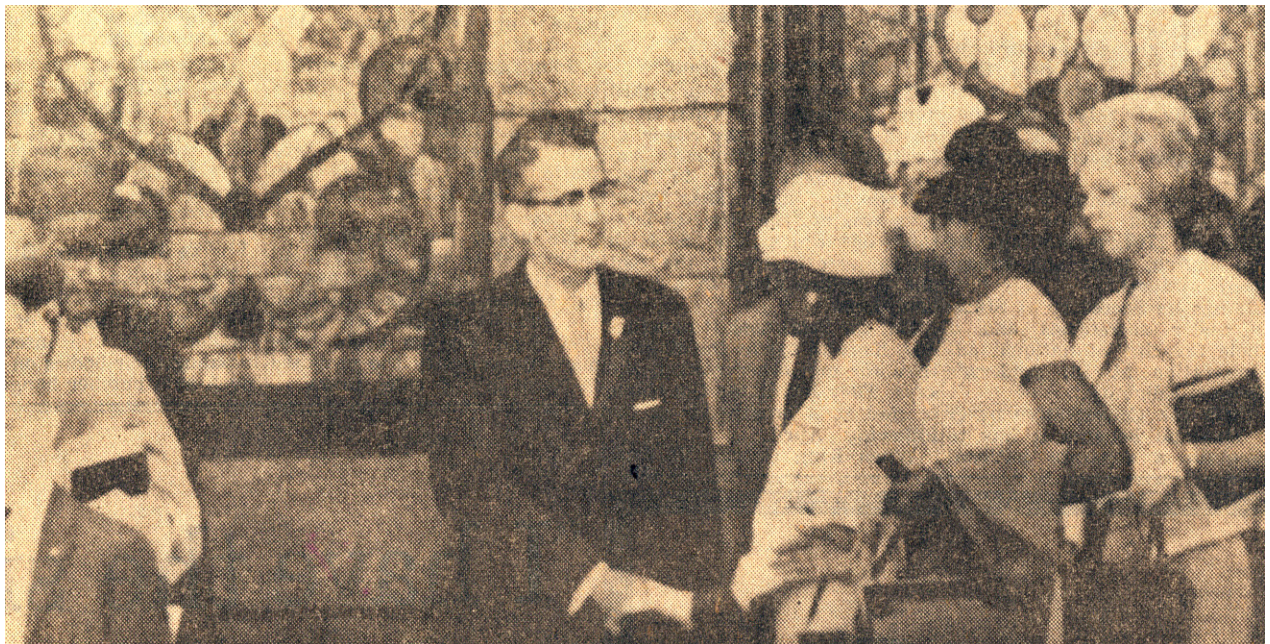


EARL STALLINGS PAPERS

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Summary

Main Entry: Earl Stallings Papers

Date Span: 1962 – 1963

Abstract: Collection of material related to Earl Stalling, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, from 1961-1965. The collection contains material related to the racial crisis in the South in the early 1960s and the integration of the First Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama by African-Americans.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch

Earl Stallings was born in Durham, NC and attended Harrison-Chilhowie Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tennessee. He graduated from Carson-Newman College and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas and did special studies at Yale University and Cambridge University. Stallings served as pastor to churches in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, and Georgia, and from 1961 to 1965, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama. From 1977 until his retirement in 1984, he was director of Christian Social Ministries for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Scope and Content Note

The Earl Stallings Papers includes .5 linear ft. that are arranged alphabetically by folder title. The material consists of correspondence, clippings, periodicals, pamphlets, and articles that focus on the racial situation in Birmingham, Alabama, in the early 1960's, and, in particular, documents how the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama responded to integration and racial unrest.

The collection consists of correspondence to and from Stallings that is divided between favorable and unfavorable letters. Most of the letters respond to the attendance of African-Americans at the worship services at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama.

The Collection was donated by Earl Stallings in 1984 and was mistakenly sent to the Home Mission Board archives. The collection was found during a survey of the archives of the North American Mission Board (formerly Home Mission Board) by Bill Sumners in March, 1999, and later transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

Provenance

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Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929 – 1968
 Southard, Samuel, 1925 –
 First Baptist Church (Birmingham, Alabama)
 Race relations – religious aspects – Baptists
 Church and race relations
 Social ethics
 Birmingham, Alabama – race relations

Related Materials

Bass, S. Jonathan. *Blessed are the peacemakers : Martin Luther King, Jr., eight white religious leaders, and the "Letter from Birmingham Jail"*. Baton Rouge, La. : Louisiana State University Press, c2001.

Manis, Andrew Michael. *A fire you can't put out : the civil rights life of Birmingham's Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth*. Tuscaloosa : University of Alabama Press, |c1999.

Container List**Box 1**

- 1.1 Actions of the First Baptist Church (Birmingham) to racial integration, 1954, 1963
- 1.2 Correspondence – Favorable – A-B, 1963
- 1.3 Correspondence – Favorable – C-D, 1963
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- 1.15 Newsweek, "The Negro in America," July 24, 1963
- 1.16 Pamphlets – Race relations
- 1.17 Racial issue – Birmingham/South – Clippings, 1963
- 1.18 Racial issue – Birmingham/South – Clippings, 1963
- 1.19 Religious leaders meeting – Birmingham, September, 1963
- 1.20 Southard, Samuel. "Segregation and Southern churches," 1962