

**INVENTORY TO THE
JAMES DAVID GREY PAPERS**

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Summary

Main Entry: James David Grey Papers

Date Span: 1949 – 1963

Abstract: James David Grey was a Southern Baptist Minister, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and served in positions of leadership at other Baptist organizations. The collection contains correspondence and papers relating to his tenure as Southern Baptist Convention president, as well as informational and correspondence files on other Baptist issues.

Size: 2.25 linear ft. (5 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

James David Grey was born December 18, 1906 in Princeton, Kentucky, and spent most of his early years in Paducah, Kentucky. Grey was ordained to the ministry in 1925 by the Immanuel Baptist Church in Paducah. He graduated from Union University in 1929 and received his Th.M. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1932.

Grey served as pastor of the Vickery Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas from 1929 to 1931, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, 1934 – 1937, and First Baptist Church, New Orleans, 1937 – 1972. He served in positions of leadership at the state and national levels in Baptist organizations as well. He was President of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951 – 1953, President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1949 – 1950, Executive Committee member of the Baptist World Alliance, and member of other Baptist agencies and committees. He died in New Orleans in 1985.

He received the honorary doctorate from Union University in 1938, Louisiana College in 1952, and Baylor University in 1953. For additional information see:

Scope and Content

The collection consists of Dr. Grey's correspondence during his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951 – 1953. Also included are selected informational and correspondence files on issues in Baptist life, such as: files on Southern Baptist Convention meetings from 1951 to 1963; the Ralph Elliott controversy; the Dale Moody controversy; the 1960 election; problems at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1958 – 1959; Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking at Southern Seminary in 1961; and universal military training. Grey served as chairman of the committee that investigated the turmoil at the seminary in the 1950's. His files on

this committee are especially important. General data on fundamentalism and liberalism in the Baptist denomination is also included. Most of the presidential correspondence includes responses to invitations to speak and casual notes to friends and colleagues.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

Provenance

Donated by J. D. Grey, 1980

Preferred Citation

James David Grey Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Grey, James David, 1906-1985
 Elliott, Ralph H. Message of Genesis
 Moody, Dale
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Southern Baptist Convention
 Bible, O. T. Geneses – Commentaries
 Baptists – Clergy
 Baptists – Education
 Theological seminaries – Kentucky
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 Fundamentalism
 Liberalism (religion) – Southern Baptist Convention
 Draft – United States
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 Baptists – United States
 Louisville (Ky.) – Education – Theological seminaries
 Kentucky – Education – Theological seminaries
 New Orleans (La.) – Churches and religious affairs – Baptist
 Louisiana – Churches and religious affairs – Baptist

Related Materials

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Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Committee. Administrative and Program Planning Files, AR 631. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

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