

# JAMES MERRITT PAPERS

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### Summary

Main Entry: James Merritt Papers

Date Span: 2000 – 2002

Abstract: The papers of James G. Merritt, a Southern Baptist minister and denominational leader, document Merritt's tenure as President of the Southern Baptist Convention from 2000 to 2002.

Size: 3 linear ft. (three boxes)

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### Biographical Sketch

Dr. James Gregory Merritt (born in 1952) is a native of Gainesville, Georgia. He is married to Teresa York and is the father of James Gregory, Jr. (born August 13, 1979), Jonathan Michael (born August 4, 1982), and Joshua Lee (born December 26, 1985). He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the age of nine, and, in 1974, received his Bachelor's degree (*Cum Laude*) in Accounting from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. In 1978, Merritt earned a Masters of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and, in 1982, received his Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Evangelism from SBTS.

Following the completion of his educational work at Stetson University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Merritt served in a variety of ministerial positions across the South. From 1974 to 1976, he was the Associate Pastor and Minister of Youth at First Baptist Church of Smyrna, Georgia. He pastored two churches in Kentucky in the 1970s – Macedonia Baptist in Vanzant, from 1976 to 1979, and Buck Grove Baptist in Ekron, from 1979 to 1983. He served as the Pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Laurel, Mississippi from 1983 to 1985. He was the Pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Georgia (also known as the Fellowship of Joy Baptist Church) from 1985 to 2003. He began service as the Pastor of Cross Point, the Church at Gwinnett Center in Gwinnett County, Georgia in 2003.

Merritt actively served in various leadership positions for both the Georgia Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. He was Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1988, and, from 1990 to 1992, he was a member of the Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Among his numerous leadership positions within the Southern Baptist Convention, Merritt was Chairman of the SBC Tellers Committee (1987), a member of the Resolutions Committee (1989 and 1993), and Chairman of the Nominations Committee (1990). He joined the SBC Executive Committee as a member in 1991,

served as the committee's Vice President from 1995 to 1997, and was President from 1997 to 1999. He also was President of the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference in 1995.

In addition to Convention leadership roles, Merritt was a member of the Board of Directors of *The Christian Index* (the state paper for the Georgia Baptist Convention) from 1991 to 1995 and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, since 1991. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the National Religious Broadcasters Association, an international organization with more than 1,700 members committed to promoting the spread of the gospel message throughout the world. Currently, Merritt is the featured speaker for the *Touching Lives* nationwide television ministry.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The James Merritt Papers consists of three linear feet of material (448 folders contained in three record boxes) documenting Merritt's tenure as President of the Southern Baptist Convention from 2000 to 2002. The collection is separated into six series which include Correspondence, Educational Institutions, International Missions, Local, State, and International Southern Baptist Conventions, Southern Baptist Conventions (2001 – 2002), and Subjects. The collection is arranged alphabetically by series name and alphabetically within each series.

Prominent individuals contained in the correspondence section of the James Merritt Papers include several local, state, and national government representatives; United States President and First Lady George W. and Laura Bush; former United States President Jimmy Carter; several past Southern Baptist Convention presidents; evangelist Billy Graham and his daughter, Anne Graham-Lotz; Christian literature author Max Lucado; United States Supreme Court Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day-O'Conner, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas; United States Supreme Court Chief Justice, William Rehnquist; and founder of the Cable News Network (CNN) and Turner Network Television (TNT), Ted Turner.

Educational institutions contained in the collection include correspondences from various colleges and universities across the United States and around the world (both Baptist and non-Baptist). Letters from the six Southern Baptist seminaries (Golden Gate, Midwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries) are a part of the James Merritt Papers. The collection also includes correspondence from the Georgia Institute of Technology on the playing of the Budweiser beer song at Georgia Tech games.

Other important portions of the James Merritt Papers include correspondences (largely emails) from missionaries of the International Mission Board, letters from individuals in foreign countries to whom Dr. Merritt shared the gospel message on mission trips, and letters to and from local, state, and international Southern Baptist Conventions. The portion of the collection that deals with the 2001 and 2002 Southern Baptist Conventions includes committee appointments, convention sermons, recognition of former SBC presidents, and miscellaneous materials relative to the structure of the annual Southern Baptist Convention. Prominent subjects in the Merritt collection (largely correspondence) on current events of interest to Southern Baptists include abortion, alcoholism, the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), the Boy Scouts of America, Calvinism, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, divorce, gambling, Harry Potter children's books, homosexuality, Islam, media programming, school prayer, the September 11,

2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, and women in ministry. The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, LifeWay Christian Resources, and North American Mission Board entities of the Southern Baptist Convention also constitute significant portions of this section.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by series name and alphabetically within each series.

### **Provenance**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Bush, George W., 1946 –  
 Southern Baptist Convention – Presidents  
 Abortion – Religious aspects  
 Alcoholism  
 Homosexuality  
 Terrorism – Religious aspects – Islam  
 Women in Ministry  
 Baptist Faith and Message Statement

### **Related Materials**

Merritt, James Gregory. *Crown Him King: You Can Empower Kingdom Growth*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003. SBHLA Call Number: BV4501.2.M47.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *Friends, Foes, and Fools: Fathers Can Teach Their Kids to Know the Difference*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1997. SBHLA Call Number: BV4529.M47.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *God's Prescription for a Healthy Christian*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990. SBHLA Call Number: BS2675.6.C48.M47.  
 \_\_\_\_\_. *How to be a Winner and Influence Anybody: The Fruit of the Spirit as the Essence of Leadership*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003. SBHLA Call Number: HD57.7.M47.

### **Series and Container List**

The James Merritt Papers are divided into the following six series:

- Series 1: Correspondence
- Series 2: Educational Institutions
- Series 3: International Missions
- Series 4: Local, State, & International Southern Baptist Conventions
- Series 5: Southern Baptist Conventions (2001 – 2002)
- Series 6: Subjects

Series 1: Correspondence (158 folders)

This series contains correspondence from both prominent individuals and the general public. The series is arranged alphabetically, with correspondence from prominent individuals in each letter of the alphabet proceeding correspondence from the general public.

Box 1

- 1.1 Allen, Jimmy, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.2 Austin, Doug
- 1.3 A – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.4 A – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.5 A – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.6 Balfour, Don, State Senator, Georgia
- 1.7 Barnes, Roy E., Governor, Georgia
- 1.8 Barr, Bob, Member of Congress, Georgia
- 1.9 Blakeman, Bradley A., Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush
- 1.10 Boto, D. August, Vice President of Convention Policy, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.11 Bush, George W., President, United States of America (1 of 2)
- 1.12 Bush, George W., President, United States of America (2 of 2)
- 1.13 Bush, Laura, First Lady, United States of America
- 1.14 B – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.15 B – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.16 B – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.17 Card, Andrew H., Jr., Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush
- 1.18 Carter, Jimmy, Past President, United States of America
- 1.19 Chapman, Morris, President, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention and Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.20 Cleland, Max, United States Senator, Georgia
- 1.21 Coverdale, Paul, United States Senator, Georgia
- 1.22 Craft, Judy, President, North Atlantic Conservative Republican Women
- 1.23 Criswell, W. A., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.24 C – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.25 C – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.26 C – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.27 Dehoney, Wayne, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.28 Driggers, Carlisle
- 1.29 D – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.30 D – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.31 D – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.32 Elliff, Thomas D., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.33 E – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.34 E – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.35 E – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.36 Falwell, Jerry
- 1.37 Floyd, Ronnie
- 1.38 Frazier, Ann

- 1.39 F – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.40 F – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.41 F – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.42 Goeglein, Timothy, Deputy Director, White House Office of Public Liaison
- 1.43 Graham, Billy
- 1.44 Graham, Jack
- 1.45 G – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.46 G – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.47 G – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.48 Helms, Jesse, United States Senator, North Carolina
- 1.49 Henry, James B., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.50 Herrell, Brett, Mayor, Snellville, Georgia
- 1.51 Holden, Richard
- 1.52 Huckabee, Mike, Governor, Arkansas
- 1.53 H – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.54 H – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.55 H – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.56 Iliescu, Ion, President, Romania
- 1.57 I – Correspondence – General
- 1.58 Jackson, Jimmy E.
- 1.59 Janke, Volkmar
- 1.60 Johnson, Clay, Assistant to President George W. Bush for Presidential Personnel
- 1.61 Johnson, Ernest B. (1 of 2)
- 1.62 Johnson, Ernest B. (2 of 2)
- 1.63 Johnson, Jerry
- 1.64 J – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.65 J – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.66 Kennedy, Anthony M. (United States Supreme Court Justice)
- 1.67 Kiming, Nakandakari
- 1.68 K – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.69 K – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.70 K – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.71 Latimer, Mansfield
- 1.72 Lily, Bob
- 1.73 Linder, John (Member of Congress, Georgia)
- 1.74 Lindstrom, Daniel
- 1.75 Lotz, Anne Graham
- 1.76 Lucado, Max
- 1.77 L – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.78 L – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.79 L – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.80 Miller, Will, White House Office of Public Liaison
- 1.81 Miller, Zell, United States Senator, Georgia
- 1.82 Moxley, Arnold
- 1.83 M – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.84 M – Correspondence – General, 2001

- 1.85 M – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.86 Nastase, Adrian, Prime Minister of Romania
- 1.87 N – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.88 N – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.89 O’Connor, Sandra Day, United States Supreme Court Justice
- 1.90 O – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.91 O – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.92 Paschall, H. Franklin, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.93 Pigg, Douglass
- 1.94 Pinckney, T. C., General
- 1.95 Pollock, Forrest
- 1.96 Pressler, Paul, Court of Appeals of Texas, Retired
- 1.97 Priedkalns, Janis, Ambassador of Latvia to the United Nations
- 1.98 P – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.99 P – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.100 P – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.101 Rehnquist, William H., Chief Justice, United States Supreme Court
- 1.102 Roberson, Chip
- 1.103 Rogers, Adrian, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.104 Rove, Karl, Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush
- 1.105 R – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.106 R – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.107 R – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 1.108 Scalia, Antonin, United States Supreme Court Justice
- 1.109 Schlessinger, Laura
- 1.110 Sekulow, Jay Alan, Chief Counsel, The American Center for Law and Justice
- 1.111 Senn, Leo
- 1.112 Shelby, Richard, United States Senator, Alabama
- 1.113 Simmons, Olga
- 1.114 Smith, Bailey E., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.115 Smith, Clint E., State Representative, Georgia General Assembly
- 1.116 Smith, J. Harold
- 1.117 Smith, Matthew, White House Office of Public Liaison
- 1.118 Smith, Melissa
- 1.119 Smith, Steven
- 1.120 Spain, R. Kenneth
- 1.121 Stanley, Charles F., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.122 Steele, Robert
- 1.123 Stewart, Charles E.
- 1.124 Strack, Jay
- 1.125 Sullivan, James L., Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 1.126 Sutton, Jerry
- 1.127 S – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 1.128 S – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 1.129 S – Correspondence – General, 2002

## Box 2

- 2.1 Thomas, Clarence, United States Supreme Court Justice
- 2.2 Thomas, Claude
- 2.3 Traylor, Ted (Vice President, Southern Baptist Convention)
- 2.4 Turner, Ted, Founder of the Cable News Network (CNN) and Turner Network Television (TNT)
- 2.5 T – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 2.6 T – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 2.7 T – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 2.8 Uribe, Harold H., Ambassador Chef de Cabinet, United Nations
- 2.9 Vines, Jerry, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 2.10 V – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 2.11 V – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 2.12 V – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 2.13 Wampler, Dee
- 2.14 Watts, J. C., United States Congressman, Oklahoma
- 2.15 Whittington, Mitchell
- 2.16 Wilkerson, Jack, Vice President, Business and Finance, Southern Baptist Convention
- 2.17 Williams, Bill
- 2.18 Williams, Jeff, State Representative, Georgia
- 2.19 Williams, Tammie, State Senator, Georgia
- 2.20 Willmore, Roger D.
- 2.21 Winland, Rickey, American Prisoner in Morocco
- 2.22 Wolf, Frank R., United States Congressman, Virginia
- 2.23 W – Correspondence – General, 2000
- 2.24 W – Correspondence – General, 2001
- 2.25 W – Correspondence – General, 2002
- 2.26 Yeats, John
- 2.27 Young, H. Edwin, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
- 2.28 Y – Correspondence – General
- 2.29 Z – Correspondence – General

## Series 2: Educational Institutions (38 folders)

This series includes correspondence from various educational institutions across the United States and around the world (both Baptist and non-Baptist). Letters from the six Southern Baptist seminaries (Golden Gate, Midwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries) and other Baptist schools and universities are contained in this section. The collection also includes correspondence from the Georgia Institute of Technology on the playing of the Budweiser beer song at Georgia Tech games.

- 2.30 American Baptist College
- 2.31 Baptist College of Florida
- 2.32 Beulah Heights Bible College
- 2.33 Brewton-Parker College
- 2.34 Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
- 2.35 Criswell College



- 2.36 Emanuel University, Oradea, Romania
- 2.37 Georgia Institute of Technology
- 2.38 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2.39 Gwinnett Hall Bible College
- 2.40 James Merritt Christian Academy, Liberia
- 2.41 King's College
- 2.42 King's Seminary
- 2.43 Liberty University
- 2.44 Luther Rice Seminary
- 2.45 Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, David H. Shepherd, President
- 2.46 Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary – General
- 2.47 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Phil Roberts, President
- 2.48 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary – General
- 2.49 Morehouse College
- 2.50 Myanmar Institute of Technology
- 2.51 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2.52 Samford University, Lewis Drummond, President
- 2.53 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, N. Allen Mosely, Dean of Students
- 2.54 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Paige Patterson, President
- 2.55 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary – General
- 2.56 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, R. Albert Mohler, Jr., President
- 2.57 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – General
- 2.58 Southwest Baptist University
- 2.59 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kenneth S. Hemphill, President
- 2.60 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary – General
- 2.61 Union University, David S. Dockery, President (Folder 1 of 2)
- 2.62 Union University, David S. Dockery, President (Folder 2 of 2)
- 2.63 Union University – General
- 2.64 University of Georgia
- 2.65 University of Mobile
- 2.66 University of Tennessee
- 2.67 William Jewell College

### Series 3: International Missions (30 folders)

This series includes correspondences (both in letter and email formats) from missionaries of the International Mission Board and individuals from foreign countries to whom Dr. Merritt shared the gospel message on mission trips.

- 2.68 Akins, Wade & Barbara, IMB Missionaries to South America & Southeast Asia (Folder 1 of 2)
- 2.69 Akins, Wade & Barbara, IMB Missionaries to South America & Southeast Asia (Folder 2 of 2)
- 2.70 Blaine, Darrell, IMB Missionary to Turkey
- 2.71 Cole, Charles, IMB Representative to Indonesia
- 2.72 Cox, Eddie W., IMB Missionary to Western Europe
- 2.73 Godfrey, Tebandeke

- 2.74 Gullion, Wayne, IMB Missionary to Africa
- 2.75 Hadaway, Robin, IMB Regional Leader to Eastern South America
- 2.76 Hendrix, Terry and Debbie, IMB Missionaries to Mexico
- 2.77 Howard, Michael and Lindy, IMB Missionaries to Africa
- 2.78 International Mission Board, Jerry A. Rankin, President
- 2.79 International Mission Board – General
- 2.80 Jenkins, Rick and Cindy, IMB Missionaries to Guadalajara
- 2.81 Joshua International Ministries, Inc., Sierra Leone
- 2.82 Kim, Billy, IMB Missionary to Korea
- 2.83 Kisia, Samson, IMB Missionary to Kenya
- 2.84 Loyall, Agnes, IMB Missionary to South Africa
- 2.85 Meador, Clyde and Elaine, IMB Missionaries to Southern Asia
- 2.86 Missions – Africa
- 2.87 Missions – Bolivia
- 2.88 Missions – Cuba
- 2.89 Missions – Eastern Europe
- 2.90 Missions – Greece
- 2.91 Missions – Jamaica
- 2.92 Missions – Kazakstan
- 2.93 Missions – Kenya
- 2.94 Missions – Mexico
- 2.95 Missions – Moldova
- 2.96 Missions – Nepal
- 2.97 Missions – Zambia
- 2.98 Nolen, Steve, IMB Missionary to India
- 2.99 Reynolds, Lonnie, IMB Missionary to Egypt
- 2.100 Rural Widows Christian Society (RWCS), Uganda
- 2.101 Sexton, Jim, IMB Missionary to South America
- 2.102 Stockwell, Mick, IMB Missionary to Eastern Europe
- 2.103 Tippit, Sammy, IMB Missionary to South Africa

#### Series 4: Local, State, and International Conventions (66 folders)

This series includes correspondence to and from individuals associated with various local, state, and international Southern Baptist Conventions.

- 2.104 Alabama Baptist Convention
- 2.105 Alaska Baptist Convention
- 2.106 Arizona Baptist Convention
- 2.107 Arizona State Mission Board
- 2.108 Arkansas Baptist State Convention
- 2.109 Atlanta Association of Southern Baptists, Georgia
- 2.110 Baptist Convention of Iowa
- 2.111 Baptist Convention of Kenya
- 2.112 Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware
- 2.113 Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey
- 2.114 Baptist Fellowship of Zambia

- 2.115 Baptist Foundation of Arizona
- 2.116 Baptist General Convention of Texas
- 2.117 Baptist State Convention of Michigan
- 2.118 Baptist Union of Moldova
- 2.119 Beulah Baptist Convention, Tennessee
- 2.120 Bradley County Association, Tennessee
- 2.121 Calhoun Baptist Association, Alabama
- 2.122 California Southern Baptist Convention
- 2.123 Capital Baptist Association, Oklahoma
- 2.124 Clinton Baptist Association, Alabama
- 2.125 Christian Coalition of Georgia
- 2.126 Colorado Baptist General Convention
- 2.127 DeKalb Association, Alabama
- 2.128 Florida Baptist Convention, John Sullivan, Executive Director-Treasurer
- 2.129 Florida Baptist Convention – General
- 2.130 Franklin Baptist Association, Illinois
- 2.131 Georgia Baptist Convention, Robert White, Executive Director
- 2.132 Georgia Baptist Convention – General
- 2.133 Grand Valley Association, Colorado
- 2.134 Greater Cleveland Baptist Association, Ohio
- 2.135 Gwinnett Metro Baptist Association, Georgia
- 2.136 Iowa Baptist Convention
- 2.137 Japan Baptist Convention
- 2.138 Kentucky Baptist Convention
- 2.139 Long Run Baptist Association, Kentucky
- 2.140 Louisiana Baptist Convention
- 2.141 Missouri Baptist Convention
- 2.142 Muskokee Baptist Association, Oklahoma
- 2.143 Nevada Baptist Convention
- 2.144 North Central Missions Center, Georgia
- 2.145 North Roanoke Association, North Carolina
- 2.146 Northwest Baptist Convention – Idaho, Oregon, Washington
- 2.147 Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association
- 2.148 Pensacola Bay Baptist Association, Florida
- 2.149 Piedmont Baptist Association, North Carolina
- 2.150 Prince George’s Baptist Association, Maryland
- 2.151 Pulaski Baptist Association, Kentucky
- 2.152 Russell Creek Association of Kentucky Baptists
- 2.153 Russian Baptist Union
- 2.154 Sand Mountain Baptist Association, Alabama
- 2.155 Shelby Baptist Association of Churches, Tennessee
- 2.156 South Carolina Baptist Convention
- 2.157 South Jersey Association, New Jersey
- 2.158 Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia
- 2.159 Southern Baptists of Texas Convention
- 2.160 St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, Missouri

- 2.160 State Convention of Baptists in Indiana
- 2.161 State Convention of Baptists in Ohio
- 2.162 Tates Creek Baptist Association, Kentucky
- 2.163 Telugu Baptist Women's Convention, India
- 2.164 Tennessee Baptist Convention
- 2.165 Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches
- 2.166 Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention
- 2.167 West Virginia Southern Baptists
- 2.168 Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention

Series 5: Southern Baptist Conventions (2001 – 2002) (15 folders)

This series contains information from the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meetings for the years 2001 and 2002. It includes committee appointments, convention sermons, recognition of former SBC presidents, and miscellaneous materials relative to the structure of the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

- 2.169 Committee on Committees, 2001
- 2.170 Committee on Committees, 2002, A – J
- 2.171 Committee on Committees, 2002, K – Z
- 2.172 Convention Sermon, 2001 – “The Battle of New Orleans”
- 2.173 Convention Sermon, 2002 – “Until He Comes”
- 2.174 Credentials Committee, 2001
- 2.175 Credentials Committee, 2002
- 2.176 Miscellaneous Convention Information, 2001 – 2002
- 2.177 Parliamentarian's Meeting, 2001
- 2.178 Parliamentarian's Meeting, 2002
- 2.179 Recognition of Former SBC Presidents, 2001
- 2.180 Resolutions Committee, 2001
- 2.181 Resolutions Committee, 2002
- 2.182 Tellers Committee, 2001
- 2.183 Tellers Committee, 2002

Series 6: Subjects (135 folders)

This series includes subjects of special interest to Southern Baptists, with the most significant contents of this series on the topics of abortion, alcoholism, the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), the Boy Scouts of America, Calvinism, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, divorce, gambling, Harry Potter children's books, homosexuality, Islam, media programming, school prayer, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, and women in the ministry. The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, LifeWay Christian Resources, and North American Mission Board entities of the Southern Baptist Convention also constitute significant portions of this section.

Box 3

- 3.1 Abortion
- 3.2 African-Americans
- 3.3 Alcoholism

- 3.4 America Come Together Inaugural Prayer Luncheon
- 3.5 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- 3.6 American Bible Society
- 3.7 American Tract Society
- 3.8 Annuity Board – SBC
- 3.9 Atheism
- 3.10 Baptist Faith and Message, 2000, Allen – Hockney
- 3.11 Baptist Faith and Message, 2000, Hunt – Zimmerman
- 3.12 Baptist World Alliance (BWA)
- 3.13 Believer’s Baptism
- 3.14 Bible League e-News
- 3.15 Boy Scouts of America
- 3.16 Calvinism
- 3.17 Campus Crusade for Christ, International, William R. Bright, President
- 3.18 Catholicism
- 3.19 Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
- 3.20 Changing Lives Foundation
- 3.21 Chick-fil-a Restaurant
- 3.22 Christian Index, William T. Neal, Editor
- 3.23 Christian Ministries to the United Nations, Ken Weldorn, Director
- 3.24 Church Statistics
- 3.25 Citizens for Community Values
- 3.26 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- 3.27 Cooperative Program
- 3.28 Council for National Policy
- 3.29 Cutting Edge International, James O. Davis, President
- 3.30 Dilenschneider Group, Inc.
- 3.31 Disney World
- 3.32 Divorce
- 3.33 Downpour Ministries
- 3.34 Empty Tomb, Inc.
- 3.35 Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission – SBC, Richard D. Land, President
- 3.36 Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission – SBC – General
- 3.37 Faith-Based Summit
- 3.38 Family Concerns, Inc., Nancy Schaefer, President (1 of 2)
- 3.39 Family Concerns, Inc., Nancy Schaefer, President (2 of 2)
- 3.40 Fellowship of African Baptists of North America (FABNA)
- 3.41 First Seminole Indian Baptist Church, Hollywood, Florida
- 3.42 Focus on the Family, James C. Dobson, President
- 3.43 Focus on the Family – General
- 3.44 For His Glory Prayer Ministry
- 3.45 Foundation for a Conference on Faith and Order in North America
- 3.46 Gambling
- 3.47 Global Peace Initiative
- 3.48 Go Tell Ministries
- 3.49 Habitat for Humanity

- 3.50 Harry Potter Children's Books
- 3.51 Heritage Foundation
- 3.52 Hinduism
- 3.53 Homosexuality, Cains – Krey
- 3.54 Homosexuality, Luce – Weber
- 3.55 Homosexuality, Soulforce, Inc.
- 3.56 Hope for the World: United Nations Millennium Forum
- 3.57 Humanity over Monetary Enslavement
- 3.58 Indonesia – Genocide
- 3.59 InService America, Carl W. Townsend, President & CEO
- 3.60 International Prayer Breakfast
- 3.61 Islam – Prayer for Muslims – International Mission Board – SBC
- 3.62 Islam – General
- 3.63 Israel, Willie Martin
- 3.64 Israel – General
- 3.65 Jack Stanton World Evangelism Association
- 3.66 Jamey Ragle Evangelistic Association
- 3.67 King James Bible Translation
- 3.68 Larry McFadden Ministries, Inc.
- 3.69 Leadership Network
- 3.70 Ledger-Enquirer
- 3.71 Len Turner Ministries, Inc.
- 3.72 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, Michael Arrington, Vice President
- 3.73 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, James T. Draper, Jr., President
- 3.74 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, Michael D. Miller, Director – Church Leadership
- 3.75 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, Gene Mims, President – Church Resources
- 3.76 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, Mark Scott, President – LifeWay Christian Stores
- 3.77 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC, Glen Shultz, Liaison to Christian Education
- 3.78 LifeWay Christian Resources – SBC – General
- 3.79 Liquidmetal Technologies
- 3.80 Living Proof
- 3.81 Lord's Supper, The
- 3.82 Luis Palau Evangelistic Association
- 3.83 Media Programming
- 3.84 Memphis Commercial Appeal
- 3.85 Moderates – SBC
- 3.86 Mormons
- 3.87 Multicultural Church Network, SBC
- 3.88 National Baptist Convention, William Shaw, President
- 3.89 National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families
- 3.90 National Prayer Breakfast
- 3.91 Nehemiah Partners
- 3.92 Nelson World Ministries
- 3.93 New Foundation for Peace
- 3.94 New Hope New York
- 3.95 North American Messianic Association/Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship

- 3.96 North American Mission Board – SBC, Rudolph Gonzalez, Director – Interfaith 3.97 Evangelism
- 3.97 North American Mission Board – SBC, Robert E. Reccord, President
- 3.98 North American Mission Board – SBC, Randy E. Singer, Executive Vice President
- 3.99 North American Mission Board – SBC, John O. Yarbrough, Vice President - Evangelism
- 3.100 North American Mission Board – SBC – General
- 3.101 Parents Television Council
- 3.102 Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life
- 3.103 Phil Waldrop Ministries
- 3.104 Powerful Change
- 3.105 Prescription for Hope – International Christian Conference on HIV/AIDS
- 3.106 President’s Task Force – SBC
- 3.107 Prison Ministries
- 3.108 Promise Keepers
- 3.109 Prophecy
- 3.110 Race Relations
- 3.111 Religious Alliance Against Pornography Conference
- 3.112 Religious Heritage of America Foundation
- 3.113 Richard Jackson Center for Evangelism and Encouragement
- 3.114 Ridgecrest Conference Center
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- 3.124 Tim Lee Ministries
- 3.125 Tom Schuj Ministries
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- 3.131 Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU)
- 3.132 Women in Ministry, Adkins – McQuaig
- 3.133 Women in Ministry, Pate – Wright
- 3.134 Women in Ministry, Strong Communications Group
- 3.135 Youth for Christ Ministries