the 1980s and 1990s include weekly publications like the Courier and sermons, to photographs of church events.

Scope and Content

The First Regular Baptist Church, located in Dayton, Ohio, was organized in May 1824 and is still an active member of the Dayton community. The collection documents a long history in Dayton and includes church council minutes, board minutes, annual reports, church publications, constitution, resolutions, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photos, and business record. The records document the creation of the church to present day. The records are organized into seven series and two subseries.

Series I, Church History, is divided into two subseries. The subseries contain information pertaining to the history of the church and related organizations, from missions and publications, to depositions concerning the Cambellite Affair.

The relationships of the First Regular Baptist Church to various social currents are generally well documented in the collection. This includes such events as urbanization, foreign immigration, suburbanization, World War I, the Great Dayton Flood, the Great Depression, World War II, and the social activism of the 1960's. The collection conspicuously lacks materials relating to the slavery controversy or the Civil War.

This series also contains material from other churches in the area, such as the Dorothy Lane Baptist Church. Also highlighted in this series is the relationship between First Regular Baptist Church and area associations like the YMCA, YWCA, Dayton Area Baptist Association, and the Dayton Christian Center.

The church published three narrative histories. The study by Harriet Colvin and Myriam Page (1974) and the study by Henry A. Stout (1924) are revisions of Rev. Henry Colby's history, published in 1914. The researcher might find these studies to be useful tools for several reasons. They can provide an overview of the church's history. Leads are sometimes given in these

histories for research in other materials such as newspapers and local government records. These studies contain a record of oral traditions and interviews. They also display the church's views of itself at the time of writing.

Series II, Church Records, document the inner workings of the church. Records include board of trustees, business records, various board minutes, correspondence, and stewardship documents.

The church operated on a fiscal year which began in May and ended in April until 1970 when they changed to a calendar year. When a file folder is labeled "1916-1917" it contains materials for the year beginning in May of 1916 and ending in April of 1917. The surrounding folders would be labeled "1915-1916" and "1917-1918."

The church held an annual meeting during the first part of May. At this time reports were received from the various boards and committees for their activities in the previous year. These reports have been placed in Series II, Church Records, according to the year of the annual meeting rather than the year on which they reported. When an annual report has been found with a body of materials relating to its particular board or committee, the original order has been retained.

Series III, Courier, was a weekly publication from the First Regular Baptist Church. The run of papers is from 1923 to 1995. The paper announced upcoming church events and church news.

Series IV, Programs and Handouts, contain weekly publications that were passed out at the church. The handouts include a copy of the week's sermon, weekly programs, the Bulletin, *Here and Now Journal*, and *Worship With Us Hand Out*.

Series V, Church Schools and Youth Organizations, document the church schools 1866 to the late 1970s. Through the years various classes have been formed such as, the Christian Homemakers Class, Mr. and Mrs. Class, and the Downtown Child Development Center (DCDC). Most of records are annual reports, however there is some material pertaining to the opening of the DCDC and general administrative records.

Series VI, Women's Organizations and Related Organizations, details the various women's groups through the decades. Some of the groups include Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Circle Nine, and the Matron's Circle. Most of the documents are meeting minutes but there are some calendars, directories, histories, and scrapbooks.

Series VII, Photos, Scrapbooks, and Audio, contains numerous photos from church classes, scrapbooks from women's organizations, cassettes of sermons, and albums. The photographs are mostly from the turn-of-the-century. Many of the photos are from church classes, church gatherings, directories, and activities. There are a few slides and negatives, also a newspaper scrapbook. There are several albums with church chimes and musicals. Also included in this series are seven stamps with images of the church and people imprinted on them.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names

First Regular Baptist Church of Dayton (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio) - - Church history

Subjects

Baptists – Ohio

Material Types

Paper

Newspaper

Photographs

Slides

Negatives

Stamps

Cassette tapes

Collection Inventory

SERIES I: Church History			
Subseries IA:		Related Organizations	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Dayton Baptist Association	1915-1941
	2	Dayton area Baptist Church histories	1971, 1973, Undated
	3	History of the First Regular Baptist Church	1924
	4	Central Baptist Mission	1883
	5	Central Baptist Mission	1884
	6	Central Baptist Mission	1885
	7	Central Baptist Mission	1886
	8	Dorothy Lane Baptist Church	1957-1959
	9	Dorothy Lane Baptist Church Scrapbook	1956
2	1	PUSH (Pushing Urban Stabilized Housing)	1968-1969
	2	YMCA and YWCA Centennials	1969-1970
	3	Ohio Baptist Convention	1897-1935
	4	National Baptist Publications	1891, 1921
	5	Augustus H. Strong (Baptist Theologian)	1904, 1921
	6	Key '73 (interdenominational evangelistic campaign)	1968-1970

	7	Tracts and Pamphlets	1870-1979
	8	Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA)	1972-1978
3	1	DABA Div. of Christian Education	1974, 1976
	2	DABA Urban Strategy Committee	1975
	3	Ohio Baptist Convention Sesquicentennial	1976
	4	World Mission Campaign	1967, 1968, 1973
	5	Annual Reports to American Baptist Churches	1957- 1978
	6	Dayton Campus Ministry	1973-1974
	7	Metropolitan Churches United	1974-1980
	8	America for Christ Offering	1978
	9	Celebration	1973
	10	Boy Scout Troop #19	1974
	11	Baptist Home of Upper Miami Piqua Ohio	1964
	12	Dayton Christian Center Self Study	1968
	13	Dayton Christian Center	1972
	14	Dayton Christian Center	1972-1973
4	1	Dayton Christian Center	1974
	2	Dayton Christian Center	1975
	3	Dayton Christian Center	1975-1976
	4	Dayton Christian Center	1977
Subseries IB:		Church Historical Books and Depositions	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	5	History booklets	1875-1974, Undated
	6	Church history books	1918, 1924
	7	Belief statements	1878-1930
	8	Memoir of Charles H. Crawford	1888
		In memoriam of Mason N. Wheaton	1885
		The ministry of Dr. John Clarke	1927
	9	Memorial addresses on the life and character of William Richardson	1915
		In memory of Henry and Florence Stilwell	Ca. 1895
5	1	In memory of Henry Francis Colby	1915
		Memoir of Ebenezer Thresher	1886
	2	A tribute to Caleb Parker	1885
		A tribute to Mary I. Colby	1895
		In memoriam E.R. Stilwell	1908

	3	Cambellite Affair, Court Depositions, Depositions of Moses Stout, Lydia Huffman and Daniel Bryan Certificate of Clerk of Court Petition of Riser Answer of Stansifer Petition with Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith, Answer to Amended Bill of Stansifer	1834
	4	Campbellite Affair, Court Depositions, Depositions of S. Warner, C. Burns, S. Lehman, and H. Warner Letter to Miami Association, Argument of Joseph W. Crane Summons of Dependents Simeon Stansifer and Others Deposition of Corbly Martin Final Decision of Court in Bank Argument of Dunlavy Deposition of Jacob Mulford	1829-1834
	5	Cambellite Affair, Court Depositions, Record of First constitution of the Church Constitution of First Baptist Church Deposition of Jesse Newport Amended Petition of Kiser Deposition of David S. Burnett Deposition of Stannah George, Chythia Burnas, William Bairberger and A. S. Richar	1834
Series II:		Church Records	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Our Church Work booklet	1900-1910
	2	Our Church Work booklet	1911-1914
	3	Our Church Work booklet	1915-1924
	4	Our Church Work booklet	1924-1932
	5	Our Church Work booklet	1939, 1945
	6	Reverend Colby's letters	1879-1887, 1912
	7	Memberships	1846-1920
7	1	Trustees and Treasurers reports	1910-1920
	2	Trustees and Treasurers reports	1909-1919
	3	Board of Trustees	1926-1931
	4	Board of Trustees	1938-1964
	5	Board of Trustees	1967-1969
	6	Board of Trustees	1977-1978
	7	Board of Trustees	1979
	8	Board of Trustees	1980
	9	Board of Trustees	1981
	10	Board of Trustees	1982
	11	Board of Trustees	1983
	12	Board of Trustees	1984
	13	Board of Trustees	1985

7A	1	Church Minutes	1844-1856
7B	1	Executive Committee Minutes	1902-1915
	2	Ledger	1844-1855
	3	“Our Church Works” publications	1880-1889
	4	Church School Anniversaries	1869-1871
	5	Single subscription support for Rev. F. Snyder	Undated
	6	Thresher family tree	Undated
	7	Architectural drawings	1923
	8	“A German Requiem” album	1974
	9	“It’s Cool in the Furnace” Album	Undated
	10	“Our Church Work” publications (See also oversize location 3, file 7)	1880-1899
	11	“The Watchman Examiner” and “The Law of Baptism” (See also oversize location 3, file 8)	1923, Undated
7C	1	Scrapbook	1948-1955
	2	Church Minutes	1829-1847
	3	Executive committee minutes	1887-1902
	4	“Our Church Works” publications	1880-1899
	5	Guestbook	1970-1976
	6	Community development areas	Jan 1966
	7	Neighborhood Improvement Program	Jan 1966
	8	“Reflections on Lent and Easter”	1985
	9	Attachments to the First Baptist Church Study	May 1, 1967
	10	Attachments to the First Baptist Church Study	May 1, 1967
	11	Attachments to the First Baptist Church Study	May 1, 1967
	12	Attachments to the First Baptist Church Study	May 1, 1967
8	1	General specifications for church buildings	Undated
	2	Building specifications	1936
	3	Building records	1916-1966
	4	Letter to Edward Deeds	Undated
	5	Records	1866-1916
	6	Records	1916-1917
	7	Records	1917-1918
	8	Records	1919-1920
	9	Records	1920-1921
	10	Records	1922-1923
	11	Records	1923-1924
	12	Records	1924-1925
	13	Records	1925-1926
	14	Records	1926-1927

	15	Records	1927-1928
	16	Records	1928-1929
	17	Records	1929-1930
9	1	Business Records	1930-1931
	2	Business Records	1931-1932
	3	Business Records	1932-1933
	4	Business Records	1933-1934
	5	Business Records	1934-1935
	6	Business Records	1935-1936
	7	Business Records	1936-1937
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	10	Business Records	1939-1940
	11	Business Records	1941-1942
	12	Business Records	1942-1943
	13	Business Records	1943-1944
	14	Business Records	1944-1945
	15	Business Records	1945-1946
10	1	Business Records	1946-1947
	2	Business Records	1947-1948
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	4	Business Records	1949-1950
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	8	Business Records	1953-1954
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	10	Business Records	1955-1956
	11	Business Records	1956-1957
	12	Business Records	1957-1959
	13	Business Records	1960-1961
	14	Business Records	1961-1962
	15	Annual Report	1963-1964
	16	Business Records	1964-1965
11	1	Business Records	1965-1966
	2	Business Records	1966-1967
	3	Business Records	1967-1968
	4	Business Records	1968
	5	Business Records	1969
	6	Business Records	1970
12	1	Business Records	1971

	2	Business Records	1972
	3	Business Records	1973
	4	Business Records	1974
	5	Business Records	1975
	6	Business Records	1976-1978
	7	Centennial Records	1919-1943
	8	Dr. Seasholes World Council of Churches	1948
13	1	Dr. Seasholes World Council of Churches, clippings	1948
	2	Minutes	1918-1919
	3	Insurance Appraisal	1954-1960
	4	David Anderson letters	1976-1977
	5	Richard Hardy letters	1966-1974
	6	Pictorial directory	1970-1971
	7	Pictorial directory	1973
	8	Ministerial search committee	1975-1976
	9	Search committee	1990-1991
	10	Pictorial directory	1979
	11	Address directories	1973, 1976-1977
14	1	Board of Deacons	1958-1963
	2	Board of Deacons	1964-1969
	3	Board of Deacons	1970-1975
	4	Board of Deacons	1976-1977
	5	Board of Officers and committees lists	1962-1979
	6	Board of Education minutes	1968-1973
15	1	Board of Christian Education	1974-1977
	2	Board of Christian Education	1978-1985
	3	Nominating Committee for Church Offices	1967-1979
	4	Executive Council Records	Pre-1980
	5	Deacon Minutes	1949-1953
	6	Deacon Minutes	1970-1975
	7	Deacon Minutes	1976-1979
	8	Deacon Minutes/Information	1977-1985
16	1	Board of Kingdom extension	
	2	Board of Mission	1972-1980
	3	Ad Hoc Missions Committee	1973
	4	Sesquicentennial Committee	1974
	5	Sesquicentennial Celebration	1974
	6	Revised Constitution and bylaws Amendment #2 1975	1972
	7	Church Budget Proposals	1972-1976
	8	Neighborhood Group Leaders	1971-1978
	9	Covenanting Materials	1978

	10	155 Birthday Celebration	1979
	11	Automatic Withdrawal Plan (tithing)	1975
	12	Black - White Encounter	1973
17	1	Correspondence	1948, 1981, Undated
	2	Correspondence- Christian Homemakers class	1963-1989, Undated
	3	Correspondence- H	1966-1971
	4	Correspondence- K and J	1966-1970
	5	Correspondence- Brenton C. Dodge	1968-1972
	6	Correspondence- Brenton C. Dodge	1973
	7	Correspondence- Brenton C. Dodge	1974
	8	Correspondence- Brenton C. Dodge	1975
	9	Correspondence- Brenton C. Dodge	1976
	10	Correspondence- William G. Noyes	1971-1974
	11	Correspondence- William G. Noyes	1975-1977
	12	Correspondence- Dr. Paul T. Losh	1974-1976
	13	Correspondence-Richard B. Hardy	1975
	14	Correspondence and stewardship teams	1977-1978
	15	Memorial letters	1968-1970
18	1	Susan Crawford memorial letters	1970
	2	Memorial letters	Jul 1970- Dec1972
	3	Kenneth Tee garden memorial letters	1970
	4	Memorial gift	1974-1975
	5	Memorial gifts	1976
	6	Memorial gifts	1977-1978
	7	Attendance list	1966-1969
	8	Annual report	1976-1978
	9	Guestbook	1956-1975
	10	Guestbook	1967-1970
	11	Invoice and correspondence-IBM	1967-1973, Undated
	12	Invoices- Hull Paper	1973
19	1	"A Chapter from Dayton Baptist History" F.L. Blowers	1897
	2	"History of the First Baptist Church" Rev. Henry Francis Colby	1914
	3	Handouts	1914-1958, 1982, Undated
	4	"History of the First Regular Baptist Church" Henry F. Colby	1924

	5	Membership book	Jan 1945
	6	Class roster	1947-1974
	7	Newspaper articles	1953-1998, Undated
	8	Bylaws and strategic plans	1926, 1987, 1992
	9	Hymnal change	1976
	10	Growing with the Bible	1984
	11	175 th Anniversary	1998-1999
	12	Handouts	Undated
	13	Plays	Undated
20	1	Executive Committee meeting minutes	1966-1967
	2	Executive Council meeting minutes	1968-1971
	3	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1972-1973
	4	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1974
	5	Executive Council meeting minutes	1975-1976
	6	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1976
	7	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1977
	8	Executive Council meeting minutes	1978
	9	Executive Council meeting minutes	1979
	10	Executive Council meeting minutes	1980
	11	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1982
	12	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1983
	13	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1984
	14	Executive Council and congregational meeting minutes	1985
	15	Trustee meeting minutes	1992-2001
21	1	Boy Scout plaque to CHM class	Undated
	2	4C's class	1972-1975
	3	Deborah Circle	1991-1998
	4	Deborah Circle	1997-1998
22	1	American Baptist Women's Society	1979-1984
	2	Search committee minutes	1989-1996
	3	Sanctuary Flower committee	1969-1971
	4	Minutes and attendance records for Lucy Webb, Hayes Circle and Leon Circle	1967-1975

	5	Key 73 committee	1972-1973, Undated
	6	PUSH INC. booklet	1967
	7	PUSH INC. notebook	1967
	8	Christian Homemaker's Class	1960-1965
	9	Christian Homemaker's Class papers	1960, 1979
	10	Christian Homemaker's Class	1964-1975
	11	Christian Homemaker's Class guestbook	1960-1976
	12	Christian Homemaker's Class	1968-1978
	13	Christian Homemaker's Class	1971-1973
22A	1	Anniversaries	1906, 1973
	2	Fellowship Fund Reports	1984-1992
	3	Church Annual Report	1973-1978, 1985, 1989, 1990
	4	Church Meetings	1977-1980
	5	Compensation Logistics	1990
	6	Church Profile	1989
	7	Interview Issues	1990
	8	Congregation Attributes	1991
	9	New Directions for Leadership and Ministry	1991
	10	General Office Letters	1984
22B	1	Stewardship	1970
	2	Stewardship	1971
	3	Stewardship	1972
	4	Stewardship	1973
	5	Stewardship	1974
	6	Stewardship	1975
	7	Stewardship	1976
	8	Stewardship emphasis	1976-1977
	9	Stewardship	1977-1978
	10	Stewardship emphasis	1978-1979
	11	Stewardship- "Percentage giving program Manual"	Undated
	12	Explorations in Stewardship	Undated
	13	Stewardship Files	1972-1977
22C	1	Hymnals	1869, 1902
	2	Books about First Regular	1895, 1914
	3	"History of the First Regular Baptist Church 1824-1924" Henry Colby	1924
	4	Prayer cards	1921, Undated
	5	Anniversary scrapbook	1906
	6	Anniversary pamphlet	1924, 1949, 1957
	7	175 th anniversary invoices	1999-2000

	8	Anniversary ornament	1999
	9	Member directories	1934-1959
	10	Member directories	1968-1994
	11	Pamphlets	1949-1968
22D	1	Reports	1950, 1982-1991
	2	Choirs	1964-1978
	3	College students lunch	1974
	4	Executive council	1976-1977
	5	Advent	1977
	6	Various correspondence	1978-1989
	7	Hymnal	1983
	8	Church survey and result	1981, 1987
	9	Church pamphlets and newspaper	1901, 1954-1985, Undated
Series III:		Courier	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
23	1	Courier	1923-1925
	2	Courier	1925-1927
	3	Courier	1927-1928
	4	Courier	1928-1930
	5	Courier	1930-1932
	6	Courier	1932-1934
24	1	Courier	1934-1935
	2	Courier	1935-1936
	3	Courier	1936-1938
	4	Courier	1938
	5	Courier	1938-1940
	6	Courier	1941
	7	Courier	1942
	8	Courier	1943
	9	Courier	1944
25	1	Courier	1945
	2	Courier	1946
	3	Courier	1947
	4	Courier	1948
	5	Courier	1949
	6	Courier	1950
	7	Courier	1951
	8	Courier	1952

	9	Courier	1953
	10	Courier	1954
	11	Courier	1955
26	1	Courier	1956
	2	Courier	1957
	3	Courier	1958
	4	Courier	1959
	5	Courier	1960
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	3	Courier	Jun -Dec 1979
	4	Courier	Jan - Apr 1980
	5	Courier	May -Aug 1980
	6	Courier	Sep -Mar 1981
	7	Courier	Mar -Dec 1981
30	1	Courier	1982
	2	Courier	1982
	3	Courier	1984
	4	Courier	1985
	5	Courier	1986
	6	Courier	1987
	7	Courier	1988
	8	Courier	1989

31	1	Courier	Jan -Mar 1990
	2	Courier	Apr -Aug 1990
	3	Courier	Sep -Dec 1990
	4	Courier	Jan -Mar 1991
	5	Courier	Apr -Aug 1991
	6	Courier	Sep -Dec 1991
	7	Courier	Jan -Jun 1992
	8	Courier	Jul -Dec 1992
	9	Courier	Jan -Jun 1993
	10	Courier	Jul -Dec 1993
32	1	Courier	Jan - Mar 1994
	2	Courier	Apr -Aug 1994
	3	Courier	Sep -Dec 1994
	4	Courier	1995
Series IV:		Programs and Handouts	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
33	1	Bound church Bulletins	1897-1903
	1B	Service Day	May 12, 1918
	2	Programs	1904-1937
	3	Programs	1938-1939
	4	Programs	1940
	5	Programs	1941
	6	Programs	1942
	7	Programs	1943
34	1	Programs	1944
	2	Programs	1945
	3	Programs	1946
	4	Programs	1947
	5	Programs	1948
	6	Programs	1949
	7	Programs	1950
	8	Programs	1951
	9	Programs	1952
35	1	Programs	1953
	2	Programs	1954
	3	Programs	1955
	4	Programs	1956

	5	Programs	1957
	6	Programs	1958
	7	Programs	1959
36	1	Programs	1960
	2	Programs	1961
	3	Programs	1962
	4	Programs	1963
	5	Programs	1964
37	1	Programs	1965
	2	Programs	1966
	3	Programs	1967
	4	Programs	1968
	5	Programs	1969
38	1	Programs	1970
	2	Programs	1971
	3	Programs	1972
	4	Programs	1973
	5	Programs	1974
39	1	Programs	Jan -Jun 1975
	2	Programs	Jul -Dec 1975
	3	Programs	Jan -Jun 1976
	4	Programs	Jul -Dec 1976
	5	Programs	Jan -Jun 1977
	6	Programs	Jul -Dec 1977
	7	Programs	1978
40	1	Programs	1979
	2	Programs	1980
	3	Programs	1981
	4	Programs	1982
	5	Programs	1983
41	1	Programs	1984
	2	Programs	1985
	3	Programs	1986
	4	Programs	1987
42	1	Bulletin	1988
	2	Bulletin	1989
	3	Bulletin	Jan -Jun 1990
	4	Bulletin	Jul -Dec 1990

43	1	Bulletin	Jan -Jun 1991
	2	Bulletin	Jul -Dec 1991
	3	Bulletin	Jan -Jun 1992
	4	Bulletin	Jul -Dec 1992
	5	Bulletin	Jan -Mar 1993
	6	Bulletin	Apr -May 1993
44	1	Bulletin	Jun -Sep 1993
	2	Bulletin	Oct -Dec 1993
	3	Bulletin	Jan -May 1994
	4	Bulletin	Jun -Dec 1994
	5	Bulletin	1936-1994, Undated
45	1	Here and Now Journal	Oct - Dec 1964
	2	Here and Now Journal	Jan -Sep 1965
	3	Here and Now Journal	Oct -Dec 1965
	4	Here and Now Journal	1966
	5	Here and Now Journal	1967
	6	Here and Now Journal	1968
	7	Worship With Us Hand Out	Jan -Jun 1980
	8	Worship With Us Hand Out	Jul -Dec 1980
	9	Worship With Us Hand Out	Jan -Jun 1981
	10	Worship With Us Hand Out	Jul -Dec 1981
46	1	Worship With Us Hand Out	Jan -Jul 1982
	2	Sermons	1965, 1982-1984
	3	Sermons	1978
	4	Sermons	Jan -Jun 1979
	5	Sermons	Jul -Dec 1979
	6	Sermons	Sep -Dec 1982
	7	Sermons	Jan -Jun 1983
	8	Sermons	Jul -Aug 1983
	9	Sermons	Sep -Dec 1983
47	1	Sermons	1985
	2	Sermons	1986
	3	Sermons	1986-1987
	4	Sermons	Jul -Dec 1987
	5	Sermons	1988
48	1	Sermons	1989
	2	Sermons	1990
	3	Sermons	1991

	4	Sermons	Sep -Dec 1992
	5	Sermons	Jan -Aug 1992
49	1	Sermons	Jan -Jun 1993
	2	Sermons	Jul -Dec 1993
	3	Sermons	Jan -Jun 1994
	4	Sermons	Jul -Dec 1994
	5	Sermons	Jan -Jun 1995
	6	Sermons	Jul -Dec 1995
	7	Sermons	1996
Series V:		Church Schools and Youth Organizations	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
50	1	Youth groups prior to the Baptist Young People's Union	1866-1889
	2	Baptist Young People's Union	1870-1947
	3	Baptist Young People's Union-Wellwisher	1940-1947
	4	Baptist Young People's Union-Scrapbook 1	1945-1947
	5	Baptist Young People's Union-Scrapbook	1947-1948
	6	Church School	1862-1953
	7	Mr. and Mrs. Class	1935-1965
	8	Mr. and Mrs. Class	1972-1977
	9	Young Singles Class	1973-1974
51	1	J. D. Bible Class	1919-1926
	2	Berean Bible Class	1884-1934
	3	Philathea Class	1937-1961
	4	Christian Homemaker Class	1923
	5	Church School Bulletin	1971-1976
	6	Annual Reports	1953-1957
	7	Annual Church School Reports	1956-1957
	8	Annual Church School Reports	1957-1958
	9	Annual Church School Reports	1959-1960
	10	Annual Church School Reports	1960-1961
	11	Annual Church School Reports	1961-1962
	12	Annual Church School Reports	1962-1963
	13	Annual Church School Reports	1963-1964
	14	Annual Church School Reports	1964-1965
	15	Annual Church School Reports	1965-1966
	16	Annual Church School Reports	1966-1967
	17	Annual Church School Reports	1967-1968
	18	Children's Program	1972-1976

52	1	Downtown Child Development Center	1971-1972
	2	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -Jul 1973
	3	Downtown Child Development Center	Aug 1973
	4	Downtown Child Development Center	Sep -Dec 1973
	5	Downtown Child Development Center-photos	1973
	6	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -Jul 1974
	7	Downtown Child Development Center	Aug -Dec 1974
	8	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -Jun 1975
	9	Downtown Child Development Center	Jul -Dec 1975
53	1	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -Jun 1976
	2	Downtown Child Development Center	Jul -Dec 1976
	3	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -Apr 1977
	4	Downtown Child Development Center	May 1977-Dec 1977, Undated
	5	Downtown Child Development Center	Jan -May 1978
	6	Downtown Child Development Center	Jun -Dec 1978, Undated
Series VI:		Women's Organizations and Related Organizations	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
54	1	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Secretary's book	1886-1896
	2	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Secretary's book	1897-1903
	3	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Secretary's book	1904-1912
	4	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Secretary's book	1913-1921
	5	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Secretary's book	1929-1950
	6	Women's Foreign Missionary Society's Cabinet Meetings	1942-1966
	7	Women's Home Mission Society Calendar Book	1894-1916
	8	Account book from a women's organization	1908
55	1	Women's Society Circle F Scrapbook	1938-1939
56	1	Women's Society's executive committee	1915-1921
	2	Women's bible class record book	1924-1925
	3	Women's Society executive committee	1929-1942
	4	Circle Eleven and Jane Guyon Circle meeting	1951-1969

		minutes	
57	1	Home Mission Circle	1910-1915
	2	Women's bible class	1913-1930
	3	Calendars	1920-1949
	4	Calendars	1950-1976
	5	Circle Nine	1949-1966
	6	Matron's Circle	1950-1955
58	1	Matron's Circle	1955-1967
	2	Circle	1972-1975
	3	Circle Directories	1972-1974
	4	Circle Directories	1974-1976
	5	Circle Directories	1976-1978
	6	Circle Directories	1978-1980
	7	Circle Directories	1980-1982
	8	Circle Directories	1986-1990
59	1	Minute book	1871-1978
	2	Papers	1871-1973
	3	Mary Pfeifer, Missionary Chronicle	1889
	4	Calendars	1891-1909
	5	Calendars	1909-1930
	6	History of Women's Society	Undated
	7	Ruth Ziegert Album index	ca. 1950
	8	American Baptist Women meeting minutes	1978-1990
	9	American Baptist Women Society, misc.	Undated
	10	Related organizations	Undated
60	1	Dewitt Gerstle, Treasurer	1957-1958
	2	Treasurer's Reports	1957-1959
	3	Press releases	1962-1967
	4	Adult Church School Classes	1971-1978
	5	Ohio Baptist Convention	1967-1973
	6	Ohio Baptist Convention	1974-1975
	7	Ohio Baptist Convention	1976-1977
	8	Ohio Baptist Convention	Undated
	9	Dayton Area Baptist Association executive committee	1993-1994
	10	Dayton Area Baptist Association executive committee	1995-2001
	11	Dayton Area Baptist Association executive committee and board of trustees meetings	1997-2003
Series VII:		Photos, Scrapbooks, and Audio	

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
61	1	Black and white photos	1905, 1931, 1946
	2	Christmas photos	Ca. 1960
	3	Black and white photos	1964-1976, Undated
	4	Black and white photos	Ca. 1970
	5	Minister pictures and biographies	1973-1974, n. d.
	6	Photographs from Dick Hardy's file	May 1979, Undated
	7	Negatives	Ca. 1980
	8	Columbus activity photos	Ca. 1980
	9	Activity photos	Ca. 1980
	10	River front photos	Ca. 1980
	11	Activity photos	Ca. 1980
	12	Summer activity photos	Ca. 1980
	13	Slides	1981, 2000
	14	Photos	Undated
	15	Photos (See also oversize location 3, file 5)	1914-1978
	16	Photos (See also oversize location 3, file 6)	1906-1920, Undated
62	1	Church school class photo album	1894-1906
	2	Class photographs	Ca. 1950
	3	Class photographs	Ca. 1960
	4	Class photographs	Ca. 1950
	5	Junior department photo album	1948-1962
63	1	Church building photos	Undated
	2	Assorted photos	Undated
	3	Directory photos	Undated
	4	Directory photos	Undated
	5	Newspaper clippings scrapbook	1917-1973
	6	Negatives	Undated
64	1	Audio cassettes	1977, Undated
	2	Album of church chimes	Undated
	3	Album of church chimes	Undated
	4	Album of church chimes	Undated
	5	Album of church chimes	Undated
	8	"A German Requiem" album	1974

	9	“It’s Cool in the Furnace” Album	Undated
65	1	Seven stamps with images of the church	1827, 1844, Undated