

Inventory to the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists

Collection

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I. Historical Note

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (COSBE) is a fellowship of full-time Southern Baptist evangelists from across the United States. COSBE held its first meeting in 1955, in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention, and continues its annual meetings during the annual Convention meeting. COSBE elects a board of officers annually, which consists of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, music director, assistant music director, pastor-advisor, parliamentarian, and a liaison to the North American Mission Board. For more information on the COSBE, see the Baptist history file in the archives and the Conference's website at www.sbcevangelist.org.

II. Scope and Content

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Collection consists of one linear foot of material spanning the years 1958 to 2003. The bulk of the COSBE collection is minutes and publicity materials from annual meetings. While the COSBE minutes list actions of the organization at its yearly meetings, the publicity materials accompanying those meetings include clippings and flyers which essentially announce and promote the COSBE meetings.

Other materials in the collection include correspondence between various officers and evangelists, including Carl Bates, Wayne Copelin, Freddie Gage, Henry Linginfelter, Ben Rogers, Rick Scarborough, and Bobby Sutherland. The collection also contains copies of COSBE's constitution and by-laws, membership lists, directories containing contact information and photographs), and treasury and auditor reports. Unique to the collection are correspondence and clippings on the Harrington-O'Hair debates of the 1970s and a transcribed interview with Don Womack, long time activist in the Conference of Southern Baptists Evangelists organization.

Don Womack donated the COSBE collection to the SBHLA in 2003. The collection is divided into four series and is arranged alphabetically.

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B. COSBE Materials

52. *Baptist and Reflector* 20 March 1975
53. Constitution 1960
54. Constitution 1973
55. Constitution 1979
56. Constitution 1981
57. Constitution 1982
58. Constitution 2001
59. Council on Accountability 2001
60. Directories 1970-1979
61. Directories 1980-1986
62. Evangelism conference 1975
63. Evangelism conference 1975
64. Evangelists seminar and workshop 1985
65. Financial controversy (Bernard, Jerry and Gage, Freddie) 1982
66. Leadership controversy (conference-wide) 1981-1983
67. Membership list 1958
68. Membership list 1965
69. Membership list 2002
70. Musical/liberal shift controversy (Stalnecker, Ed) 1982
71. Texas General Evangelists, undated
72. Treasurer's report 1961
73. Treasurer's report 2003
74. Vocational evangelists seminar 1977

C. Correspondence

75. Bates, Carl 1974
76. Bernard, Jerry Wayne 1982
77. Brannon, Clifton 1959
78. Brannon, Clifton 1960
79. Brannon, Clifton 1961
80. Cathey, Sam 1974

81. Cathey, Sam 1975
82. Chiles, Clyde 1981
83. Comer, GP 1962
84. Eddleman, H Leo 1965
85. Guidelines for Southern Baptist Evangelists, 1967
86. Hogue, Richard 1972
87. Massegee, Charles 1970
88. Massegee, Charles 1972
89. Penley, Bill, undated
90. Smith, Don 2000
91. Spencer, Jerry 1973
92. Sunderland, Bobby 1977
93. Womack, Don 1966
94. Womack, Don 1967
95. Womack, Don 1968
96. Womack, Don 1969
97. Womack, Don 1972
98. Womack, Don 1973
99. Womack, Don 1974
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103. Womack, Don 1978
104. Womack, Don 1980
105. Womack, Don 1981
106. Womack, Don 1984
107. Womack, Don 1985

D. Subject Files

108. Audio recordings (cassette) 1965
109. *Evangelism Leader* 1977
110. *Evangelism Profile* 1977
111. Gage, Freddie 1982
112. Harrington-O'Hair debates 1977
113. *Home Missions* 1975
114. *Home Missions* 1976
115. Officer's conference call (E-School) 2002
116. *Religious Herald* 1976
117. SBC Daily Bulletin 1976
118. Trent, John Scott- *Evangelists in Action*
119. *Western Recorder* 1975
120. Womack, Don- Interview
121. Womack, Don- *Let the Fire Fall* manuscript and correspondence