

**INVENTORY TO THE
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I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Jerry Vines was born September 22, 1937 in Carroll County, Georgia. He graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, in 1959, received his B.D. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966, and his Th.D. from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, in 1974. He is married to Janet Denney Vines. The Vines are parents of four children.

Vines has served as pastor of Second Baptist Church, Cedartown, Georgia (1963-66); First Baptist Church, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia (1966-68); Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama (1975-79); West Rome Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia (1968-74 and 1979-91); and First Baptist, Jacksonville, Florida (1981-).

Vines is the author of A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation, An Effective Guide to Sermon Delivery, Great Events in Life of Christ, I Shall Return...Jesus, God Speaks Today, Interviews with Jesus, Fire in the Pulpit, Acts Alive (Sunday School Lessons).

In 1988; at the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Texas, Vines was elected SBC president. He was re-elected in 1989, at the SBC in Las Vegas.

II. SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains correspondence and other materials from Jerry Vines' term as Southern Baptist Convention President (1988-90). Vines, elected in 1988 and re-elected in 1989, served during a controversial time in SBC history. His election marked the tenth consecutive victory for conservatives in what supporters called the "conservative resurgence" and detractors termed the "fundamentalist takeover" in the SBC.

Included in the papers is extensive correspondence with Southern Baptist pastors and laypersons, agency heads, seminary presidents, as well as letters critical of Vines' positions on issues such as the controversial "Priesthood of the Believer" resolution, passed at the San Antonio Convention. Two folders titled "Larry Holly" contain correspondence on a variety of SBC issues, including Sunday School Board leadership; and papers, including "An Analysis of the Southern Baptist Alliance" and "The Sanctity of Human Life."

Other controversial issues during Vines' presidency included protests against the film "The Last Temptation of Christ," the relationship of the SBC to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Lloyd Elder's presidency at the Sunday School Board, abortion, and women's ordination. Two folders marked "White House" include correspondence with Miriam Bell, associate director, Office of Public Liaison under Reagan; and Doug Wead, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison under George Bush; a copy of a letter to President Ronald Reagan thanking him for the chance to attend a state dinner and emphasizing Vines' support for Reagan's leadership, and a letter from Reagan to Vines on

fighting drug abuse.

The papers are arranged alphabetically by subject, then chronologically within each subject. The collection consists of 3.5 linear feet of materials.

The Southern Baptist Library and Archives (SBHLA) received the papers from Jerry Vines on September 17, 1990. The papers are open to researchers in the SBHLA.

For further information on Jerry Vines in the SBHLA, see the Baptist History File under Vines; "A Baptist and His Bible" by Jerry Vines (Pamphlet 3951); and books by Vines: Fire in the Pulpit (BV 3797.V56.F57.1977); Interviews with Jesus (BT 340.V5.1981); Wanted: Soul Winners (BV 3797.V56.W36.1989); and Wanted: Church Growers (BV 652.25.V56.1990). See also southern Baptist Convention Annals and Baptist Press releases for the years 1988-90.

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