

**CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST
EVANGELISTS COLLECTION**

AR 830



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Summary

Main Entry: Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Collection

Date Span: 1958 – 2003

Abstract: Collection includes minutes, correspondence, and publicity information on the conferences of full-time Southern Baptist evangelists who met at the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

Size: 1 linear ft. (one box)

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Historical Sketch

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (COSBE) is a fellowship of full-time Southern Baptist evangelists from across the United States. COSBE held its first meeting in 1955, in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention, and continues to meet during the annual Convention. COSBE elects a board of officers, annually, consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, music director, assistant music director, pastor-advisor, parliamentarian, and a liaison to the North American Mission Board. For more information on the COSBE, see the Baptist history file in the archives and the Conference's website at www.sbcevangelist.org.

Scope and Content Note

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Collection consists of one linear foot of material spanning the years 1958 to 2003. The bulk of the COSBE collection is minutes and publicity materials from annual meetings. While the COSBE minutes list actions of the organization at its yearly meetings, the publicity materials accompanying those meetings include clippings and flyers which essentially announce and promote the COSBE meetings.

Other materials in the collection include correspondence between various officers and evangelists, including Carl Bates, Wayne Copelin, Freddie Gage, Henry Linginfelter, Ben Rogers, Rick Scarborough, and Bobby Sutherland. The collection also contains copies of COSBE's constitution and by-laws, membership lists, directories containing contact information and photographs, and treasury and auditor reports. Unique to the collection are correspondence and clippings on the Harrington-O'Hair debates of the

1970s and a transcribed interview with Don Womack, long-time activist in the Conference of Southern Baptists Evangelists organization.

Don Womack donated the COSBE collection to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 2003. The collection is divided into four series and is arranged alphabetically.

Arrangement

Four series arranged alphabetically

Provenance

Donated by Don Womack, 2003

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Womack, Don L.
Bates, Carl E., 1914 – 1999
Gage, Freddie
Copelin, Wayne
Sutherland, Bobby
Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists
Evangelism
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