

**Finding Aid for the
Primitive Baptist newspaper
ABSC.2025.006
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Title: *Primitive Baptist* newspaper

Dates: inclusive, 1929-1981; bulk 1950-1951, 1954, 1957-1967

Quantity: 1.85 c.f.; 4 letter-size boxes and one clamshell

Abstract: Semi-monthly newspaper of the Primitive Baptists, published in Thornton, Calhoun County, Arkansas.

Identification: ABSC.2025.006

Languages: English

Acquisition Information: Provenance unknown.

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Scope and Contents and Arrangement

Printed newspaper from Thornton, Arkansas, 1929-1981; incomplete.

Issues are arranged chronologically with the exception of the earliest and latest issues, which are stored separately due to size variation.

Historical Summary

The Primitive Baptist was established by Elder S. F. Cayce on 1 January 1886 at Thornton, Arkansas. The masthead indicates that the newspaper was published “semi-monthly in the interest of Old School Baptists.” In 1929, Claudis Hopkins Cayce (1871-1945), son of founder Silas Fleming Cayce (1850-1905) was editor. Primitive Baptists, also known as “Regular Baptists,” “Old School Baptists,” or “Foot Washing Baptists,” are a denomination that coalesced out of the controversy among Baptists in the early 19th century over the appropriateness of mission boards, tract societies, and temperance societies. Primitive Baptists reject formal service institutions outside of the church. The denomination is also characterized by acapella singing, rejection of Sunday School, informal training of preachers, and foot washing.

Keywords

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3467/002	1950	5 January 19 January 2 February 16 February 2 March 16 March
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3467/007	1951	5 April 19 April 3 May 17 May 7 June 21 June
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3467/011	1954	1 April 15 April 6 May 20 May 3 June 17 June
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