

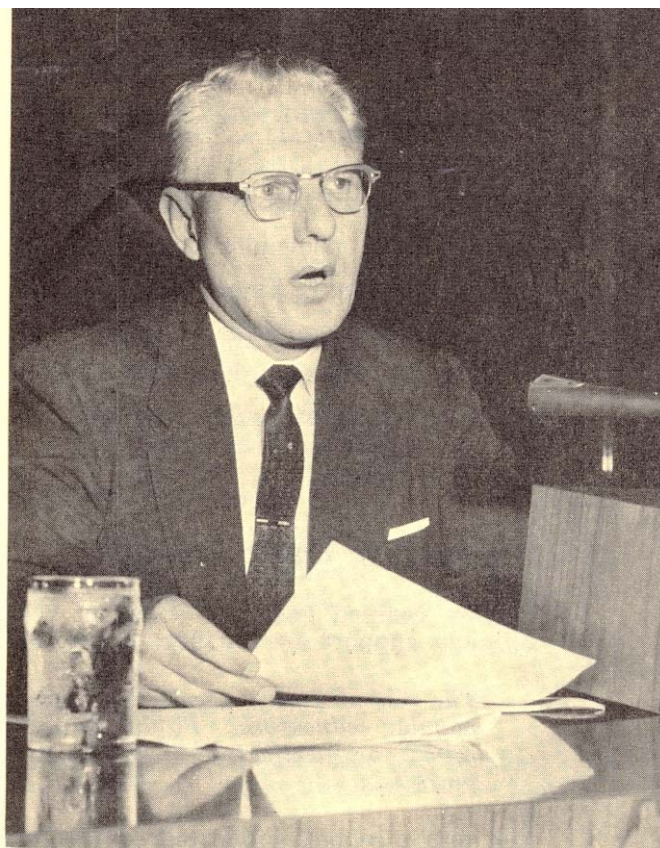
# BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS COLLECTION AR 701

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Baptist Joint Committee director C. Emanuel Carlson testifies before Congress in 1964.

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# **Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection AR 701**

## **Summary**

Main Entry: Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection

Date Span: 1957-2011

Abstract: Collection includes addresses, clippings, informational files on legislation related to religious liberty and church-state issues, pamphlets and promotional materials, reports and minutes, programs, and papers from the BJCPA's annual religious liberty conferences.

Size: 1.5 linear ft.

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## **Historical Sketch**

The Baptist Joint Committee began in 1936 as the Committee on Public Relations. In 1946, the committee established offices in Washington, D.C. and became the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. In 2005, the BJC name changed to the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty to more accurately reflect the singular focus on religious liberty issues. The BJC serves several Baptist denominations in the United States and has worked for more than 70 years in promoting religious liberty and upholding the principle of church-state separation.

J.M. Dawson served as the first executive director from 1946 – 1953. Other directors have included C. Emanuel Carlson (1957 – 1971), James E. Wood (1972 – 1980), James M. Dunn (1981 – 1999), and J. Brent Walker (1999 –).

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection consists of 1.5 linear feet of material (54 folders contained in three document boxes) documenting some of the activities of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs from 1957 to 2011. The bulk of the collection dates from the 1960s to 1980s. The collection includes addresses, clippings, informational files on legislation related to religious liberty and church-state issues, pamphlets and promotional materials, reports and minutes, programs, and papers from the BJCPA's annual religious liberty conferences.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

**Provenance**

Artificial collection compiled by the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 1989 and 2012.

**Preferred Citation**

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Carlson, Carl Emanuel, 1906 –  
 Dawson, Joseph Martin, 1879 – 1973  
 Walker, J. Brent,  
 Wood, James Edward, Jr., 1922 –  
 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs – History.  
 Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.  
 Church and education  
 Church and state – Baptists.  
 Church and state in the United States.  
 Freedom of Religion – United States – History.  
 Prayer in public schools – United States.  
 Religion in the public schools.  
 Religious Liberty Conference.  
 Religious Liberty – United States.  
 Southern Baptist Convention. Public Affairs Committee.  
 Women's rights.

**Related Materials**

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Minutes, 1938 – 1979. SBHLA AR # 378.  
 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Records, 1946 – 1953 (files of Joseph M. Dawson).  
 SBHLA MF # 6894.  
 Carlson, Carl Emanuel. Rise of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Washington, D. C.: BJCPA, 1954. SBHLA Pamphlet # 6458.  
 Dawson, Joseph M. A Thousand Months to Remember: An Autobiography. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press. SBHLA Call # BX6495.D39 A3, 1964.  
 Hastey, Stan. A History of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Th.D. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1973. SBHLA Call # BX6462.3 .H37, 1990.  
 Parry, Pam. On Guard for Religious Liberty: Six Decades of the Baptist Joint Committee. Macon, GA: Smyth and Helwys Publishers, 1996. SBHLA Call # BR516 .P29, 1996.  
*Report from the Capital*, 1946 –  
 Walker, J. Brent. Church-state Matters: Fighting for Religious Liberty in Our Nation's Capital. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2008. SBHLA Call # BR516.W34 C48, 2008.

Wamble, Gaston Hugh. Activities of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 1970 – 1986. SBHLA Pamphlet # 5784.

Weaver, Aaron Douglas. James M. Dunn and Soul Freedom. Macon, GA: Smyth and Helwys Publishers, 2011. SBHLA Call # BX6495.D89 W43, 2011.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Records, 1946 – 1980. 28 boxes (41 linear ft.). Transferred to Baylor University by the Baptist Joint Committee in 1991.

## Container List

### Box 1

- 1.1 Article – Wamble, Hugh – “Activities of the Baptist Joint Committee, 1970 – 1986”
- 1.2 Baptists and the American Experience: A National Bicentennial Convocation, 1976
- 1.3 *Church & State* (Russia’s Established Religion), October, 1977
- 1.4 Clippings, 1963 – 1990
- 1.5 Correspondence – Dunn, James M., 1990 – 1997
- 1.6 Correspondence – Wood, James E., Jr., 1976
- 1.7 Donations to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 1988 – 1989
- 1.8 Equal Employment Opportunity Act, 1972
- 1.9 Fact Sheet on Watergate Towne Project (C. Emanuel Carlson)
- 1.10 Flyers
- 1.11 Laws Passed by Congress Dealing with Sex Discrimination and Women’s Rights, 1971 – 1974
- 1.12 Pamphlets – Contributions of the Baptist Joint Committee, 1980 – 1990
- 1.13 Pamphlets – First Amendment
- 1.14 Pamphlets – General
- 1.15 Pamphlets – Prayer in Public Schools
- 1.16 Pamphlets – Register Citizen Opinion, 1976 – 1978
- 1.17 Paper – Walker, J. Brent – “BJC = JMD<sup>2</sup>: The Contributions of Joseph M. Dawson and James M. Dunn to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs” (Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting), 2006
- 1.18 Pastors’ Study Outline for Analysis of the Becker Amendment, 1964
- 1.19 Proposal for Center for Research and Continuation Studies
- 1.20 Proposed Program Structure – Public Affairs Committee, 1960
- 1.21 Religious Liberty Conference (Religious Liberty and Baptist Organizations), 1957
- 1.22 Religious Liberty Conference (The Biblical Basis of Religious Liberty), 1958
- 1.22a Religious Liberty Conference (The Church and American Tax Policies), 1960
- 1.23 Religious Liberty Conference (Church-State Aspects of the Church’s Involvement in Human Need), 1961
- 1.24 Religious Liberty Conference (Church-State Relations in Higher Education), 1962

### Box 2

- 2.1 Religious Liberty Conference (Church-State Relations in Mass Communication), 1963
- 2.2 Religious Liberty Conference (The Meaning of the Free Exercise of Religion), 1964
- 2.3 Religious Liberty Conference (Church, State, and Public Funds), 1965
- 2.4 Religious Liberty Conference (The Role of the Christian Though Church and the State in

- Education), 1966
- 2.5 Religious Liberty Conference (The role of the Christian Through Church and the State in Human Welfare), 1967
- 2.6 Religious Liberty Conference (Emerging Patterns of Rights and Responsibilities Affecting Church and State), 1969
- 2.7 Religious Liberty Conference (Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion), 1977

### Box 3

- 3.1 Religious Liberty Conference (Affirming Baptist Identity), 1983
- 3.2 Religious Liberty Conference (Intersecting Values), 1986
- 3.3 Religious Liberty Day, 1981
- 3.4 Religious Liberty in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 3.5 Report, 1997
- 3.6 *Report from the Capital*, 1952 – 1964 (scattered)
- 3.7 *Report from the Capital*, (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition), September, 2011
- 3.8 Resume of Significant Events in the History of the Public Affairs Committee, 1857 – 1986
- 3.9 Script – Fearheiley, Don – “Foundation of Our Baptist Heritage,” 1962
- 3.10 Some Resources Concerning the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Relations, 1986
- 3.11 Staff Reports, 1963
- 3.12 Staff Reports, 1964
- 3.13 Staff Reports, 1965
- 3.14 Staff Reports, 1966
- 3.15 Staff Reports, 1967
- 3.16 Staff Reports, 1968
- 3.17 Staff Reports, 1969
- 3.18 Staff Reports, 1970
- 3.19 Statement on the Baptist Joint Committee by Stan Hastey, 1989
- 3.20 Statement on the Tax Reform Act of 1986
- 3.21 Supreme Court Cases – *Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty v. Ewlad B. Nuquist, et. al*, 1972
- 3.22 Supreme Court Cases – *Frederick Walz v. Tax Commission of the City of New York*, 1969 – 1970
- 3.23 Testimony Before Congress by Emanuel Carlson, 1964