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[Waco] Calvary Baptist Church Records. Inclusive 1929-1955, undated. Bulk 1932-1955, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Calvary Baptist Church
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box
Language	English
Abstract	The [Waco] Calvary Baptist Church Records consists of literary documents created by church members including church publications and a directory.

Subjects

Baptists -- Texas -- Waco. / Baptists -- Texas. / City churches -- Texas -- Waco. / McLennan County (Tex.) -- Church history. / Waco (Tex.) -- Church history.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The [Waco] Calvary Baptist Church Records were acquired from an unknown donor at an unknown time. The collection begins in 1929 and ends in 1955 and has one series, Literary Productions.

The majority of the literary materials were final versions of church publications printed at an unknown local printing shop. The publications include church bulletins, Sunday school attendance cards, and letterheads. An envelope was stapled to each copy along with drafts of the final version of the publication. A unique feature of the collection is an unusual code in the undated church directory. Written on the inside of the church directory binder was an alphabetical code indicating the attendance history of Calvary Baptist Church. The following is the code for the directory: an H indicates persons who are members of a local church but who attend less than monthly, an E, persons who are members of a church in another city, an S, children born after 1958 who attend neither church nor Sunday school, and the letter N denotes persons who are not members of any church

Administrative/Biographical History

Calvary Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, was organized in 1928 February. The church resulted in the merging of two local congregations, the Brook Avenue Baptist and Provident Heights Baptist churches. Calvary Baptist continues to serve the greater Waco community.

Brook Avenue Baptist, located on the rear lot of Seventh Street and Brook Avenue, and Provident Heights Baptist, 1100 North 18th Street, were organized in 1909. In the seventeen years of each institution's existence, a combined eleven pastors served the congregations. When the two churches consolidated, Provident Heights had a debt of \$25,000 from a construction project of a permanent brick building. The combining of the two churches released their mutual pastors from service.

On 1928 February 5 the churches met and voted on the churches' consolidation, the new organization's name and chairman, church covenant, and articles of faith. A nominating and pulpit committee was organized and began the search for a pastor for the newly established Calvary Baptist Church, North 18th and Bosque Boulevard. On 1928 April 1 Reverend A. J. Holt began his services as the first pastor. He was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a trustee of Hillcrest Baptist Hospital. The records in this collection were created during his tenure as pastor. In 1953, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Baylor. Dr. Holt concluded his services as pastor on 1958 May 31.

During Dr. Holt's tenure, the church began its first major building projects. The first was the construction of a second education building, erected in 1937, a nursery constructed in 1947, and a new auditorium in 1954. The new auditorium also housed new offices, a pastor's study, choir room, and Fellowship Hall with a stage and kitchen. In 1955, all church buildings were air-conditioned. Calvary Baptist Church continues to worship, minister, and serve the people of Waco and surrounding communities.

Related Resources

Related citations

"Calvary Baptist Celebrates Merging of Churches Today." *Waco Tribune Herald*, February 3, 1963.

Waco, Texas: Churches: Calvary Baptist [vertical file], Brochures, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

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Archival Arrangement

The Calvary Baptist Church publications were inventoried and organized for the first time before the creation of this finding aid. Currently, the [Waco] Calvary Baptist Church materials are arranged in one series: I. Literary Productions.

Series: Literary Productions. 1932-1955, undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

The Literary Productions series contains the final copy of church publications that were printed at an unknown local printing shop. In addition, there are two memorandum books and an undated church directory. This series is in average to good condition.

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