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Summary

Main Entry: John Franklin Havlik Sermon Collection

Date Span: Circa 1940 – 1982

Abstract: Collection includes sermons preached by John Havlik, director of evangelism, for the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention from 1965 – 1982. Prior to joining the Board, Havlik served as secretary of evangelism for the Kansas Baptist Convention and Louisiana Convention. He served as pastor to several churches in Missouri, Texas, and Kentucky from 1938 – 1956, and conducted numerous revivals throughout his career.

Size: 1 linear ft. (2 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

Evangelist, pastor, and denominational leader John Franklin Havlik was born March 22, 1917, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Joseph and Maude (Schwab) Havlik. The family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Havlik came under the preaching influence of Gypsy Smith. He made a profession of faith at age seventeen during a revival in Tulsa in 1934. He was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church in Tulsa, in 1934. From 1936 – 1938 he apprenticed as a machinist in Tulsa. He was ordained by White City Baptist Church, also in Tulsa, March 24, 1938.

Havlik earned a B.A. degree from Baylor University (1946), B.D. from Southern Seminary (1949), and Th.M. from Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor to several churches in Missouri, Texas, and Louisiana, and served as Secretary for Evangelism for the state conventions in Kansas (1956 – 1961) and Louisiana (1961 – 1964). He served as a trustee of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri (1951 – 1955), an adjunct instructor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1971 – 1982), and as a board member of the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC in Ft. Worth, Texas (1980).

Havlik served as Director of Evangelism Education and Writing in the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board from 1965 until his retirement in 1982. A popular preacher and speaker at many state convention and associational meetings, Havlik's sermons have been described as "forceful, full of fire, and carefully prepared." He directed evangelistic crusades in many cities including Anchorage, Alaska; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Wellington, New Zealand. He prepared evangelism plan books for the Board and organized several evangelistic conferences. Havlik authored several books including *People-Centered Evangelism* (1971), *Old Wine in New Bottles*

(1972), *The Evangelistic Church* (1976), and *You Can Be Born Again* (1978). He served as co-author of *Is the Bible a Human Book* (1970), *Where in the World is Jesus Christ* (1980), and *How to Enjoy Reading the Bible* (1981).

He married Anna Mae Erwin in 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri. The Havliks had one child, Brenda Rachel Havlik Roach, born in 1951. Havlik died in Atlanta, Georgia, December 10, 1984, of a heart attack following quintuple bypass surgery a week earlier.

Scope and Content Note

The John Franklin Havlik Sermon Collection (2 linear ft.) consists of typescript and handwritten sermons Havlik delivered at various churches, crusades, revivals, state convention, and associational meeting events throughout his career. Most of the sermons are undated, but cover the period of Havlik's ministry from circa 1940 to 1982. Several of Havlik's sermons are messages about evangelism and witnessing. Other major topics and issues included in the sermons are stewardship, church growth, revivals, the role of preachers, and the social gospel. Several sermons about various books of the Bible are contained in the collection. A message on racism in Atlanta is also included.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Donated by the North America Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 2005.

Preferred Citation

John Franklin Havlik Sermon Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

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Related Materials

Havlik, John F. *Evangelism and the Home Mission Board, 1845 – 1910*. SBHLA # Pam 5850.

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