

**Inventory to the
Glorieta Baptist Conference Center Collection
AR 795-564**



Glorieta Baptist Assembly, construction, 1951

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I. Historical Sketch

The Glorieta Baptist Conference Center located in Glorieta, New Mexico, began operations in 1952. In 1947, the Southern Baptist Convention appointed a committee to study the question of developing a Southern Baptist Assembly in the western area of the country. The result was the selection by the convention in 1949 of Glorieta, New Mexico, as the site. The Convention, in 1950, charged the Sunday School Board with the responsibility of raising funds, erecting buildings, developing, and operating the new Assembly. Much of the land was donated by the New Mexico Baptist General Convention with gifts made by other state conventions for the construction of buildings.

Three years after approval by the Convention, Glorieta Baptist Assembly launched its first week of program activities as Pioneer Week, August 7-12, 1952. Beginning in 1953, the Assembly provided a complete program of church educational programs and programs for various denominational interest. E. A. Herron was appointed the first manager of Glorieta in 1955. In 1966, he was succeeded by Mark Short, Jr. On October 1, 1973, Larry Haslam became manager of the conference center.

Since its beginning the physical facilities of the assembly have grown to accommodate an increase in the number of guests. Glorieta Assembly became a part of the newly created Assemblies Division of the SSB, October 1, 1972. In July, 1972, the name was changed to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center to support the concept of a year-round center operated for training, denominational fellowship, evangelism, retreats, and spiritual growth.

II. Scope and Content Note

The Glorieta Baptist Assembly Collection includes 2.5 linear ft. of material located in five document boxes. The collection consists mainly of conference programs and scattered copies of the pictorial annual, *Thunderbird*. Several press releases, articles, clippings, histories, and subject files are also included. One oversized item, a 1966 scrapbook, is part of the collection as well. The collection covers the period from 1951 to 1993, with most items relating to the 1950s and 1960s. Photographs of Glorieta are located in the SBHLA's photograph collection. The collection was donated to the SBC's Historical Commission in 1984, with additions in 1995.

III. Folder Listing

Box 1

- 1.1 Applications, Certificates
- 1.2 Articles, 1956-1974
- 1.3 Buildings and Grounds
- 1.4 Clippings, 1953-1972
- 1.5 Cox, Norman W., "La Glorieta"
- 1.6 Gardens and Flowers
- 1.7 Mitchell, Luther D., "History of Glorieta"
- 1.8 Pioneer Week, 1952
- 1.9 Press Releases, 1972-1974
- 1.10 Programs, 1952
- 1.11 Programs, 1953
- 1.12 Programs, 1954

Box 2

- 2.1 Programs, 1955
- 2.2 Programs, 1956
- 2.3 Programs, 1957
- 2.4 Programs, 1958
- 2.5 Programs, 1959
- 2.6 Programs, 1960

Box 3

- 3.1 Programs, 1961
- 3.2 Programs, 1962
- 3.3 Programs, 1963
- 3.4 Programs, 1964
- 3.5 Programs, 1965
- 3.6 Programs, 1966
- 3.7 Programs, 1967
- 3.8 Programs, 1968
- 3.9 Programs, 1969
- 3.10 Programs, 1970
- 3.11 Programs, 1971
- 3.12 Programs, 1972
- 3.13 Programs, 1973
- 3.14 Programs, 1974
- 3.15 Programs, 1975

Box 4

- 4.1 Programs, 1976
- 4.2 Programs, 1977
- 4.3 Programs, 1978
- 4.4 Programs, 1979

- 4.5 Programs, 1980
- 4.6 Programs, 1981
- 4.7 Programs, 1982
- 4.8 Programs, 1983
- 4.9 Programs, 1984
- 4.10 Programs, 1985
- 4.11 Programs, 1986
- 4.12 Programs, 1990-1991
- 4.13 Programs, 1992-1993
- 4.14 Programs, No Date
- 4.15 Prospectus, 1951
- 4.16 Rigney, J.W., "Glorieta", 1955
- 4.17 Short, Mark, "History of Glorieta", 1967
- 4.18 *Thunderbird*, 1955
- 4.19 *Thunderbird*, 1956
- 4.20 *Thunderbird*, 1957

Box 5

- 5.1 *Thunderbird*, 1958
- 5.2 *Thunderbird*, 1962
- 5.3 *Thunderbird*, 1963
- 5.4 *Thunderbird*, 1964
- 5.5 *Thunderbird*, 1965
- 5.6 *Thunderbird*, 1970
- 5.7 *Thunderbird*, 1971
- 5.8 *Thunderbird*, 1972
- 5.9 *Thunderbird*, 1973
- 5.10 *Thunderbird*, 1974
- 5.11 *Thunderbird*, 1975

Oversized Item: Scrapbook, 1966