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Herschel Hobbs at 1963 Southern Baptist Convention

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Summary

Main Entry: Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist Faith and Message Committee Files

Date Span: 1962 – 1963

Abstract: Collection of correspondence with committee members, SBC agency executives, and other Southern Baptists, reports, clippings, copy of statement, and information related to the work of the SBC Committee on the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, 1963. Material was collected and donated by Herschel H. Hobbs, who served as chairman of the committee in his role as President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document box)

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Historical Sketch

The 1962 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco, California, adopted a motion to form a committee made up from the “presidents of the various state Baptist conventions” with the President of the Southern Baptist Convention serving as chairman, to provide to the SBC a confessional statement which “shall serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.” The committee did its work from May, 1962 to the meeting of the Convention in May, 1963 and recommended the adoption of a revision of the 1925 Baptist Faith and Message Statement. A committee of Five appointed by Hobbs did much of the initial work of the committee. The report was debated on the floor of the 1963 convention and adopted by the messengers. The 1963 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention included the entire statement alongside the 1925 Baptist Faith and Message Statement. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and President of the Convention, served as chairman of the committee.

Scope and Content Note

The Baptist Faith and Message Committee files consist of correspondence among committee members, and with SBC agency executives, related to the work of the committee and scheduling of meetings. Included is correspondence from members of Southern Baptist churches providing suggestions to the committee as they revised the 1925 statement. The collection also includes discussions, reviews, and drafts of various sections of the statement by the committee members and Baptist theologians. In the collection are clippings, biographical information on committee

members, published copies of the 1925 and 1963 statements, and a signed copy of the 1963 statement by committee members. Most of the correspondence is from or to Hobbs.

The collection is arranged in numerical order with each item stamped. The material follows a chronological order in most cases. The last two folders in the collection were added later and are not numbered. Portions of the collection were microfilmed and are available on one roll of 16mm microfilm.

Arrangement

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Provenance

Donated by Herschel Hobbs, 1966.

Preferred Citation

Baptist Faith and Message Committee Files, 1963, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Hobbs, Herschel Harold, 1907 – 1995.
 Southern Baptist Convention. – History – 20th century
 Baptists – Doctrines
 Baptist Faith and Message Statement (1963)

Related Materials

Report of a Committee on Baptist Faith and Message: as presented to and adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, session 1925, Memphis, Tenn. / [E.Y. Mullins, Chairman]. Pam. 980.

The Baptist faith and message: a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, May 9, 1963. Pam. 102

The Baptist faith and message: a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention June 14, 2000. Pam. 2871

Hobbs, Herschel H. *My faith and message: an autobiography*. BX6495.H53 A3 1993

Container List

Box 1

- 1.1 Correspondence, June – July, 1962 – Items 1 – 65
- 1.2 Correspondence, June – July, 1962 – Items 66 – 134
- 1.3 Correspondence, July – October, 1962 – Items 135 – 200
- 1.4 Correspondence/material, November – December, 1962 – Items 201 – 250

- 1.5 Correspondence/material, December, 1962 – January 1963 – Items 251 – 300
- 1.6 Correspondence/material, January – February, 1963 – Items 301 – 336
- 1.7 Correspondence/material, February – March, 1963 – Items 337 – 380
- 1.8 Correspondence/material, March – July, 1963 – Items 381 – 425
- 1.9 Biographical data forms on committee members
- 1.10 Clippings
- 1.11 Published statements, 1925, 1963
- 1.12 Signed copy of Baptist Faith and Message Statement, 1963