

**Inventory of the
Morris Chapman Papers**

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MORRIS CHAPMAN PAPERS

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Summary

Main Entry: Morris Chapman Papers

Date Span: 1990 - 1992

Abstract: Materials document the official correspondence of Morris Chapman during the two years he served as President of the Southern Baptist Convention – the beginning of the resurgence of the conservative movement in leadership. While much of the collection is correspondence from individuals and agencies, it also contains minutes of meetings, manuals, sermons, and speeches. The correspondence includes such issues as governmental politics, convention and denominational operation, the Gulf War, and Freemasonry.

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Biographical Sketch

Morris H. Chapman, popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1990 and served two consecutive one-year terms, the maximum allowed by convention charter. On February 17, 1992, Chapman, then 51, was elected fifth president and treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and assumed his responsibilities October 1, 1992.

Beginning in 1959, Chapman served seven churches, the first as minister of youth at Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. Personal evangelism and missionary activity characterized his service in each of his pastorates.

Scope and Content Notes

The Morris Chapman Papers (4 ½ linear ft.) contain primarily the official correspondence of Dr. Chapman as president of the convention during the developing years of the conservative resurgence in convention leadership. Much of the correspondence is affirming and congratulatory; however, many letters beg for strong overtures to bring peace and harmony to the Convention. The collection contains correspondence related to funding the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Baptist Press, termination of employees; continued support for the Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon; the termination of Lloyd Elder as president of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Freemasonry; the Persian Gulf War, 1991; and Dan Quayle, vice-president of the United States of America.

Additionally, the collection includes presidential addresses, remarks before meetings of the executive committee and convention agencies, and files on various SBC agencies. Additions to the collection are not expected.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Elder, Lloyd H., 1933 –
Martin, Dan, 1938 –
Quayle, Dan, 1947 –
Shackleford, Alvin C.
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
Baptist Press
Baptist Theological Seminary (Ruschlikon, Switzerland)
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Fundamentalism
Freemasonry
Persian Gulf War, 1991

Related Materials

Chapman, Morris H. Faith: Taking: God at His Word. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1992.

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