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### **Summary**

Main Entry: Donald V. Wideman, 1927-

Date Span: 1984-1985

Abstract: Papers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1984-1985. The collection consists of correspondence of Wideman with agency executives, other officers of the convention, and other Southern Baptist leaders. The correspondence covers a volatile period in Southern Baptist life over control of the convention between conservatives and moderates.

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

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### **Biographical Sketch**

Donald V. Wideman was a Southern Baptist minister and Missouri Baptist denominational executive, born on August 13, 1927. Wideman was a native Missourian. He attended St. Louis Baptist College and graduated from Southern Illinois University, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Wideman served as pastor to several churches in Missouri, the last being the First Baptist Church in North Kansas City, before accepting the position of executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1987. He served in that position for ten years, retiring in 1997. He then served as chaplain for William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri from 1997 to 2003.

In 1984 he was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention. Wideman was identified as a moderate in the controversy that divided the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1980s.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Wideman Collection consists entirely of incoming and outgoing correspondence of Wideman with other officers of the SBC, denominational leaders and executives, and leaders of various sides in the Convention controversy between moderates and conservatives. The collection covers the years of 1984-1985.

The correspondence focuses on issues confronting the Southern Baptist Convention in the mid 1980's and the leadership of the two factions in the Baptist denomination. The collection does include significant correspondence with Charles Stanley, president of the Southern Baptist

Convention from 1984 to 1986.

### **Arrangement**

The correspondence in the collection is arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent name.

### **Provenance**

Donated by Donald Wideman, 1985.

### **Preferred Citation**

Donald V. Wideman Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Wideman, Donald V.

Stanley, Charles F., 1932-

Ziglar, Zig

Southern Baptist Convention – Officers

Southern Baptist Convention – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century

Church controversies –Baptists – 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Related Materials**

Charles F. Stanley Papers, AR 666, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

Zig Ziglar Papers, AR 636, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

### **Container List**

Box 1

- 1.1 Correspondence - A-B, 1984-1985
- 1.2 Correspondence - Allen, John H. (Alaska Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.3 Correspondence - Ammerman, Nancy T., 1985
- 1.4 Correspondence - Bush, Ellis (Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey), 1984
- 1.5 Correspondence - Correspondence, C-D, 1984-1985
- 1.6 Correspondence - Chapman, Morris, 1985
- 1.7 Correspondence - Coleman, Thomas E., 1984
- 1.8 Correspondence - Congratulation Letters, 1984-1985
- 1.9 Correspondence - Criswell, W.A., 1985
- 1.10 Correspondence - Currin, James H. (Baptist Convention of New England), 1984
- 1.11 Correspondence - Dilday, Russell Hl, 1985
- 1.12 Correspondence - Draper, Jimmy, 1985
- 1.13 Correspondence - Dunn, James, 1984
- 1.14 Correspondence - E-F, 1984-1985
- 1.15 Correspondence - Elder, Lloyd (Sunday School Board), 1985

- 1.16 Correspondence - Fields, W. C. (Executive Committee, SBC), 1985
- 1.17 Correspondence - G-H, 1984-1985
- 1.18 Correspondence - Garrison, Gene, 1984
- 1.19 Correspondence - Graham, Billy, 1985
- 1.20 Correspondence - Griffith, James N. (Georgia Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.21 Correspondence - Halsell, Thomas E. (West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists), 1984
- 1.22 Correspondence - Hogue, C. B. (Southern Baptist General Convention of California), 1985
- 1.23 Correspondence - Ingram, Joe (Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma), 1984
- 1.24 Correspondence - J-L, 1984-1985
- 1.25 Correspondence - Langley, James A. (District of Columbia Convention), 1984
- 1.26 Correspondence – Lyle, Ken (Baptist Convention of Maryland), 1984
- 1.27 Correspondence – M-N, 1984-1985
- 1.28 Correspondence – Madden, Tom (Tennessee Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.29 Correspondence – Marshall, Bill (Kentucky Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.30 Correspondence – Moore, Don (Arkansas Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.31 Correspondence – Moore, Winfred, 1985
- 1.32 Correspondence – Mosley, Ernest (Illinois Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.33 Correspondence – Myers, Ernest (Nevada Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.34 Correspondence – O’Brian, Chester C. (Baptist Convention of New Mexico), 1984
- 1.35 Correspondence – P, 1984-1985
- 1.36 Correspondence – Parks, Keith, 1985
- 1.37 Correspondence – Pinson, William M. (Baptist General Convention of Texas), 1984
- 1.38 Correspondence - Potts, Earl A. (Alabama Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.39 Correspondence - Prayer cards – First Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, 1985
- 1.40 Correspondence – Routh, Porter, 1984
- 1.41 Correspondence – Rust, Ray (South Carolina Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.42 Correspondence – S-T, 1984-1985
- 1.43 Correspondence – Sorrill, Bobbie (Woman’s Missionary Union), 1985
- 1.44 Correspondence – South, Reuben L. (Missouri Baptist Convention), 1984-1985
- 1.45 Correspondence – Stanley, Charles, (President of SBC), 1984-1985
- 1.46 Correspondence – Sullivan, John, 1984
- 1.47 Correspondence – Thomason, John W. (Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention), 1984-1985
- 1.48 Correspondence – W-Y, 1984-1985
- 1.49 Correspondence – Wamble, Hugh (Midwestern Baptist Seminary), 1985
- 1.50 Correspondence – Weatherford, Carolyn (Woman’s Missionary Union), 1984
- 1.51 Correspondence – Webb, Perry (Louisiana Baptist Convention), 1984
- 1.52 Correspondence – Ziglar, Zig, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, SBC), 1984-1985