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Scope and Contents and Arrangement

Artificial collection composed of documents, publications, ephemera, and photographs relating to Baptist churches, their members, and activities in Arkansas. Items are added in the order in which they are received or found.

Historical Summary

Baptists make up the largest Protestant Christian group in Arkansas, characterized by the practice of baptism, usually by immersion, on profession of faith in Jesus Christ. They exhibit great diversity in customs, but most Baptists have congregational polity combined with voluntary interconnection of congregations. They also emphasize autonomy (self-governance) of congregations, associations, and conventions. Leading Baptist groups in Arkansas are the [Arkansas Baptist State Convention](#) (Southern Baptist), National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., National Baptist Convention of America, and American Baptist Association. For additional information, see "Baptists," in the CALS Encyclopedia of Arkansas at <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net>.

Keywords

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Campbell, Doak Sheridan (1888-1973)
Church camps
Clark County (AR.)
Forrest City (AR.)
Herring, Robert Wilbur (1911-1997)
Hot Spring County (AR.)
Jackson County (AR.)
Mississippi County (AR.)
Ouachita Baptist University
Primitive Baptists
Southern Baptist Convention
Spring Lake Baptist Assembly
Springdale (AR.)
Sumerlin, Claude (1923-2011)
Vaught, Worley Oscar (1911-1989)
Wolber, Vester E. (1913-2008)

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
1230/001	Fairview Baptist Church [Mississippi County Association] minute book [ABSC.1991.039].	1941-1959
1230/002	Springdale Baptist Church [Springdale, AR] minute book [ABSC.2023.005].	1910-1914
1230/003	Pleasant Valley Baptist Church [Jackson Co., AR], minute book [ABSC.2023.006].	1877-1904
1230/004	Ouachita Baptist University annual reports to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention [ABSC.2023.001].	1980-1989
1230/005	J. Guy Cothran correspondence with Dr. Claude Sumerlin biography and publication pamphlets. [ABSC.2025.004].	1969-1973
1230/006	Signed contract for shingles for the [Lamartine Baptist Church]. 1 p. [ABSC.2024.003].	24 July 1858
1230/007	List of Baptist Church records held at the Arkansas History Commission [Arkansas State Archives], Little Rock. 4 pp. [ABSC.2025.003].	Circa 1970s
1230.008	Forrest City Baptist Church cornerstone documents with transcriptions [ABSC.2024.004].	Circa 1892
1230.009	"A Different Path: the Autobiography of R. Wilbur Herring," typed manuscript. 110 pp. [ABSC.2024.005].	Circa 1994
1230/010	Minutes of church organization at Waldrop School House of the Social Hill Missionary Baptist Church [transcription], 23 pp. [ABSC.2025.001].	1909-1952
1230/011	History of Richwoods Baptist Church [Arkadelphia, AR.] and list of early members [photocopies] [ABSC.2025.002].	Circa 1900
1230/012-013	Deceiper Creek Primitive Baptist Church [Gurdon, AR.] minute book. [OBU.2025.091].	1899-1938

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3476/001	Florida State University Alumni Bulletin dedicated to Dr. Doak S. Campbell, President. 2 copies.	May 1957
3476/002	Arkansas Baptist State Convention (ABSC) Church/Association directory.	1985
3476/003	ABSC provisional meeting program, Texarkana, AR.	20-22 Nov 1928
3476/004	Third Street Baptist Church [Arkadelphia, AR] programs.	2002 and not dated
3476/005	Third Street Baptist Church [Arkadelphia, AR] "Every Member Counts Building Campaign" booklet.	Circa 1999
3476/006	<i>The Baptist Voice</i> newsletter of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia [photocopy].	23 May 1954
3476/007	"The History of the First Baptist Movements in Southeastern Missouri and Northeastern Arkansas," compiled by V. C. Wright, Piggott, AR. Typescript, 5 pp.	1937
3476/008	"Protestantism: A Definition," by Harry E. Woodall, MA Thesis, Ouachita Baptist University. Typescript, 25 pp.	14 Feb 1961
3476/009	"Church: A Definition," by Harry E. Woodall, research paper for Religion 501, Ouachita Baptist University. Typescript, 8 pp. 2 copies.	28 Feb 1961
3476/010	Baptist Handbook published by the ABSC. Bernes Selph personal copy.	1957
3476/011	Spring Lake Baptist Assembly documents including correspondence, Board of Control minutes, newsletter, map of property, and blank lease and membership agreements.	1954-1959
3476/012	Mid-Winter Bible Conference, Lonsdale, AR, documents including schedules, correspondence and study materials.	1954-1970

3476/013	"Biographical Preaching," booklet by Roy A. Lambert, Southside Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR, prepared for the Spring Lake Bible Conference.	2-5 Feb 1960
3476/014	Ray Baxter letters to Dr. Russell H. Dilday, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, re. Dr. W. O. Vaught.	27 Feb 1985
3476/015	Samuel Adkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sheridan, AR, letter to Bernes K. Selph.	2 May 1984
3476/016	Don Hook letter to "Dear Brethren," regarding Southern Baptist Convention selection of Las Vegas as 1989 meeting site, and photocopy "Messengers affirm opposition to gambling despite Las Vegas site," <i>Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine</i> .	28-29 Jun 1984
3476/017	"Shall We Criticize Our Critics," by Vester E. Wolber. Carbon typescript, 6 pp.	Not dated
3476/018	Mount Bethel Church, Clark County, AR., minute book. [CCHA.2002.018]	1836-1872
3476/019	Leonard Marcellus Keeling (1878-1957) sermon and lecture notes.	Not dated
3476/020	First Baptist Church, Hamburg, AR, directories	1980, 1984 and 1995
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3058/001	Providence Baptist Church minute book and membership roll, Hempstead County, AR	1908-1925
3058/002	Corning Baptist Church construction scrapbook.	December 31, 1947-1949
3058/003	South Fork Church, Clark County, AR Baptist Church resolution authorizing David Delaughter to conduct public worship.	14 May 1859
	Minutes of the [Arkansas Baptist State Convention] annual meeting.	8 Oct 1852

3058/004	Harry Leon McBeth unpublished manuscript, "Celebrating Heritage and Hope," 436 pp. Manuscript was commissioned by the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board re. its history. Due to changes in the board's composition, the manuscript was never published.	1990
3058/005	Arkansas Baptist State Convention, "History of Organization," manuscript by Nadine B. Bjorkman, Annuity Representative, ABSC.	December 1977
3058/006	Grade report for Mary Riley, Central Baptist College, Conway, AR.	4 April 1896
3058/007	Photograph album from trip to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, North Carolina, and Pensacola, Florida. Approximately 44 b/w images of people and sites associated with the trip. The travel group is unidentified.	Circa 1930s-1940
3058/008	Bethlehem Baptist Church history, mimeograph manuscript. Bethlehem was part of the Red River Valley Association.	1851-1978
3058/009	Harmony Hill Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, AR, minute book and membership roll.	1969-2002
3058/010	Ann Wollerman [Missionary to Brazil] papers.	1951-1979
3058/011	Report of the Magnolia Sabbath School to the Baptist School Convention, 1 p.	1887
3058/012	Minutes of the Buffalo Association of the United Baptists, Marion County, AR	1846
3058/013	Promissory note from members of Lamartine Baptist Church to Matthew Davis or Fountain Family, Columbia County, AR.	12 Sep 1857
Box 1254 Item 001	Oversize materials Poster for "Rural Church Worship on the Campus of Southern Baptist College [Walnut Ridge, AR]" with session schedule and	4-7 Dec 1956

photographs of participating Arkansas ministers.

Item 002	Honorary diploma awarded to Dr. W. O. Vaught, "Distinguished Baptist Minister," by Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR.	1969
Item 003	Certificate of appreciation awarded to Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., First Vice-President of Southern Baptist Convention.	1960-1961
Item 004	Poster for Spring Revival at First Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, Dr. W. O. Vaught, Guest Preacher	17-28 1965
Item 005	Poster for Fall Bible Conference, Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs, AR, led by Dr. W. O. Vaught.	27-30 October, no year
Item 006	Broadside honoring Dr. W. O. Vaught, printed in conjunction with the 30 th anniversary of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR.	1975
Item 007	Commemorative diploma presented to Worley Oscar Vaught, Jr., in commemoration of the 50 th anniversary of the class of 1932, Mississippi College.	1982
Item 008	Poster for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Program of Advancement, listing 5-year goals.	1952-1956
Item 009	Poster for Arkansas Baptist Redemption Campaign.	1936
Item 010	Poster for Statewide Rally for Arkansas Baptists at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR.	17 Mar 1932
Item 011	Subscription form for "The Dollar Roll" endowment appeal from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Centennial Commemoration	4 July 1876
Item 012	Architectural drawings for Red River Baptist Association Missionary Residence, by Dillard Designs.	1998
Item 013	Poster from "Celebration of Hope," Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, 5-6 April	Not dated

