CASPER CARL WARREN PAPERS

AR 690

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Summary
Main Entry: Casper Carl Warren Papers

Date Span: 1920 – 1988

Abstract: Southern Baptist minister and denominational leader. Warren served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the 1956 and 1957 meetings. The collection includes articles for publication, correspondence, newspaper clippings, sermons, addresses, and an autobiographical sketch of Warren’s life as a student, lawyer, minister of three successful churches, and denominational leader.

Size: .5 linear ft. (one box)

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Biographical Sketch
C. C. Warren was born May 28, 1896 in Sampson County, North Carolina, one of eight children, to Richard Moore Warren, a retail grocer and Baptist deacon, and Rosella Strickland Warren.

Warren graduated from Dunn, North Carolina, High School in 1914 and attended Wake Forest College, where he graduated in 1917 with the L.L.B. degree and the B.A. degree in 1920. For a brief period after college, he practiced law in Dunn. During this time, and by his own admonition, responsibilities as local Sunday school superintendent and president of the North Carolina B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young Peoples’ Union) interested him more than the practice of law. He began writing articles for denominational publications, including the Sunday School Builder, and eventually surrendered to the call of full time Christian service. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where he graduated with the degrees of Th.M. in 1925 and Th. D. in 1928. Later, Ouachita Baptist College, 1944, and Wake Forest College, 1948, conferred upon him the doctor of divinity degree.


Dr. Warren’s first pastorate was the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky. He was the first pastor of the church and served from 1928 to 1938. He served two other churches – Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1938 – 1943, and First Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, 1943 – 1958. He led in the
establishment of 33 churches or chapels and was offered employment with the Baptist Sunday School Board, a position he declined.

In 1956, Dr. Warren was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention and served two terms. As president, he challenged the convention to establish 30,000 preaching points by 1964, the jubilee year of Baptists in America. In 1958, he resigned his pastorate at Charlotte and became director of the “30,000 Movement” which eventually saw the organization of 24,917 churches and chapels, primarily in the north and west of the United States.

In addition to serving as convention president, Dr. Warren served the denomination on boards and committees in Kentucky, Arkansas, and North Carolina. He was the first president of the board of trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In retirement, Dr. Warren served as interim pastor of several churches in the Charlotte area. He was pastor of the newly organized Sharon Baptist church at the time of his death, May 20, 1973, eight days before his 77th birthday. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Charlotte.

Scope and Content Note
The Casper Carl Warren Papers consists of forty-nine folders, including an autobiographical sketch of his life, articles for publication, correspondence, newspaper clippings, sermons, and addresses. The material, though limited, sketches the life of Dr. Warren as student, lawyer, minister of three very successful churches, and as denominational leader. It was in the latter capacity that Dr. Warren gained prominence as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and leader of the “30,000 Movement,” the most extensive home missionary enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention. The period covered is from 1920 to 1988.

Limited correspondence involves J. N. Barnette, Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, Arthur Flake, Albert McClellan, Perry Morgan, Arthur Rutledge, and George W. Truett. Materials in the C. C. Warren Papers comprise only one-half linear foot of space and represent a small segment of the personal papers generated during his illustrious career.

The materials were given by Sybil Brame Townsend Warren. Additions to the collection are not anticipated.

Arrangement
Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title

Provenance
Donated to the SBHLA by Mrs. Sybil Brame Townsend Warren, 1990.

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None

Subject Terms
Immanuel Baptist Church (Little Rock, Arkansas)
Lexington Avenue Baptist Church (Danville, KY)
First Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC)
Baptists – Sermons
Southern Baptist Convention – Presidents
Southern Baptist Convention – History – 20th century

Related Material


Container List

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1.1 Address – “God’s Standard Requirements”
1.2 Appreciation
1.3 Arkansas – Little Rock – Immanuel Baptist Church
1.4 Articles For Publication
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1.6 Baptist Argus
1.7 Baptist Jubilee Advance
1.8 Baptist Jubilee Advance – Joint Committee – Minutes
1.9 Baptist Jubilee Year
1.10 Barnette, J. N.
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1.13 Crumpler, Carolyn Weatherford (Mrs. Joe)
1.14 Death Notice/Obituary
1.15 Flake, Arthur
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Kentucky – Danville – Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, 1973
McClellan, Albert
McClellan, Albert – The Baptist Jubilee Advance
McClellan, Albert – For Liberty and Life
Messages – Radio
Morgan, Perry
North Carolina – Charlotte – First Baptist Church
Operation Brotherhood
Phillips, Sarah (Mrs.)
Photographs
President – Southern Baptist Convention
Resignation
Retirement
Sermons
Sermons – Baptist Hour
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Sermons – Favorite Sermon Series
Sermons – First Baptist Church – Charlotte, NC
Sermons – Immanuel Baptist Church – Little Rock, AK
Sermons – Lexington Avenue Baptist Church – Danville, KY
Sermons – The Ten Commandments
Smith, Blake – The Southern Baptist Invasion: Rich or Wrong
Southern Baptist Convention – President – Clippings – Sermon
Southern Baptist Convention – Restructuring
Successful Leadership Factors
Thirty Thousand Movement (30,000)
Thirty Thousand Movement – Addresses/Sermons/Speeches
Thirty Thousand Movement – Tracts
Truett, George W.
Warren, C. C. – Glimpses Of Glory
Warren, C. C. – Sunday School Superintendent’s Opportunity at this Hour
Warren, Sybil (Mrs. C. C.)
Worship