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SBC President Johnny Hunt gives the president's address at the SBC annual meeting, June 15, 2010, in Orlando, Florida

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Summary

Main Entry: Johnny M. Hunt Papers

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Abstract: Southern Baptist minister and denominational leader. Hunt served as president of Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) from 2008 to 2010. The collection contains correspondence and subject files related to his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The papers include opinions and questions concerning issues such as abortion, the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force (GCRTF), the King James Version of the Bible, young pastors, and agencies of the Convention, including the International Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union. The collection also includes sermons Hunt delivered at his church during his tenure as president of the SBC.

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Biographical Sketch

Southern Baptist minister and denominational leader Johnny Hunt was born July 17, 1952, in Lumberton, North Carolina. He is a member of the Lumbee Native American Indian tribe based in North Carolina. He earned a B.A. in religion from Gardner-Webb College (1979) and M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) (1981). In 1997, SEBTS named the Chair of Church Growth in Johnny Hunt's honor. He married Janet Allen Hunt, and the couple has two daughters and several grandchildren.

Hunt has served as pastor of Lavonia Baptist Church in Mooresboro, North Carolina (1976 – 1979), Falls Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina (1979 – 1980), Longleaf Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina (1981 – 1986), and First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia (1986 –). He was elected president of the SBC in 2008, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and re-elected in 2009 at the SBC meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

He is the author of several books including: *The John 3:16 Conference: A Biblical and Theological Assessment of and Response to 5-point Calvinism* (2008); *Building Your Leadership Resume: Developing the Legacy that Will Outlast You* (2009); *Get Connected: Mobilizing Your Church for God's Mission* (2010); and *Retreat or Risk: A Call for a Great Commission Resurgence* (2010).

Scope and Content Note

The Johnny M. Hunt Papers (3 linear ft.) consists of materials related to Hunt's tenure as president of the SBC from 2008 – 2010. The papers are divided into three series: correspondence, subject files, and sermons. Included in the papers is extensive correspondence with Southern Baptist pastors, laypersons, agency heads, and seminary presidents, including: Danny Akin, Morris Chapman, Jimmy Draper, Tom Elliff, Ronnie Floyd, Geoff Hammond, Jim Henry, Chuck Kelley, Al Mohler, Paige Patterson, Jerry Rankin, and John Yeats.

The major topic addressed in the papers is the GCRTF, a task force charged with determining how Southern Baptists should work together to effectively spread the gospel. Johnny Hunt appointed the GCRTF at the SBC annual meeting in 2009. Ronnie Floyd served as chair of the task force. The work of the GCRTF concluded with a report which contained recommendations for denominational structure, funding, and priorities. The report was adopted by messengers of the SBC in 2010. Other topics addressed in the papers include abortion, the King James Version of the Bible, the role of young pastors in the Convention, the International Mission Board, and the Woman's Missionary Union. The collection also includes sermons Hunt delivered at his church during his tenure as president of the SBC.

Arrangement

The correspondence and subject files series of the collection are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The sermons are arranged in chronological order.

Provenance

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None

Subject Terms

Akin, Daniel L.
 Chapman, Morris H.
 Floyd, Ronnie W.
 Hunt, Johnny M.
 Kelley, Charles S., Jr.
 Mohler, R. Albert
 Patterson, Paige
 Abortion – Religious aspects
 Baptists – Missions
 Evangelism
 Great Commission Resurgence Task Force
 Sermons – Baptist
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Related Materials

GCRTF Collection (ER 074). Blogs, articles, and reports related to the work of the task force, 2009 – 2010.

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