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### **Summary**

Main entry: Ronald Clyde Sumners Sermon Collection.

Dates: 1993-2011

Abstract: Collection of sermons (175) preached by Dr. Ron Sumners, pastor of the Meadow Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Sumners was a Baptist minister from Alabama who served churches in Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina and Alabama. The sermons were preached from 1993 to 2011. The sermons cover a wide range of topics including theology, Christian life, tithing, role of the church, prayer, missions, family concerns and special Sunday topics.

Size: 1 linear ft. (2 document boxes)

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### **Biographical Note**

Ronald Clyde Sumners was born August 20, 1949 to Clyde and Virginia Sumners. Sumners would spend his growing up years in Childersburg and Harpersville, Alabama. He graduated from Vincent High School in 1967, where he served as President of the Student Council. He then attended and graduated with a BA degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. After graduation he married his high school sweetheart, Karen "Prissy" Elliott.

He then received his M.Div. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Later he would complete the requirement for his D.Min. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sumners would hold ministerial positions in churches in Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Alabama. He also served as assistant director for Baptist Campus Ministries at Auburn University. In the early 1990s he was called as pastor of the Meadow Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Sumners lead the church to continuous growth and mission involvement. The pastor was involved in dozens of mission trips within the United States and several to other nations. He served the church for nineteen years before illness forced him into early retirement. He died at home on December 29, 2016.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of 175 sermons preached by Ron Sumners at the Meadow Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. The sermons cover a wide range of topics including theology, Christian life, tithing, role of the church, prayer, missions, family concerns and special Sunday topics. Sumners preached several series of sermons (i.e. Prayer) that are included in the collection. Each sermon is listed in the Contents section below.

**Arrangement**

Files arranged in chronological order by date preached.

**Provenance**

Donated by the Joe Sumners and Karen Sumners. 2015.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Sumners, Ronald Clyde, 1949-2016  
 Meadow Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama  
 Baptists, Sermons  
 Sermons, American

**Container List**

Box 1

1.1 1993 – Sermons

May 16 - Who Am I? Exodus 3: 11-14

May 23 - Who Are We? Colossians 4: 7-13

July 18 – A Hand covered with scratches. Galatians 1: 11-24

September 26 – Affirming the will of God. Romans 12: 1-2

November 14 – Lord, Get me out of this! Psalm 55:1-6, Philippians 1:23

1.2 1994 – Sermons

February 13 – Pergamum. Revelation 2:12-17

August 7 – The Moral Man. Luke 13: 1-5

October 2 – How Can I Find something real. Luke 15: 17

October 9 – The Sparkle of eternity. Luke 41-56

November 13 – The deal of a lifetime. Mark 10: 17-30

### 1.3 1995 – Sermons

January 1 – Reflections of Grace. II Corinthians 8:9, 9:7-8

January 8 – Beyond Believism. 2 Timothy 3: 1-5

January 29 – Sacrificial Giving. 1 Peter 4: 8-11

July 23 – A Parapet of Protection. Deut. 22:8

October 29 – Remember. John 20-19

### 1.4 1996 – Sermons

February 18 – Follow Me. Luke 14: 25-33

April 14 – Loving God. 1 John 4: 1-8

April 28 – If the dead could speak. Luke 16: 19-31

October 27 – Why the church needs your gifts. 1 Peter 4: 7-11

### 1.5 1997 – Sermons

February 9 – The Significance of Silence. 1 Kings 19:12

February 23 – What Baggage did you bring? Matthew 11: 28-30

March 30 – Why aren't we singing? John 20: 1-9

### 1.6 1998 – Sermons

September 27 - Eternity-Minded. 2 Kings 17: 40-41

### 1.7 2002 – Sermons

January 6 – The Slippery Slope. Proverbs 16.8

January 13 – Church is for Others. Ephesians 2: 4-10

January 20 – A Day at the Lake when I was a boy. John 6: 1-13

January 27 – When it is more convenient. Acts 24

June 9 – Accepting our Failures. Matthew 14: 25-33, Luke 22: 54-57, John 21: 15-17

- December 22 – This is why I was born. John 1: 1-18
- 1.8 2003 – January – August – Sermons
- January 4 - When a person runs from God. Jonah 1: 1-5
- January 11 - When a Believer is away from God. Jonah 1: 4-16
- May 25 – What God feels like. Luke 10: 1-12
- August 3 – Jesus and the Prayer of Jabez. Matthew 6: 9-13
- August 17 – The Lord’s Prayer #1: Our Father. Matthew 6:9
- August 24 – The Lord’s Prayer #2: Our Father Who Art in Heaven. Matthew 6:9
- August 31 – The Lord’s Prayer #3: Hallowed Be Thy Name. Matthew 6: 9-13
- 1.9 2003 – September-October – Sermons
- September 7 – The Lord’s Prayer #3: Thy Kingdom Come. Matthew 6: 9-13
- September 14 – The Lord’s Prayer #4: Thy Will Be Done. Matthew 6: 9-13
- September 24 – The Lord’s Prayer #5: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. Matthew 6: 9-13
- October 1 – The Lord’s Prayer #6: Forgive Us. Matthew 6: 9-13
- October 19 – The Lord’s Prayer #7: Lead Us Not Into Temptation. Matthew 6: 9-13
- 1.10 2003 – November – Sermons
- November 2 – The Lord’s Prayer #8: Deliver Us! Matthew 6: 9-13
- November 9 – Stewardship Questions. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10
- November 16 – Stewardship: What a Way to Live! 2 Corinthians 9: 6-14
- November 23 – Grateful to Whom? 1 Thess. 5: 16-18
- 1.11 2003 – December – Sermons
- December 14 – A Tale of Two Kings. Matthew 2:1-8
- December 21 – Return of a Wise Man (Baltasar). Matthew 2:1-12
- December 28 – Two Tombstones. John 4: 1-42
- 1.12 2004 – January-February – Sermons

- January 25 – When a Person Repents. Jonah 1: 17-2:10
- February 8 – The Ten Commandments #1: Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me. Exodus 20:3
- February 15 – The Ten Commandments #2: You shall not make Idols. Exodus 20: 4-6
- February 22 – The Ten Commandments #3: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain. Exodus 20: 1-18
- February 29 – The Ten Commandments #4: Remember the Sabbath Day. Exodus 20: 1-18
- 1.13 2004 – March – Sermons
- March 7 – The Ten Commandments #5: Honor Your Father and Mother. Exodus 20: 1-18
- March 21 – The Ten Commandments #6 : Thou shall not commit Adultery : Exodus 20: 1-18
- 1.14 2004 – April – Sermons
- April 11 – Colors of Easter. 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
- April 18 – The Ten Commandments #9: You Shall not Lie. Exodus 20: 1-18.
- April 25 – The Ten Commandments #10: You Shall not Covet. Exodus 20: 1-17.
- 1.15 2004 – May – Sermons
- May 2 – Proof of Salvation. 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
- May 9 – A House is not a Home. Colossians 3: 18-21
- May 23 – Will our lives count for much? Luke 6: 20-38
- 1.16 2004 – June – Sermons
- June 6 – The Devil made me do it. James 1: 12-18
- June 20 – Fathers who lead. Ephesians 6: 4
- June 27 – Historic Baptist Principles. Galatians 5: 1, 14-18
- 1.17 2004 – July – October - Sermons
- July 4 – The Christian American Citizen. Romans 13: 1-7
- October 10 – Formed For God’s Family: The purpose driven life. Hebrews 2: 10-11
- 1.18 2005 – January – March – Sermons

- January 9 – The Hard Truth. Romans 1: 16-17
- March 13 – Walk a mile in my shoes. Exekiel 3: 11-15
- March 20 – Celebration. John 20: 1-18
- March 27 – The Promises of Easter. Luke 24: 1-12
- 1.19 2005 – April – July – Sermons
- April 3 – Day of Rejoicing. Exodus 20: 8-11
- April 10 – Why doesn't it happen? Amos 5: 21-14; Matthew 23: 11-33
- May 1 – Worship: How? Psalms 149 1-9
- May 8 – Forming Family Values. Deut. 11 18-21
- June 5 – A Parapet of Protection. Deut. 22: 8
- July 10 – The Treasure, the Pearl and the Net. Matthew 13: 44-50
- July 17 – The parable of the vineyard. Matthew 20: 1-16
- 1.20 2005 - August – October – Sermons
- August 14 – The parable of the talents. Matthew 25: 14-30
- September 11 – The parable of the rich fool. Luke 12: 13-21
- September 25 – K(no)w Fear: Facing the storms of life-Fear of the future. 2 Timothy 1: 7
- October 16 – K(no)w Fear: Facing the storms of life – Fear of loneliness. Matthew 22: 37-39
- October 23 – K(no)w Fear: Facing the storms of life – Fear of death. 1 Corinthians 15: 21-26
- 1.21 2005 - November – December – Sermons
- November 6 – The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Luke 18: 9-14
- November 13 – Wrestling with God. Genesis 32: 22-32
- November 20 – Thanksgiving's empty chair. Luke 15: 25-32
- November 27 – Christmas advice from John the Baptist. Matthew 11: 2-14
- December 4 – Bittersweet Christmas. Matthew 2: 13-23
- December 18 – A "Not Yet" Faith. Luke 1: 39-45

December 25 – God’s gifts under the Christmas Tree. Romans 5: 1-9, Romans 8: 7-8

#### 1.22 2006 - January – February – Sermons

January 15 – Simple Prayer (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #1). Mark 11: 22-26

January 22 – Covenant Prayer (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #5). Psalm 57: 7-11

January 29 – Prayer of the Forsaken (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #2). Psalm 22: 1-5

February 8 – The Prayer of Tears (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #4). Jeremiah 9:1

February 12 – The Prayer of Letting Go (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #5). Luke 22: 39-46

February 19 – The Prayer of Adoration (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #6). Psalm 29: 1-2

February 26 – Praying the Ordinary (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #7). 1 Corinthians 10: 23-33

#### 1.23 2006 –March - April – Sermons

March 5 – The Prayer of Rest (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #8). Matthew 11: 28-29

March 12 – A “Fast Message” (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #8). Isaiah 58: 6-8

March 19 – Unceasing Prayer (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #9). 1 Thess. 5: 17-23

April 2 – Intercessory Prayer (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #11). John 15: 1-7

April 9 – Healing Prayer (Jericho Prayer Emphasis #12). James 5: 13-15

April 23 – Excuses Instead of Service. Exodus 3: 10-15; 4:17

April 30 – The Sermon on the Mount. Luke 10: 24-35.

#### Box 2

##### 2.1 2008 – Sermons

June 15 – The Godly Father. Joshua 24: 14-18

June 29 – Blessed in the Nation. Psalm 33: 12-22

September 21 – Stephen’s Sermon. Acts 7: 1-60

##### 2.2 2009 – January – Sermons

January 4 – Time to take down the tree. Luke 1: 68-79

January 11 – The State of the Church. Psalm 127: 1-5

January 18 – What’s For Real? 2 Corinthians 5:15



January 25 – It's About Time. Psalm 90

### 2.3 2009 – February – Sermons

February 1 – God's Economic Plan. 1 Timothy 6: 17-19

February 8 – The Terrible, Horrible, No good, very bad day. Psalm 46.

February 15 – Excuses instead of service. Exodus 3: 10-14; Exodus 4: 1-17

February 22 – A Plea for a Christian lifestyle. James 1: 22-25

### 2.4 2009 – March – Sermons

March 1 – What is a Born-Again Christian? John 3

March 8 – Go and Sin No More. John 8: 1-12

March 15 – Empathy. Matthew 14: 1-14

March 22 – What does God intend for you? John 10: 10-13

### 2.5 2009 - April – Sermons

April 5 - Failure. Mark 6: 1-6

April 19 – The Sin of Fear. Exodus 20: 18-21

April 26 – Why Christians Quit. Psalm 78: 1-11, 36-37, 40-41

### 2.6 2009 – May-June – Sermons

May 3 – What is God Like? Isaiah 40: 25-31

May 17 – The Scarlet Thread. Hebrews 9: 22

June 14 – And then came conviction. 2 Samuel 11: 1-12

June 28 – Transgressions, Iniquities and sins. Psalm 51: 1-5

### 2.7 2009 – July-August – Sermons

July 5 – Washed Clean. Psalm 51: 12

July 12 – Restoring Joy. Psalm 51: 12

August 2 – Reframing the Issue. Matthew 22: 15-22

August 9 – Reframing the cultural rhetoric. Matthew 10: 16-25

August 16 – Death by Inches. Hebrews 12:15; John 10:10

- August 30 – At the Name of Jesus. Philippians 2: 6-11
- 2.8 2009 – September – Sermons
- September 6 – Family Ties (Joseph, Part 1). Genesis 37
- September 13 – Big Dreams and a Long Trip (Joseph, Part 2). Genesis 37
- September 20 – Sold, Sad, and Safe (Joseph, Part 3). Genesis 37: 29-36
- September 27 – A Decision to Make (Joseph, Part 4). Genesis 39: 1-6
- October 11 – Response to Temptation (Joseph, Part 5). Genesis 39: 7-18
- October 25 – Back in the Hole Again (Joseph, Part 6). Genesis 39: 19-23
- 2.9 2009 – November – Sermons
- November 1 – A Game plan for suffering (Joseph, Part 7). Genesis 40: 1-8
- November 8 – Lessons from the Dungeon (Joseph, Part 8). Genesis 40: 1-8
- November 15 – Pharaoh’s Dream and Joseph’s Plan (Joseph, Part 9). Genesis 41: 1-8
- November 29 – Three Crucial Conversations (Joseph, Part 10). Genesis 42: 1-7
- 2.10 2009 – December – Sermons
- December 6 – Joseph’s Testing of his Brothers (Joseph, part 11). Genesis 42: 18-24
- December 20 – One Moment in Time (Joseph, Part 12). Genesis 45: 1-5
- December 27 – A Lesson in Forgiveness (Joseph, Part 13). Genesis 45: 7-15
- 2.11 2010 – January – February – Sermons
- January 10 – Help for Hurting people (When You Hurt, #1). 1 Peter 4: 12-13
- January 17 – You can’t carry your own cross (When You Hurt, #2). Matthew 16: 24; John 19:17; Matthew 27: 32; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- January 24 – Where is God When I Suffer (When You Hurt, #3). Psalm 42:8
- January 31 – You can’t depend on others for happiness (When You Hurt, #4). Matthew 6: 25-34
- February 7 – A Matter of the Cost. 1 Chronicles 21: 22-27
- February 28 – But not very much. Luke 18: 1-8
- 2.12 2010 – March – Sermons

- March 7 – Spiritual Gifts: Service after Surrender. Romans 12: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 12: 20-26
- March 14 – Finding Your Spiritual Gifts. 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
- March 28 – Will our Lives count for much? Luke 6: 20-38
- 2.13 2010 – April – Sermons
- April 11 – Servants, Saints, and Salutations. Philippians 1: 1-2
- April 18 – Participation and Preservation. Philippians 1: 3-8
- April 25 – Facing Life’s Questions with Love. Philippians 1: 9-11
- 2.14 2010 – May-June – Sermons
- May 9 – Will the real Mon please stand up? 1 Kings 3: 16-28
- May 16 – Facing suffering with Grace. Philippians 1: 12-26
- May 23 – A Message for Graduates. Proverbs 22: 9
- May 30 – Living as Worth Citizens. Philippians 1: 27-30
- June 20 – Principles for Fathers. Psalm 128: 1-6
- 2.15 2010 – July – August – Sermons
- July 11 – Working out what God has worked in. Philippians 2: 12-13
- July 18 – Whine or Shine. Philippians 2: 14-18
- July 25 – God’s Definition of Success. Philippians 2: 19-30
- August 1 – Updating our Resume. Philippians 3: 1-9
- August 22 – Obtaining the Prize. Philippians 3: 10-14
- 2.16 2010 – November – Sermons
- November 7 – Renewed. Psalm 103: 1-5
- 2.17 2011 – Sermons
- June 5 – Breaking Free from the past. Colossians 3: 1-11
- June 19 – What Jarius’ Daughter saw in her Father. Mark 5: 21-24; 35-43
- June 26 – Casting off and putting on! Colossians 3: 9-13
- 2.18 Undated Sermon – Because .... Deuteronomy 7: 1-11

2.19 Undated Sermon – Urge to Give. March 12: 38-44

2.20 Undated Sermon – Waiting. Luke 1: 5-25