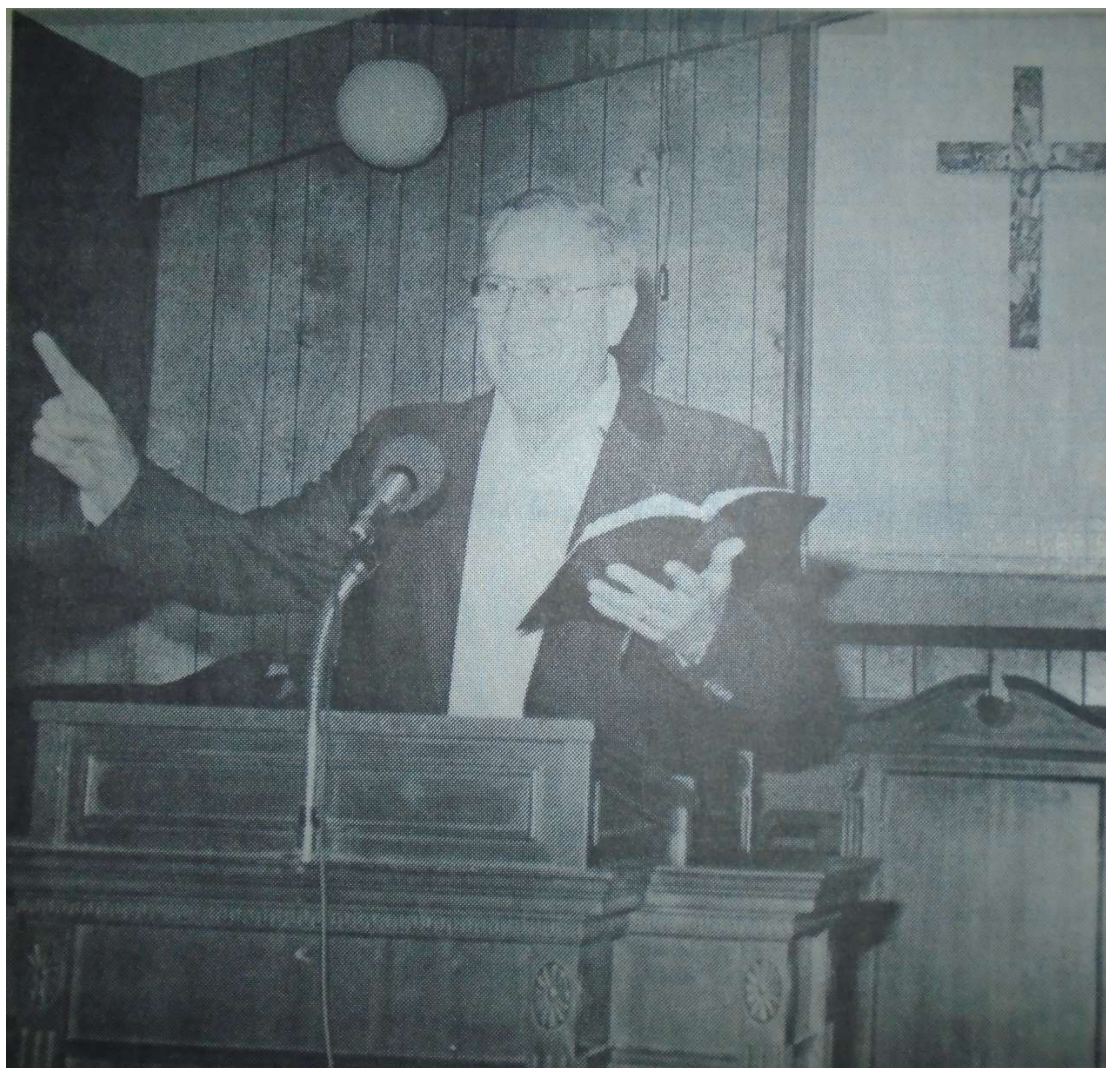


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K. Medford Hutson preaching at First Baptist Church, Richfield, Utah, in 1988.

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Summary

Main Entry: K. Medford Hutson Collection

Date Span: 1949 – 2002

Abstract: Collection contains articles and newspaper clippings about Home Mission Board missionary to Utah Medford Hutson and his wife Dorothy, church bulletins from churches Hutson pastored, correspondence, newsletters the Hutson's produced, photographs, scrapbooks, information files about missions in Utah, and Hutson's writings. Medford and Dorothy Hutson served the HMB in the area of pioneer missions. Materials in the collection cover years 1949-2002 and primarily document the Hutson's missions activities as a pastor and church planter in the Richfield, Utah, region. Hutson's quarterly reports to the SBC Home Mission Board for years 1985-2002 are included.

Size: 1.5 linear ft. (3 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

K. Medford Hutson was born on February 21, 1928, in Forest, Texas, to Kenneth Bailey and Essie (Killion) Hutson. He was baptized in 1937 at Forest Baptist Church in Forest, Texas. He attended Lon Morris Junior College from 1946-1947, earned a B.A. from East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Texas in 1954, a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1962, and an M.A. from SWBTS in 1983. He married Dorothy Faye Slaton on October 5, 1948. The Hutsons had three sons – David, Paul, and Kenneth. From 1948-1950, Hutson served as a member of the United States Air Force. He served the Air Force National Guard until 1951.

Hutson was ordained into the ministry in 1952 at Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas. Prior to serving as a pastor Hutson served as a common laborer and truck driver. From 1952-1963 he pastored churches in the Texas cities of Jefferson, Atlanta, Queen City, Dallas, and Lufkin. In 1962, he was selected as Outstanding Pastor of the Church Development Program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

In 1963, Medford and Dorothy Hutson were appointed as mountain missionaries by the SBC Home Mission Board, serving in Cedar City, Utah. Reflecting on his call to home missions, Medford once said, "I attended a Texas State WMU annual meeting with my wife, and heard a missionary speaker, and God spoke to my heart. Later, I was the camp pastor for GA's and surrendered to home missions." From 1967-1972 Hutson served as director of missions for

Southern Utah, a region which included 19 of the state's 29 counties. From 1972-1992, he served as HMB pastoral missionary to Richfield, Utah, First Baptist Church.

In addition to pastoral and missionary service, Hutson was active in the Richfield, Utah, community, serving as volunteer chaplain at Sevier Valley Hospital, the Sevier County Jail, and for the Richfield High School football team. He served as president of the Richfield Area Chamber of Commerce from 1987-1988, and on the Richfield City Council from 1990-1992. In 1988, he received a "Total Citizen of the Year Award" from the Utah State Chamber of Commerce. The Hutson's retired in 1993. Medford Hutson died December 14, 2010, in Bedford, Texas. Dorothy died July 17, 2017, in Bedford, Texas.

Scope and Content Note

The K. Medford Hutson Collection consists of 68 folders in three document boxes, spanning the years 1949-2002. The collection contains articles and newspaper clippings about Home Mission Board missionary to Utah Medford Hutson and his wife Dorothy, church bulletins from churches Hutson pastored, correspondence, newsletters the Hutson's produced, photographs, scrapbooks, information files about missions in Utah, and Hutson's writings. Materials in the collection cover years 1949-2002 and primarily document the Hutson's missions activities as a pastor and church planter in the Richfield, Utah, region. Hutson's quarterly reports to the SBC Home Mission Board for years 1985-2002 are included. A certificate of commendation on Hutson's service to the Southern Baptist Convention from former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is also included, along with accompanying news story.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

Provenance

Donated by K. Medford and Dorothy Hutson in 2005.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms,

Hutson, Dorothy, 1929-2017

Hutson, K. Medford, 1928-2010

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- 1.27 Grinstead, Wayne – “Where the People Are” (includes feature on Medford and Dorothy Hutson) – *MissionsUSA*, March, 1993
- 1.28 Hunter, Cleo – First Baptist Church, Richfield, Utah
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- 2.3 Panguitch Baptist Mission, 1987
- 2.4 Pennington, Celeste – “Utah: Her, Work of the Baptist Association Is as Varied as the

- State's Terrain, and as Rocky" – *Home Missions*, Nov.-Dec. 1980
- 2.5 Personalities of the West and Midwest/Who's Who in the West, 1972
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- 3.9 Tharpe, Gertrude – "God's Challenge for Our Land" (includes feature on Medford and Dorothy Hutson) – *Royal Service*, March, 1983
- 3.10 Thompson, Phyllis – "Daily Miracles Require a Lifetime of Faith: Medford Hutson Takes on Enlightened View of Miracles" (chapter in book *Light Upon the Land*, Home Mission Board, 1981)
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