

Inventory of the Baptist Home for Children Collection

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Reading lesson at children's home, ca. 1957

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Summary

Main Entry: Baptist Home for Children Collection

Date Span: 1946-2005

Abstract: Includes newspaper clippings, documents, pamphlets, and correspondence from the Baptist Home for Children (Jacksonville, Florida) and the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children. Materials range from 1946-2005, with the bulk of the materials concentrating on the tenure of Rev. Silas M. Bishop as Executive Director dating from 1947-1961.

Size: 1 linear ft. (2 document boxes)

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Historical Sketch

The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists (formerly Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children) organization was first suggested in 1948 and held its first annual meeting in January 1949 in Jackson, Mississippi. The primary focus of the organization and the annual meetings is the exchange of ideas, methods and procedures of caring for children and developing fellowship among administrators.

In 1947, Rev. Silas M. Bishop was named the Superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home in Jacksonville, Florida and served as the President of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children in 1959. From the time of his appointment as Superintendent, until his death in 1961, the Baptist Children's Home expanded, prospered, and contributed to the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of many children and adolescents.

Expansions to the Jacksonville home include several residential cottages, a tool shop for vocational education, a barn and a swimming pool.

Scope and Content Note

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The collection includes newspaper clippings concentrating on the expansion, residents, and activities of the Jacksonville residence.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Artificial collection, compiled October 2011.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Baptist Home for Children (Jacksonville, FL)

Bishop, Silas M.

Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists

Child care services

Children –Institutional care

Orphanages – Florida - History

Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children

Related Materials

Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children. *Records, 1949-1962*. MF384.

Joiner, E. Earl. *Florida Baptist Children's Home: A history of caring*. 1995.

Container List

Box 1

- 1.1 Annual Reports (of the Baptist Home for Children), 1946-1960
- 1.2 Biographical- Rev. Silas M. Bishop
- 1.3 Correspondence (1961 Conference), Jan.-Feb 1961
- 1.4 Correspondence (Employment), Jan.-July 1947
- 1.5 Correspondence (Misc.), 1947-1964
- 1.6 General Information- Baptist Home for Children (Jacksonville, FL)
- 1.7 Newspaper Clippings (Athletics)
- 1.8 Newspaper Clippings (Holidays)
- 1.9 Newspaper Clippings (Misc.) no dates
- 1.10 Newspaper Clippings, 1946-1954
- 1.11 Newspaper Clippings, 1955-1960

- 1.12 Pamphlets – Baptist Children’s Home of Florida
- 1.13 Proceedings of the Florida Child Care Association, 1953-1956
- 1.14 "Religious and Moral Training in a Children's Home" by Rev. Silas M. Bishop, September 1953

Box 2

- 2.1 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1949-1953
- 2.2 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1954-1957
- 2.3 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1958
- 2.4 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1959-1977
- 2.5 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1978-1986
- 2.6 Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Baptist Child Care Executives, 1998-2005