

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION RECORDS

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**Southern Baptist Social Service Association annual meeting attendees, 1990**

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### Summary

Main entry: Southern Baptist Social Service Association Records

Dates: 1963-1991

Abstract: Collection of records of the Southern Baptist Social Service Association from 1963 to 1991. The records primarily document the annual meeting of the association and includes a book of reports for the meetings that includes information related to the work of the association and presentations at the conference. The association consisted of individuals from Southern Baptist organizations and agencies who worked in the area of social work.

Size: 2 linear ft. (4 document boxes)

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### Historical Note

In 1959, Dr. C. Nathan Brooks, Jr., President of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky, convened the first meeting of the social work section of the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference. The following year the section officially organized with S. Kathryn Bigham elected as chairperson. In 1961 the Christian Life Commission agreed to serve as secretariat for the group. In 1962 the section voted unanimously to form its own organization and selected Southern Baptist Social Service Association as its name.

The Constitution and By-laws were adopted at the 1963 meeting and dues for membership were set. It also described the purposes of the association.

1. To function as a section of the Southern Baptist Conference on Counseling and Guidance
2. To foster and promote enlistment of Baptist young people in the field of social work
3. To interpret the needs for and value of social welfare ministries throughout the Southern Baptist Conference.
4. To encourage high standards of social work practice throughout social welfare Agencies.
5. To promote social work education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
6. To encourage research and production of literature in the field of Church related social welfare.
7. To assist Southern Baptist agencies in securing qualified personnel.
8. To provide a forum for all Southern Baptist social welfare activities.
9. To bring about a strong spiritual emphasis in the practice of social work.

The association continued to be active up to 1991. At one time the membership neared two hundred with 70 – 100 members in attendance at the annual meeting.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection documents the work of the association with primary emphasis on the annual conference of the section and then the association. The annual meeting files and book of reports usually include the following information: annual meeting program, minutes, officers list, committee assignments, financial report, special committee reports, and papers and presentations at the annual conference. Membership information and a valuable history file are also included in the collection. Photographs of the program committee of 1967 and the conference in 1990 are also a part of the collection.

The focus of the collection centers on the annual conference and includes papers and presentations. Most years the association established a theme for each meeting. Those themes are listed below.

- 1961 Counseling and the New Testament concept of ministries
- 1962 Should Baptists Social Workers be organized and Professional Social Work Education.
- 1964 Southern Baptist and Christian Social Ethics at the Grass Roots
- 1965 The Imperatives of Christian Social Work Ministries
- 1966 Group Process in Social Work
- 1967 Contemporary Youth in Culture and Church
- 1968 The Mental Health of the Church
- 1969 Critical Issues Confronting Today's Christian Social Worker
- 1971 Creative Components of Care
- 1972 What's Happening Now....
- 1973 My Ministry Means Me....
- 1974 The Metroplex and the New Life Style
- 1975 Sectarian Social Work
- 1976 Past – Present – Future
- 1977 New Horizons
- 1978 Social Work Delivery Designed for the Future
- 1979 Volunteers
- 1980 You in the 1980's, Caring for your Personal and Professional Self
- 1981 Ministering with Families
- 1982 Models for Ministry: Setting the Pace; Filling the Gaps
- 1983 Ministry with Children
- 1984 More Effective Delivery of Services through Better use of Resources
- 1985 Demonstration Evangelism
- 1986 Family ministry in ethnic cultures
- 1987 Our Call to Caring
- 1989 Ministering Through Church and Society

**Arrangement**

Files arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

**Provenance**

Donated by the Association in 2012.

**Preferred Citation**

Southern Baptist Social Service Association Records, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Southern Baptist Social Service Association  
Southern Baptist Conference on Counseling and Guidance  
Family social work  
Social service  
Social work

**Container List****Box 1**

- 1.1 Annual meeting, 1971
- 1.2 Annual meeting – Papers presented, 1971
- 1.3 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1972
- 1.4 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1973
- 1.5 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1974
- 1.6 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1975
- 1.7 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1976
- 1.8 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1977
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- 1.10 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1978

**Box 2**

- 2.1 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1979
- 2.2 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1980
- 2.3 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1981
- 2.4 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1982
- 2.5 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1983
- 2.6 Annual meeting, 1984
- 2.7 Annual meeting, 1985

- 2.8 Annual meeting – Papers presented, 1985
- 2.9 Annual meeting – Correspondence and program, 1987
- 2.10 Annual meeting – Reports and minutes, 1988
- 2.11 Annual meeting and Book of reports, 1989

### Box 3

- 3.1 Annual Meeting – Papers presented, clipping, floppy disc, 1989
- 3.2 Annual Meeting and Book of reports, 1990
- 3.3 Annual Meeting – Correspondence and plans, 1990
- 3.4 Annual Meeting – Preparation notes and plans, nd
- 3.5 Book Recommendations, 1973-1982
- 3.6 Brochure and membership application
- 3.7 Committees, 1972-1973
- 3.8 Constitution and By-Laws, 1963
- 3.9 Constitution and By-Laws, 1970
- 3.10 Constitution and By-Laws, 1977
- 3.11 Correspondence, 1988
- 3.12 Correspondence and Financial Notes (floppy notes), 1985-1988
- 3.13 Executive Committee, 1971
- 3.14 Financial Book, 1982-1984

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- 4.1 Financial Reports, 1969-1983
- 4.2 Financial report, 1985
- 4.3 Financial Statements, 1987
- 4.4 Financial Statements, 1988
- 4.5 Financial Statements, 1989-1990
- 4.6 Financial Statements, 1990-1991
- 4.7 History – Southern Baptist Social Service Association
- 4.8 Minutes, 1969-1973
- 4.9 Membership, 1986
- 4.10 Membership, 1986-1987
- 4.11 Membership, 1987
- 4.12 Membership, 1989
- 4.13 Membership, 1990
- 4.14 Membership dues and Accounts payable, 1981-1984
- 4.15 Photographs – Annual meeting, 1990
- 4.16 Photograph – 1967
- 4.17 Presidents list, 1960-1971
- 4.18 Press releases, 1966-1979
- 4.19 Questionnaire – Executive Committee, 1988
- 4.20 Report on development of standards of competency, 1977