

Churches Ephemera Subject Files 1814-2003 (bulk 1918-1990)

Collection Summary

Creator: Intentionally assembled by Nashville Room staff, beginning at an unknown date, probably in the late 1960s, and collected on an ongoing basis.

Title: Churches Ephemera Subject Files

Inclusive Dates: 1814-2003 (bulk 1918-1990)

Summary/Abstract: Contains a wide variety of materials, mostly from the twentieth century, primarily about Nashville area churches.

Physical Description/Extent: 2 cu. ft.

Language: In English.

Stack Location: Closed stacks workroom

Repository: Nashville Room, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St.,
Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection

Contains a wide variety of materials, mostly from the twentieth century, about Nashville area churches. Includes church histories, biographies of local ministers and other prominent persons in the Christian religious life of Nashville; printed sermons; church bulletins; membership lists; promotional literature; church periodicals and related literature; architectural information on historic church buildings; information about particular churches and their function or activities during wartime; charitable and relief efforts undertaken by local churches; church-related businesses, printing and publishing houses, associations, schools, homes, and similar types of enterprises conducted under church direction; and related types of materials. A few items are from outside of the Nashville area.

Denominations represented in the collection include: Baptist; Catholic; Christian; Church of Christ; Cumberland Presbyterian; Episcopal; Lutheran; Methodist - A.M.E.; Methodist; Nazarene; Presbyterian; and United Church of Christ. The most numerous materials concern Baptist, Church of Christ, and Methodist churches.

A sizeable quantity of materials from First Presbyterian Church and Downtown Presbyterian Church which span the entire twentieth century are part of this collection, including many of the types of items described above. Particularly noteworthy are printed sermons and church bulletins from Dr. James I. Vance and Dr. Walter R. Courtenay. Documents, letters, brochures and publications detail the nature of the separation of the church in 1955, resulting in the move of First Presbyterian Church to the Oak Hill area south of Nashville, and the renaming of the congregation at the old building to Downtown Presbyterian Church.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organization: In two series as follows: 1. Nashville area churches; 2. Non-Nashville churches

Arrangement: Series 1 arranged alphabetically by denomination, thereunder alphabetically by church name. Series 2 arranged by city or county.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: In library use only. Available by appointment.

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Vance, James I. (James Isaac), 1862-1939
Courtenay, Walter Rowe, 1902-

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Downtown Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subjects:

Churches – Tennessee – Nashville
Church buildings – Tennessee – Nashville
Clergy – Tennessee – Nashville

Places:

Nashville (Tenn.) – Religious life and customs
Nashville (Tenn.) – Buildings, structures, etc.
Nashville (Tenn.) – History – Sources

Genre/Document Types:

Manuscripts
Programs
Sermons
Pamphlets

Separated Material

Some items may have been separated for storage to an oversize box, drawer, or the Nashville Room Photographs Collection. Separation notices have been used to indicate such removals.

The following materials were removed from the Churches Ephemera Subject Files and form their own collections, cataloged and accessed separately:

Society of Church Workers of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia,
Tennessee minute book, 1897-1914 (bulk 1897-1899)

Administrative Information

Copyright: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 U.S. Code)

Preferred Citation: [Church name or folder title], Churches Ephemera Subject Files, Ephemera Collections, Nashville Room, Nashville Public Library

Processing Information: Weeded by staff members Linda Barnickel and Carol Kaplan, 2003. Rehoused and reprocessed by staff member Linda Barnickel, 2005. All actions part of overall ephemera subject files reprocessing project.

Accruals: Additional accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I.

Nashville Area Churches, 1855-2003

(1.75 cu. ft.)

Abstract: Contains a wide variety of materials, mostly from the twentieth century, about Nashville area churches.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by denomination. Thereunder alphabetically by church name.

CHURCHES:

In general, 1974-1975

BAPTIST:

In general, 1943-c.1985

Antioch Missionary, 1908

Baker's Grove, 1984

Baptist Sunday School Board –

1. Dr. James L. Sullivan, 1972-1975

2. Information Kit, c. 1974-1976

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Poster: How Your Bible Lessons and Program Materials Are
Produced

Belmont Heights Baptist, 1970-1986

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist, 1988

Edgefield Baptist, 1992

First Baptist - Capitol Hill, 1975-2004

First Baptist – Downtown, 1940-1970

First Baptist - East Nashville, 1939

Hopewell Missionary, 1989

Immanuel, 1908-1962

Mt. Vernon Missionary, 1997
National Baptist Publishing Board
Park Avenue, 1988-1989
Pleasant Green, 1986
St. James, 1988

CATHOLIC:

In general –
 The Tennessee Register, Diocesan Sesquicentennial Series 1986-1987
Cathedral of the Incarnation, 1973, 1998
Christ the King, 1957, 1981
Holy Rosary, 1954, 1955
St. Edward, 1976
St. Mary's, 1972
St. Michael, c.1942
St. Patrick, 1951

CHRISTIAN:

Bellevue Christian, c.1980
First Christian, 2003
Vine Street Christian, 1923-1924

CHURCH OF CHRIST:

In general
 Gospel Advocate, 1939, 1955
Brentwood Hills, 1988
Charlotte Avenue, 1990
Church of Christ Girls' Home, 1977, 1992
Donelson Church of Christ, c.1987
Green Street, 1980
Hill's Chapel, 1959
Hillsboro, 1985
Lindsley Ave., 1993
Neely's Bend, 1991
Owen Chapel, c.1970-2003
Pleasant Hill, c.1980
West End Avenue, 1988

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN:

In general
Brookhaven, 1999

EPISCOPAL:

In general, 1993

Christ Church

1. (mixed materials), 1954, 1956
2. Centennial Celebration, 1929
3. (mixed materials), 1855-1994
4. Ordination of Very Rev. B. N. Herlong, Bishop, 1993
5. Order of Service for Consecration...of Rev. Wm. Frederick Gates Jr., 1966
6. (mixed materials), 1970s; 1990s

Church of the Advent, 1979-1992

LUTHERAN:

First Lutheran, 1992

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Pen and ink drawing by Steve Ford, 1988

METHODIST - A.M.E.

Greater Bethel, c.1994

METHODIST:

Methodist (in general), 1952, 1963

Blakemore, 1960-1990

City Road Chapel

Clark Memorial, c.1992

Connell Memorial, c.1990

East End, 1990

Forest Hills/Waverly Place, 1943-1984

Hamilton

Hill Memorial, c.1981

Hobson, 1962

McKendree, 1933-1998

Methodist Publishing House, 1989

Monroe Street, c.1986-1990

Park Avenue, 1953

Seay-Hubbard U.M.C., 1985-1990

South End, 1988

Tulip Street, 1941-1959

Upper Room

West End

1. History & Methodism, 1940, 1961
2. History, 1902-1980
3. History, 1930-1973
4. (mixed materials), 1965
5. Bulletins, 1959-1969

West Nashville, 1988

Woodbine, 1994

NAZARENE:

First Church of the Nazarene, 1926-1980

PRESBYTERIAN:

First Presbyterian – Downtown

1. History
2. Civil War (Hospital No. 8), 1863
3. World Wars I and II, 1918, 1944
4. Programs, 1919-1999
5. Catechisms, 1861
6. Membership Lists, 1814, 1975
7. Separation (1st Pres. to Oak Hill; old church becomes Downtown), 1944-1956
8. Separation, 1954
9. Dr. James I. Vance - Bulletins 1895, 1899
10. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1915-1918
11. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1920-1922
12. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1923
13. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1924-1927
14. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1928-1929
15. Dr. James I. Vance – Sermons and Bulletins, 1930-1940
16. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, undated
17. Rev. Thomas Calhoun Barr, c. 1934-1942
18. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1944
19. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1945
20. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1946
21. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1947, 1949
22. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1953 & 1954
23. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, undated
24. Misc. Bulletins and Sermons, 1929-2000

First Presbyterian [Oak Hill], undated, 2001

Glen Leven, 1972

Hillsboro United Pres. Church, c.1975

Second Presbyterian, 1903, 1979

Westminster, 1938-1945

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

First United Church of Christ, 1989, 1992

Series II.

Non-Nashville Churches, 1855-1929

(.25 cu. ft.)

Abstract: Programs, membership lists, pamphlets, minutes, and other materials from churches outside of the Nashville area.

Arranged: Alphabetically by city or county.

Cheatham Co., 1976
Huntingdon, TN, 1890-1891
Knoxville, TN, 1855
Monteagle, TN, 1908