

W.O. Vaught papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

Worley Oscar Vaught was born in Versailles, Kentucky, and grew up on a farm near Brooksville, Mississippi. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Following pastorates in Missouri and Texas, Vaught came to Little Rock in 1945 to become pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, a position he held until April 1983. During his years at Immanuel, the church grew from one building to a complex covering two city blocks. For many years Immanuel led the state in contributions through the Cooperative Program, the denomination's funding arm for all convention-wide causes, and in gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which provides one-half of the total support for Baptist foreign missions. More than twenty churches grew out of the Immanuel fellowship during Vaught's tenure. The Immanuel tape ministry, begun eight years before Vaught's retirement, distributed 3 million sermon tapes world-wide.

Following his retirement from Immanuel, Vaught conducted Bible conferences across the nation. He also authored three books, *Believe Plus Nothing*, *God's Calendar*, and *The Best is Yet to Be*.

Vaught was a leader in state and national Baptist circles. He served as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and as president of the ABSC Executive Board. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University and the Board of Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. In 1955, Ouachita Baptist College (now University) conferred on him the Doctor of Divinity degree. Members of Immanuel Baptist Church spearheaded the endowment of the W.O. Vaught Chair of Bible at Ouachita Baptist University in 1983.

Vaught was a member of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He served 16-plus years on the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and was chairman of the Building Committee when the present headquarters building was constructed in Richmond, Virginia.

W. O. Vaught died December 25, 1989, at the age of seventy-eight. WOVen Teaching Ministries was organized shortly after Dr. Vaught's death to preserve and perpetuate the ministry of W.O. Vaught. The contents of this collection were assembled by WOVen and presented to Ouachita Baptist University in 1994.

Scope and Contents

In addition to sermon notes and worship service recordings, this collection includes correspondence, personal papers, political materials, and drafts of books. Vaught traveled to Israel, so the collection contains travel-related information, correspondence, photographs, and slides. Also found in this collection

are materials concerning Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bible conferences.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research. Manuscripts may only be photocopied by Special Collections staff.

Conditions Governing Use

Permission to examine archival materials does not constitute permission to publish. Any publication of such materials beyond the limits of fair use requires specific prior written permission. Requests for permission to publish should be addressed in writing to the Head of Special Collections, Riley-Hickingbotham Library, 410 Ouachita Street, Box 3742, Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001. When permission to publish is granted, two copies of the publication will be requested for the Riley-Hickingbotham Library Special Collections.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

WOven Teaching Ministries, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1994.

Collection Inventory

W.O. Vaught	
1. Correspondence	Box 1
2. Correspondence	
3. Personal	
4. Personal	
5. Personal	
6. Personal	
7. Personal, concerning Carl Gray Vaught	
8. Personal, concerning death of sister of W.O. Vaught	
9. Personal, concerning death of father of W.O. Vaught	

10. Personal, awards and certificates

10. Personal, awards and certificates

11. Personal, newspaper articles

12. Conferences attended

13. Political, Republican National Convention, 1960

14. Political, Governor Bill Clinton inaugural services

15. Political, White House briefing, Panama Canal treaties, 1977

16. Articles and publications

17. Orders for "God's Calendar"

18. Book, "Believe Plus Nothing" related materials

19. Book, "Believe Plus Nothing"

20. Book, "The Best is Yet to Be" manuscript

21. Book, "The Best is Yet to Be"

22. Travel, Israel 1985

22. Travel, Israel 1985**23. Travel, Israel 1985-1986****24. Travel, Israel, correspondence****25. Travel, Bibleland Travel Seminar 1, bus pastor 1****26. Travel, miscellaneous****27. Travel, miscellaneous****28. Travel, miscellaneous****Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock****29. Dedication of Fellowship Hall, 1973****Box
2****30. January Bible Conference, 1984****31. Contributions to church (correspondence)****32. Retirement**

33. Audit report

33. Audit report**34. Administration and Education Report****35. 25th anniversary at Immanuel****36. 25th anniversary at Immanuel****37. Sermon Series announcements****38. Church bulletins, 1945****39. Miscellaneous****40. Ouachita Baptist University, library campaign****41. Books to recommend****42. Maps****43. R.B. Thieme Bible Tape Ministries****44. Reference material for McGowin and Fray**

45. Message to American Baptist Convention

45. Message to American Baptist Convention

46. Arkansas Baptist State Convention

47. Southern Baptist publications

48. Southern Baptist Convention

49. Southern Baptist Convention

50. Foreign Mission Board, presidency 1974-1975

51. Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary Advisory Council

52. Mullins Denominational Service Award, Southern Seminary Founders Day address, 1975

53. Theological papers

54. Outlines by Rev. Thomas Hinson

55. "Great Religions of the World" messages

56. Bible conference, Shreveport, Louisiana

57. Bible conference, Meridian, Mississippi

57. Bible conference, Meridian, Mississippi

58. Bible conference, Martinez, Georgia

59. Bible conference, Dallas, Texas

60. Bible conference, Atlanta, Texas

61. Bible conference, Camp Paron Pastors' Retreat

Sermons/Messages (housed in Media Services Department; complete inventory available)

1-400

Box

3

401-700

Box

4

701-1020

Box

5

1021-1290

Box

6

1291-1500

Box

7

1501-1750

Box

8

1751-1990

Box

9

1991-2210

Box

10

2211-2400	Box 11
2401-2586	Box 12
Funeral sermons and unnumbered sermons/messages, 1946-1988	Box 13
Services/Programs (recordings)	
"Immanuel Baptist Church," December 1948, recorded by KVLC, Little Rock (phonographs)	Box 14
W.O. Vaught, "Do You Have Personal Touch With God?" "Take My Yoke Upon You," "Lovest Through Me," "The Power of Prayer," "How Much Do You Pray?" "Jesus Left Outside," recorded by the Religious Radio Center, Atlanta (phonographs)	
"Immanuel Baptist," 1949 December (phonograph)	
"Music by the Baptist Hour Choir," Radio and Television Commission, Southern Baptist Convention (phonographs)	
"Dr. Truett Funeral" (phonographs)	
"Immanuel Mission Program" (two video tape reels)	Box 15
"The Greatest Achievement," 1983 (video tape reel)	
Photographs/Slides	

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Photos #86.1 - 86.164

Slides #22.1 - 22.4492