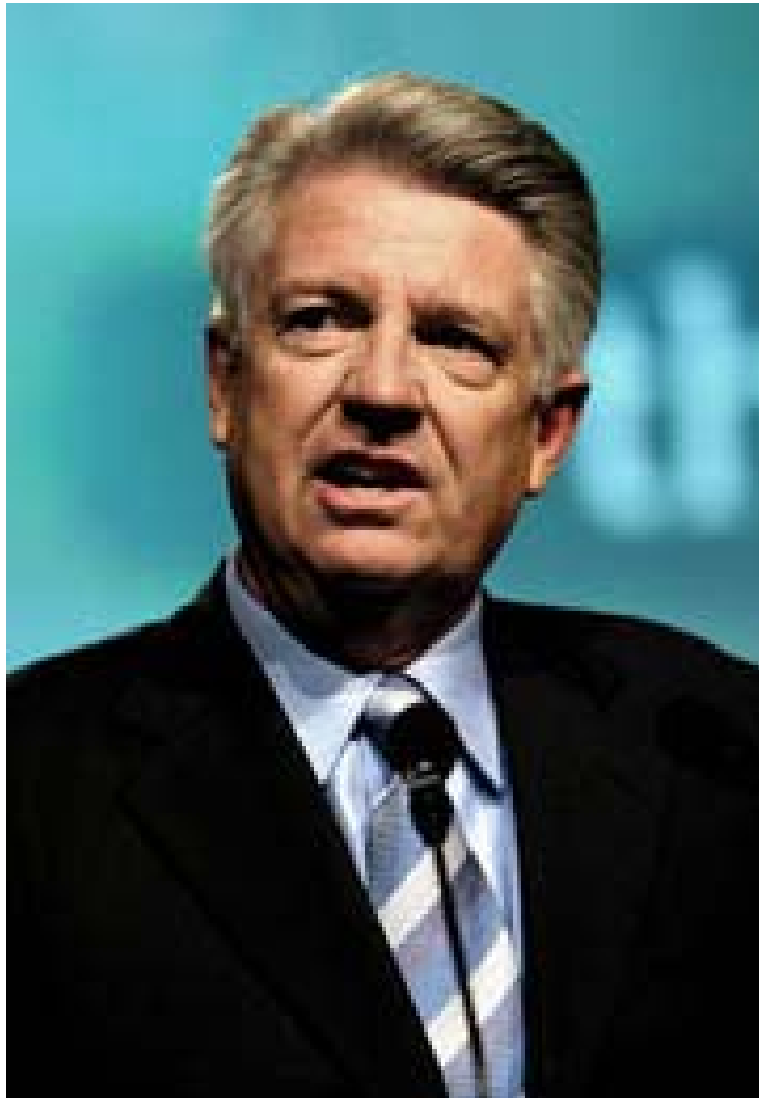


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Jack Graham at the 2004 Southern Baptist Convention

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Summary

Main Entry: Jack Graham Papers

Date Span: 2002-2004

Abstract: Photocopies of papers of Jack Graham, president of the Southern Baptist Convention for 2002-2004. The collection includes clippings, programs, news stories, addresses, and correspondence. Graham has served as pastor of the Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, Texas, since 1989.

Size: 1 linear ft. (2 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

Born in Conway, Arkansas, young Jack Graham was baptized at First Baptist Church in his hometown. From there, his life took a steady course into ministry that continued during his formative years in Ft. Worth, Texas. In 1970, at age 20, he was an ordained pastor of his first church, married, and halfway through Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, where he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with honors. By 1976, he and his wife, Deb, had one son, and Jack was associate pastor of Sagamore Hill Baptist Church in Fort Worth. That year he also completed work for a Master of Divinity degree with honors from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Four more years went by (by this time, the Grahams had two children), and Jack received a Doctor of Ministry degree in "Church and Proclamation."

Dr. Graham began his ministry as pastor of East Side Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas (1970-1971). Following his associate pastorate at Sagamore Hill Baptist Church (1972-1975), he went on to pastor First Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma (1975-1978), First Baptist Church in Duncan, Oklahoma (1978-1981), and First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Florida (1981-1989).

In 1989, Prestonwood Baptist Church, already a landmark Dallas congregation with a membership of approximately 11,000, called Dr. Graham as pastor. As the church family continued to increase by some 2,000 members annually, the church, in 1999, built a new 7,500 seat worship facility, school and ministry complex on 150 acres in west Plano. In 2006, the church started Prestonwood North, a second campus in Prosper, Texas, and 19 miles north of its Plano campus.

Dr. Graham served two terms, 2002-2004, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest American Protestant denomination with 16 million members, and as president of the SBC Pastor's Conference.

Scope and Content Note

The Graham presidential papers (1 linear ft.) consists primarily of photocopies of correspondence, clippings, news stories, programs, and addresses. The clippings and news stories chronicle events in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention during his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The files include stories related to the war in Iraq, events at Southern Baptist agencies, the Baptist World Alliance, presidential politics, and other religious news stories. The correspondence consists of congratulatory letters and letters related to events in the SBC and the nation. The collection includes some correspondence with George W. Bush and others in the White House and also includes the text of several speeches by President Bush.

The major topics and issues included in the papers are: War in Iraq, the SBC withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance, committee appointments, presidential election of 2004, changes in leadership at SBC agencies, Empowered Kingdom Growth initiative, and Graham's presidential addresses at the 2003 and 2004 Southern Baptist Conventions.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Donated by Jack Graham, December, 2005.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Baptist World Alliance
Bush, George W.
Iraq War
Southern Baptist Convention - Presidents

Related Materials

Southern Baptist Convention Presskit Collection, AR 375
Southern Baptist Convention Proceedings [videorecording], Rec60vt 2003-2004

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