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Summary

Main Entry: Charles G. Fuller Collection

Date Span: 1985 – 1991

Abstract: Collection of correspondence, minutes, clippings, documents, and other material related to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee from 1985 to 1991. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, served as chairman of the committee.

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Historical Sketch

During the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, June 11 – 13, 1985, a special committee was created to attempt to determine the sources of the current controversy in the SBC and to make findings and recommendations to resolve it. The committee met 14 times. Following each meeting, a report was given to Southern Baptists by Charles G. Fuller, Chairman of the Committee, through the denominational news service, Baptist Press. The committee made a preliminary report to the 1986 Convention and a final report that was adopted in 1987. The committee consisted of 22 members who were selected to equally represent the various factions within the convention.

The following persons served on this Special Committee that ultimately became known as the Peace Committee:

Charles G. Fuller, Chairman	Charles W. Pickering
Harmon M. Born	William E. Poe
Doyle E. Carlton, Jr.	Ray E. Roberts
Mrs. Morris H. Chapman	Adrian P. Rogers
William O. Crews*	Cecil E. Sherman*
Robert E. Cuttino	John Sullivan
Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory	Daniel G. Vestal
Jim Henry	Jerry Vines
William E. Hull	Edwin H. Young
Herschel H. Hobbs	Charles F. Stanley
Albert McClellan	W. Winfred Moore

*Note: William O. Crews was elected president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, October 13, 1986, but was asked to remain as a member. Cecil E. Sherman resigned from the Special Committee, October 22, 1986, and was replaced by Peter James Flamming.

Charles G. Fuller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, was selected as Chairman of the Peace Committee. Fuller was viewed by most as a conservative, but had not been involved in the political side of the conservative movement within the controversy. Fuller was born in Andalusia, Alabama in 1931, but grew up in West Palm Beach, Florida. He received his B.A. from University of Richmond in 1954 and his Masters of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1957. He served as pastor of the Pine Street Baptist Church in Richmond from 1957 to 1961. He then was called as pastor to the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, serving from 1961 to his retirement in 1999.

During his tenure as pastor he also was active in leadership roles in state and national Baptist conventions. He served as president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, President of the Pastor's Conference of the SBC, Trustee Chairman of the Radio and Television Commission, SBC, and Trustee for the Home Mission Board, SBC. He married Pat Huff in August 1952 and they had three sons together, Mark, David, and Michael.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of correspondence, minutes of committee meetings, clippings, documents, sermons, addresses, and other items related to the controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention. Frequent correspondents include members of the committee and other Baptists who wished to present information or make concerns. Some of these frequent correspondents included: Paul Pressler, Paige Patterson, Randall Lolley, Keith Parks, Milton Ferguson, Roy Honeycutt, Russell Dilday, David Lucas, Lloyd Elder and James Sullivan. The collection includes documents related to issues of concern in the Southern Baptist Convention controversy from individuals involved in the division. Also included are reports and responses from the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The correspondence follows the order maintained by Fuller, which is chronological.

Provenance

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

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 Sherman, Cecil E., 1927 –
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Vines, Jerry, 1937 –
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 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board
 Southern Baptist Convention – History – 20th century
 Church controversies

Related Materials

Albert McClellan Collection, AR 610. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.
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