

Inventory to the Baptist Student Union Study Collection

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Baptist Student Union Worship, California, c. 1970.

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I. Historical Sketch

The Baptist Student Union Study (also referred to as the Southern Baptist Convention Student Work Study) sought to assess the condition of Baptist student work on college and university campuses as directed by state and national Southern Baptist organizations. Administered through a committee chaired by J. Lamar Jackson and consisting of thirty-nine participants including Executive Committee members, laymen, pastors, state directors, campus directors, students, and state executive secretaries, the committee oversaw the production of twelve study papers and five surveys. As part of the research, the Committee also conducted interviews with those involved in student work in the state conventions.

Baptist Student Unions (today more commonly called Baptist Collegiate Ministries) originated in the early twentieth century as independent student groups. As Baptist leaders began to appreciate the missions opportunity among college students, they created student departments at both the state and national level. Frank Hartwell Leavell served as the first director of the program at the Baptist Sunday School Board beginning in 1921, and the state conventions of Texas and North Carolina initiated student departments in 1919 and 1922 respectively. Baptist student work continued to develop and the Baptist Student Union program flourished as more students began to attend college in the 1960s and 1970s. Today the Baptist Collegiate Ministries program continues to follow the founding objectives of the Baptist Student Union program by fostering Christian growth, outreach, and fellowship

II. Scope and Content Note

The Baptist Student Union Collection (1969-1971) contains one half linear feet of materials in one box. Materials included are ten research reports bound together into three separate volumes. The first volume includes a full table of contents, and the two remaining volumes contain a separate listing.

The Baptist Student Union Study sought to understand the role of college students in Southern Baptist life by addressing administrative concerns about how best to coordinate Baptist student work between the state and national level. Coordinated through a committee that included J. Lamar Jackson as chair, and members: George C. Bagley, Charles W. Barnes, Harold C. Bennett, Albert McClellan, and Porter Routh, the study produced twelve papers and five surveys.

Researchers should note that the reports in the collection are also accessible in the book or pamphlet collection: *Southern Baptist Student Work Studies Volumes I and II* (BX6205.B27 S64 1969), *The College Student and Selected Areas of Motivation* (LB3609.E45 1969), *Church Activity of College Students* (LB3609.S68 C58 1969), *Baptist Student Work Research* (BR561 H46 1969), *The Baptist Student Union in Retrospect* (PAM 1498), *The Southern Baptist Program of Student Work: What it Should be and Accomplish* (BX6205.S68 S68 1969), *Resource Book for Workers with Students in*

Churches (BV4531.2 R47 1964), *Program Design for Student Work on Campuses – PDP 010* (BX6222.B3 S6 1971), and *Workbook – Southern Baptist Consultation on Baptist Student Work* (BV639.C6 S68 1969).

III. Box Listing

Volume I

- 1.1 *Southern Baptist Student Work Studies Volumes I*
- 1.2 *Southern Baptist Student Work Studies Volumes II*
- 1.3 *The College Student and Selected Areas of Motivation*
- 1.4 *Church Activity of College Students*
- 1.5 *Baptist Student Work Research*
- 1.6 *The Baptist Student Union in Retrospect*

Volume II

- 2.1 *The Southern Baptist Program of Student Work: What it Should be and Accomplish*
- 2.2 *Resource Book for Workers with Students in Churches*
- 2.3 *Program Design for Student Work on Campuses – PDP 010*

Volume III

- 3.1 *Workbook – Southern Baptist Consultation on Baptist Student Work*