

# GLORIETA BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER COLLECTION

**AR 795-564**



Glorieta Baptist Assembly, construction, 1951

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### Summary

Main Entry: Glorieta Baptist Conference Center Collection

Date Span: 1951 – 1993

Abstract: The Glorieta Baptist Assembly, in Glorieta, New Mexico, began operations in 1952. It served as a conference center for the Southern Baptist Convention and was operated by the Sunday School Board of the SBC. The collection contains material primarily from the 1950s and 1960s, including pictorial yearbooks, brochures, programs, historical material, and a scrapbook from 1966.

Size: 2.5 linear ft. (five boxes)

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### Historical Sketch

In 1947, the Southern Baptist Convention appointed a committee to study the question of developing a Southern Baptist Assembly in the western area of the country, and, in 1949, the convention selected Glorieta, New Mexico. In 1950, the Convention charged the Sunday School Board with the responsibility of raising funds, erecting buildings, developing, and operating the new Assembly. Much of the land was donated by the New Mexico Baptist General Convention with gifts made by other state conventions for the construction of buildings. Three years after approval by the Convention, Glorieta Baptist Assembly launched its first week of program activities as Pioneer Week, August 7 – 12, 1952. Beginning in 1953, the Assembly provided a complete program of church educational programs and programs for various denominational interests. E. A. Herron was appointed the first manager of Glorieta in 1955. In 1966, he was succeeded by Mark Short, Jr., and, on October 1, 1973, Larry Haslam became manager of the conference center.

Glorieta Assembly has grown since its beginning and became a part of the newly created Assemblies Division of the SSB, October 1, 1972. In July, 1972, the name was changed to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center to support the concept of a year-round center operated for training, denominational fellowship, evangelism, retreats, and spiritual growth.

### Scope and Content Note

The Glorieta Baptist Assembly Collection includes 2.5 linear ft. of material, located in five document boxes, and consists mainly of conference programs and scattered copies of the pictorial annual, *Thunderbird*. Several press releases, articles, clippings, histories, and subject files are also included. One oversized item, a 1966 scrapbook, is part of the collection as well. The collection covers the period from 1951 to 1993, with most items relating to the 1950s and 1960s. Photographs of Glorieta are located in the SBHLA's photograph collection. The collection was donated to the SBC's Historical Commission in 1984, with additions in 1995.

### Arrangement

Arranged in alphabetical order

### Provenance

Donated to the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission (Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives) in 1984, with additions in 1995

**Preferred Citation**

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Nashville, Tennessee

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Southern Baptist Convention  
Church conference centers – New Mexico  
Congresses and conventions – New Mexico  
Baptists – Congresses  
Baptists – New Mexico  
Baptists – United States  
Glorieta (N.C.)  
New Mexico – Churches and religious affairs – Baptists  
New Mexico – Congresses and conventions  
Scrapbooks  
Yearbooks

**Related Materials**

Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board. Executive Office. James Sullivan Papers. AR 795-354. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Herron, E. Allison. Collection. AR 795-640. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

**Container List****Box 1**

- 1.1 Applications, Certificates
- 1.2 Articles, 1956 – 1974
- 1.3 Buildings and Grounds
- 1.4 Clippings, 1953 – 1972
- 1.5 Cox, Norman W., “La Glorieta”
- 1.6 Gardens and Flowers
- 1.7 Mitchell, Luther D., “History of Glorieta”
- 1.8 Pioneer Week, 1952
- 1.9 Press Releases, 1972 – 1974
- 1.10 Programs, 1952
- 1.11 Programs, 1953
- 1.12 Programs, 1954

**Box 2**

- 2.1 Programs, 1955
- 2.2 Programs, 1956
- 2.3 Programs, 1957
- 2.4 Programs, 1958
- 2.5 Programs, 1959
- 2.6 Programs, 1960

**Box 3**

- 3.1 Programs, 1961
- 3.2 Programs, 1962
- 3.3 Programs, 1963
- 3.4 Programs, 1964
- 3.5 Programs, 1965
- 3.6 Programs, 1966
- 3.7 Programs, 1967
- 3.8 Programs, 1968
- 3.9 Programs, 1969
- 3.10 Programs, 1970
- 3.11 Programs, 1971
- 3.12 Programs, 1972
- 3.13 Programs, 1973
- 3.14 Programs, 1974
- 3.15 Programs, 1975

**Box 4**

- 4.1 Programs, 1976
- 4.2 Programs, 1977
- 4.3 Programs, 1978
- 4.4 Programs, 1979
- 4.5 Programs, 1980
- 4.6 Programs, 1981
- 4.7 Programs, 1982
- 4.8 Programs, 1983
- 4.9 Programs, 1984
- 4.10 Programs, 1985
- 4.11 Programs, 1986
- 4.12 Programs, 1990 – 1991
- 4.13 Programs, 1992 – 1993
- 4.14 Programs, No Date
- 4.15 Prospectus, 1951
- 4.16 Rigney, J.W., “Glorieta”, 1955
- 4.17 Short, Mark, “History of Glorieta”, 1967
- 4.18 *Thunderbird*, 1955
- 4.19 *Thunderbird*, 1956
- 4.20 *Thunderbird*, 1957

**Box 5**

- 5.1 *Thunderbird*, 1958
- 5.2 *Thunderbird*, 1962
- 5.3 *Thunderbird*, 1963
- 5.4 *Thunderbird*, 1964
- 5.5 *Thunderbird*, 1965
- 5.6 *Thunderbird*, 1970
- 5.7 *Thunderbird*, 1971
- 5.8 *Thunderbird*, 1972
- 5.9 *Thunderbird*, 1973
- 5.10 *Thunderbird*, 1974
- 5.11 *Thunderbird*, 1975

Oversized Item: Scrapbook, 1966