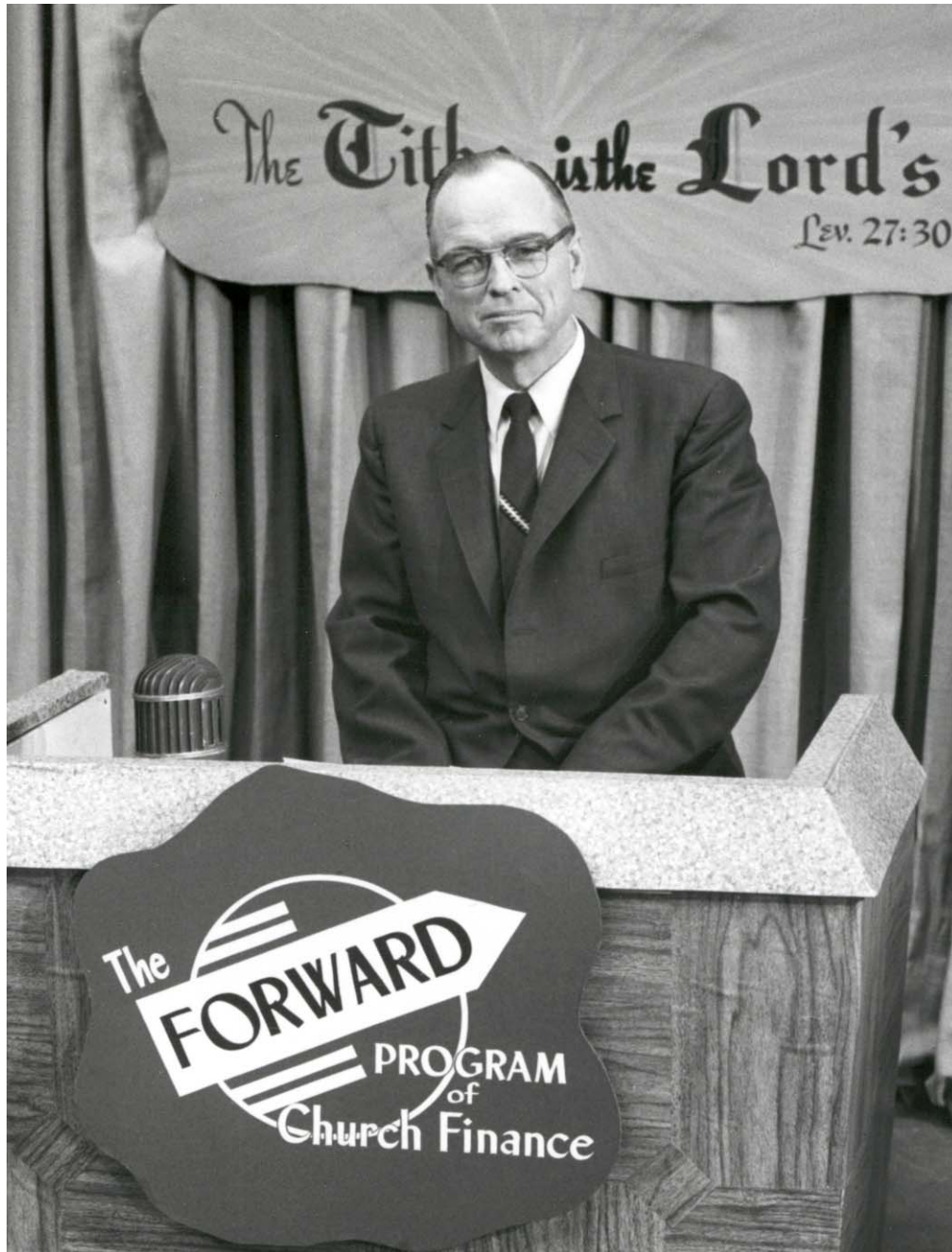


MERRILL DENNIS MOORE PAPERS

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Summary

Main Entry: Merrill Dennis Moore Papers

Date Span: 1926 – 1971

Abstract: Collection includes articles, correspondence, reports, publications, and scrapbooks. There is material on his travels, his pastorates, and his denominational work on stewardship promotion. The scrapbooks document his career with the Executive Committee and the Stewardship Commission.

Size: One linear ft. (one box)

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Biographical Sketch

Merrill Dennis Moore was born November 14, 1904 in Senatobia, Mississippi, and attended high school in Meridian. He received his B. A. degree in 1926 from Mississippi College and graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1930 with a Th.M. degree. In 1929, he married Lorena Smith of Sidon, Mississippi.

Moore served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He was involved in denominational activities, serving on state committees and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1942 – 1948. In 1940, he was selected as president of the Tennessee College for Women. In 1942, he went to the Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville as pastor. Moore became director of promotion and association secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1948. In 1961, he was named executive director-treasurer of the newly created Stewardship Commission and retired from that position in 1971.

Moore authored numerous pamphlets and tracts on stewardship. He wrote Found Faithful (Broadman Press, 1953) and co-authored The Church Finance Record Manual (Broadman Press, 1959).

See: Baptist History File in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives for more information.

Scope and Content

The papers include one linear ft. of material and span the years 1946 to 1971. The material covers Moore's service as a denominational worker. The collection includes articles, correspondence, reports, publications, and two disassembled scrapbooks. One of the scrapbooks covers a stewardship mission tour to the Orient by Moore, 1957 – 1958, and the other is a general scrapbook

of clippings, programs, and photographs relating to Moore's activities with the Executive Committee and the Stewardship Commission (1946 – 1966).

The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title. Significant subject area and people included in the papers are: Porter Routh, James L. Sullivan, W. E. Grindstaff, Stewardship Commission, and the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

Provenance

Donated by Merrill Moore, 1980, 1987.

Preferred Citation

Merrill Dennis Moore Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Routh, Porter Wroe, 1911 – 1987

Sullivan, James Lenox, 1910 – 2005

Crouch, Austin, 1870 – 1957

McClellan, Albert, 1912 – 2004

Grindstaff, Wilmer E., 1912 –

Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Committee

Southern Baptist Convention. Stewardship Commission

First Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama

New Salem Baptist Church, Nelson County, Kentucky

First Baptist Church, Newport, Tennessee

Stewardship. Christian

Church finance

Christian giving

Related Materials

Southern Baptist Convention. Stewardship Commission Records. AR 628. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Container List

Box 1

1.1 Articles (Routh, Lindholm, Nelson, Rust)

1.2 Baptist Jubilee Advance – Play, 1960

1.3 Church property – related finances, 1966

1.4 Correspondence, 1952 – 1956

- 1.5 Correspondence, 1957 – 1962
- 1.6 Correspondence, 1964 – 1967
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1969 – 1970
- 1.8 McClellan, Albert – “On Earth as in Heaven” pageant
- 1.9 Mission Tour – Clippings and press releases, 1957 – 1958
- 1.10 Mission Tour – Correspondence, 1957 – 1958
- 1.11 Mission Tour – Itinerary
- 1.12 Mission Tour – Maps
- 1.13 Mission Tour – Oriental Documents
- 1.14 Mission Tour – Photographs and postcards
- 1.15 Organizational survey of the Stewardship Commission, 1960
- 1.16 Reports – Committees, Conferences, Suggestions
- 1.17 Retirement program, 1971
- 1.18 Scrapbooks, 1946 – 1949
- 1.19 Scrapbooks, 1950 – 1953
- 1.20 Scrapbook, 1954 – 1955
- 1.21 Scrapbook, 1956
- 1.22 Scrapbook, 1957 – 1958
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- 1.25 Scrapbook, 1965
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- 1.27 Tithers Turnover Chart, 1950