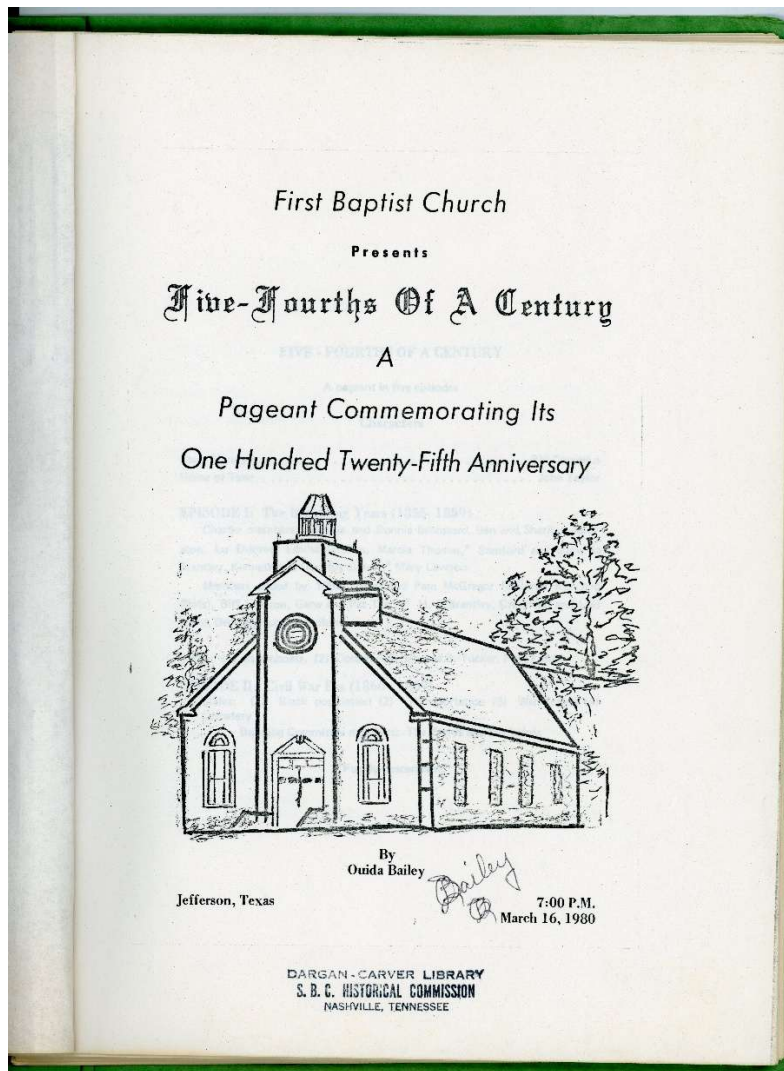


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Summary

Main Entry: Baptist Church Pageants Collection

Date Span: 1956-1985

Abstract: Collection of typescript church pageants, or drama presentations, collected by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of the dramas were developed and presented as part of local church history celebrations.

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document box)

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Historical Sketch

Beginning in the 1950s, the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention utilized the promotion of church pageants, or church dramas, as a way to help local Baptist churches celebrate their church's anniversaries. The Commission distributed pamphlets and other congregations to Southern Baptist churches with suggestions and guidelines for formulating the dramatic presentations. Most often, these church dramas were presented during special church anniversary services, but sometimes the dramas honored an individual or special program in the church.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes typescripts of church pageants and dramatic presentations from 1956-1985, with the bulk of items in the collection from the 1960s-1970s. Anniversary pageants from a local Baptist association and a state Baptist convention are also included. Some church anniversary programs are also included in the files with the typescripts. These items were collected by staff of the SBC Historical Commission as part of the Commission's efforts to encourage and assist Baptist churches to compose dramatic presentations for their church anniversaries. Folder titles are arranged by state, city, church name, title of church drama, and year. Other significant information including author, is included in the folder title when known.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Compiled by SBC Historical Commission, 1985.

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Baptist Church pageants.

Church entertainments.

Church History – Drama.

Drama in public worship.

Container Listing

- 1.1 Florida – Jacksonville – Ortega Baptist Church – “Ortega Baptist Historical Program”
- 1.2 Florida – Lake Wales – First Baptist Church – “Fifty Golden Years, 1916-1966,” 1966
- 1.3 Florida – Palmetto – First Baptist Church – “My Church” (by Agnes Pylant and Nina Gwin), 1967
- 1.4 Mississippi – Jackson – First Baptist Church – “Forty Years of Ministry for W. Douglas Hudgins” (by Mrs. R. C. Alexander) – Presented by the All Girls Verse Choir, ca. 1965
- 1.5 Mississippi – Pontotoc – First Baptist Church – “Like a Watered Garden” (by Callie B. Young), 1984
- 1.6 Missouri – Lawrence County – Lawrence County Baptist Association – “Centennial Pageant,” 1971
- 1.7 Missouri – Poplar Bluff – Old Bethel Baptist Church – “The Spirit of Bethel, 1806-1956” (by Dr. and Mrs. A. Loyd Collins), 1956
- 1.8 New Mexico – New Mexico State Baptist Convention – “Lead On, O King Eternal, 1937-1962” (by Ed. E. Storm, Jr.), 1962
- 1.9 North Carolina – Leaksville – First Baptist Church – “The Dreamer Cometh or God Prepareth a Table (presented by FBC Leaksville Woman’s Missionary Union), 1961
- 1.10 North Carolina – Morganton – Calvary Baptist Church – “And This Is the Victory,” 1960
- 1.11 South Carolina – Florence – Immanuel Baptist Church – “I Remember Immanuel, An Original Pageant Based on *The Christian Journey: The Story of Immanuel Baptist Church*” (by Emily S. Brothers, written for Immanuel’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration), 1984
- 1.12 South Carolina – Gaffney – Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church – “The First Seventy-Five Years,” 1970
- 1.13 Tennessee – Nashville – First Baptist Church – “Historical Pageant” (by Don Fearheiley), 1964
- 1.14 Texas – Dallas – First Baptist Church – “This Is My Story” (by Paul and Besa Short and Jessie Jeffers) – Observance of 100th Birthday of FBC Dallas, 1967
- 1.15 Texas – De Soto – Hampton Road Baptist Church – “The Struggle Bears Fruit,” 1967
- 1.16 Texas – Houston – Baptist Temple – “Walking by Faith” (by John Miller in Collaboration with Dona Williamson), 1958

- 1.17 Texas – Jefferson – First Baptist Church – “Five-Fourths of a Century, A Pageant Commemorating Its One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary” (by Ouida Bailey), 1980
- 1.18 Virginia – Ashland – Carmel Baptist Church – “Faith of Our Fathers, Or Carmel Baptist Church Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” 1965
- 1.19 Virginia – Stuarts Draft – Stuarts Draft Baptist Church – “A Voice in the Draft, Celebrating Our 90th Anniversary,” 1985