First Baptist Church of Waco is still active and serving the Waco community. Its college ministry such as the former Fidelis and Baraca Groups, and providing opportunities for service. To this day administration, staff, and students are members of the First Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church is also known for Baylor University and First Baptist Church have retained a strong relationship since 1886. Many of Baylor's Presidents, Baylor Medical Center in 1919.

Baptist University campus. Along with universities First Baptist Church also contributed to the founding of Hillcrest Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Fort Worth and also the George W. Truett seminary located on University in 1886

Western Evangel Baptist Convention. J.M. Dawson also published twelve books including his autobiography, and was the editor of the World Peace in 1945, and the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1945 to 1946. He also served on the board of trustee for various institutions such as Baylor University and the Southern Baptist Convention. J.M. Dawson also published twelve books including his autobiography, and was the editor of the Western Evangel in 1906. The First Baptist Church of Waco is credited for establishing the Waco Classical School, that later became Waco University. This University would merge with Baylor University in 1886. The First Baptist Church also has been involved in the creation of two seminaries. One was the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Fort Worth and also the George W. Truett seminary located on Baylor University campus. Along with universities First Baptist Church also contributed to the founding of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in 1919.

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Related Resources
Summary of related Archive materials
The Benajah Harvey Carroll Papers also contain documents about the First Baptist Church of Waco.

Related citations

Archival Arrangement
Originally the [Waco] First Baptist Church Collection did have an inventory for one box but the collection did not have a finding aid.

Currently The [Waco] First Baptist Church Collection is organized into six series: I. Young People’s Department, II. Fidelis and Baraca Groups, III. Church Events, IV. Literary Religious Documents, V. Budget Announcements and Meetings and VI. Organ Committee.

Series 1: Young People’s Department. 1940-1949, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
This series consists of service programs from the Young People’s Department. This series also consists of literary documents such as publications that pertain to the Young People’s Department. This series is in average condition.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Young People's Department Literary and Correspondence: General, 1940, 1945, 1947, 1949, undated
Box 1. Folder 2. Young People's Department Programs (1 of 6), 1944
Box 1. Folder 3. Young People's Department Programs (2 of 6), 1945 January-August
Box 1. Folder 4. Young People's Department Programs (3 of 6), 1945 September-December
Box 1. Folder 5. Young People's Department Programs (4 of 6), 1946 January-March
Box 1. Folder 6. Young People's Department Programs (5 of 6), 1946 April-July
Box 1. Folder 7. Young People's Department Programs (6 of 6), 1946 September-December, 1947 January-February

Series 2: Fidelis and Baraca Groups. 1932-1947, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
This series consists of correspondence, Sunday programs and advertisements pertaining to the Fidelis and Baraca Groups. These two groups were bible classes for college students; the Fidelis for the girls and the Baraca for the boys. This series also consists of letters the group would send to new Baylor female students to convince them to join Fidelis. This series is in good to average condition.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 8. Fidelis Group: Literary (1 of 3), undated
Box 1. Folder 9. Fidelis Group: Literary (2 of 3), undated
Box 1. Folder 10. Fidelis Group: Literary (3 of 3), 1937, 1938, undated
Box 1. Folder 13. Fidelis and Baraca Groups: General, 1938-1941, undated

Series 3: Church Events. 1892-1958, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
This series consists of literary productions and correspondence pertaining to church events including Sunday service programs and church events scheduled during the week. This series is in good condition.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 14. Sunday Services (1 of 4), 1892, 1933
Box 1. Folder 15. Sunday Services (2 of 4), 1935
Box 1. Folder 16. Sunday Services (3 of 4), 1936-1946
Box 1. Folder 17. Sunday Services (4 of 4), undated
Box 1. Folder 18. Holiday Services (1 of 2), 1934-1942
Box 1. Folder 19. Holiday Services (2 of 2), 1943-1957, undated
Box 1. Folder 21. The Evangel Publication (1 of 2), 1927, 1932
Box 1. Folder 22. The Evangel Publication (2 of 2), 1935-1937, 1942
Box 1. Folder 23. Sunday School Documents: Convention, 1959
Box 2. Folder 1. Invitations and Promotional Documents (1 of 9), 1932-1935, 1937-1939
Box 2. Folder 2. Invitations and Promotional Documents (2 of 9), 1939-1944
Box 2. Folder 3. Invitations and Promotional Documents (3 of 9), 1945-1957
Box 2. Folder 4. Invitations and Promotional Documents (4 of 9), undated
Box 2. Folder 5. Invitations and Promotional Documents (5 of 9), undated
Box 2. Folder 6. Invitations and Promotional Documents (6 of 9), undated
Box 2. Folder 7. Invitations and Promotional Documents (7 of 9), undated
Series 4: Literary Religious Documents. 1892-1978, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
This series consists of documents such as poems, religious publications involving religious matters or that mention the First Baptist Church. This series features a number of yearbooks from various church groups such as the Women’s Auxiliary Group, Women’s Mission Union, and Timothy Eunice Lois Sunday School. This series includes various forms of Church letterhead. This series is in good condition.

Item List
Box 2. Folder 14. "Why This Building" by Charles C. Carroll, undated
Box 2. Folder 15. "Why This Building" by Charles C. Carroll Handwritten draft, 1936
Box 2. Folder 20. "Sketches of First Baptist Church" by Judge W. H. Jenkins, 1910
Box 2. Folder 21. Treasure Thoughts of Our Friends Books, 1951
Box 2. Folder 22. New Year Report, undated
Box 2. Folder 23. Poems and Songs, 1937, undated
Box 2. Folder 24. Manual of the First Baptist Church, 1892
Box 3. Folder 1. Women’s Auxiliary Yearbook, 1927, 1932
Box 3. Folder 2. Women’s Missionary Union Yearbook (1 of 4), 1938, 1940
Box 3. Folder 3. Women’s Missionary Union Yearbook (2 of 4), 1943, 1945
Box 3. Folder 6. First Baptist Church Yearbook, 1978
Box 3. Folder 7. Literary Items for Mother’s Day, undated
Box 3. Folder 8. Mother’s Council Yearbook, 1927
Box 3. Folder 9. Timothy Eunice Lois Sunday School Class Yearbook, 1930, 1943-1944
Box 3. Folder 10. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (1 of 6), 1934, 1942-1944
Box 3. Folder 11. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (2 of 6), 1945-1947
Box 3. Folder 12. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (3 of 6), 1947, undated
Box 3. Folder 13. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (4 of 6), undated
Box 3. Folder 14. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (5 of 6), undated
Box 3. Folder 15. Church Clubs’ Documents and Correspondence Lists (6 of 6), undated
Box 3. Folder 17. Church Forms (1 of 4), 1933 September 13, undated
Box 3. Folder 18. Church Forms (2 of 4), undated
Box 3. Folder 19. Church Forms (3 of 4), undated
Box 3. Folder 20. Church Forms (4 of 4), undated
Box 3. Folder 21. Church Stationary, 1934, 1938, undated

Series 5: Budget Announcements and Meetings. 1925-1957, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
This series consists of budget reports and promotional items to increase the church budget. This series consists of an account book from 1943. This series is in average condition.

Item List
Box 4. Folder 1. Offering Envelopes, 1936, undated
Box 4. Folder 2. Budget Lists (1 of 7), 1925-1927
Box 4. Folder 4. Budget Lists (3 of 7), 1936
Box 4. Folder 5. Budget Lists (4 of 7), 1937
Box 4. Folder 7. Budget Lists (6 of 7), 1940-1941
Box 4. Folder 9. Budget Forms and Stewardship Cards (1 of 2), 1936, undated
Box 4. Folder 10. Budget Forms and Stewardship Cards (2 of 2), undated
Box 4. Folder 11. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (1 of 10), 1942-1945
Box 4. Folder 12. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (2 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 13. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (3 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 15. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (5 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 16. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (6 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 17. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (7 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 18. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (8 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 19. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (9 of 10), 1943
Box 4. Folder 20. The Account Book of FBC, Waco (10 of 10), 1943

Series 6: Organ Committee. 1911-1918, undated
Administrative/Biographical History
This series consist of documents pertaining to First Baptist Church acquiring a new organ. This series includes letters and brochures from various organ manufacturers around the country. This series includes telegram correspondence and a sketch of the church organ. This series is in good condition.

Item List
Box 5. Folder 1. Correspondence (1 of 7), 1916 November
Box 5. Folder 2. Correspondence (2 of 7), 1917 April-May
Box 5. Folder 3. Correspondence (3 of 7), 1917 June 1-11
Box 5. Folder 4. Correspondence (4 of 7), 1917 June 13
Box 5. Folder 5. Correspondence (5 of 7), 1917 July 9-21
Box 5. Folder 6. Correspondence (6 of 7), 1917 July 26
Box 5. Folder 7. Correspondence (7 of 7), 1917 August 1
Box 5. Folder 8. Telegrams (1 of 2), 1917 June 9-12
Box 5. Folder 9. Telegrams (2 of 2), 1917 July 13- August 10
Box 5. Folder 10. Notes, 1915, 1918, undated
Box 5. Folder 11. Organ Manufacturers (1 of 8), 1916
Box 5. Folder 12. Organ Manufacturers (2 of 8), 1916, undated
Box 5. Folder 13. Organ Manufacturers (3 of 8), undated
Box 5. Folder 14. Organ Manufacturers (4 of 8), undated
Box 5. Folder 15. Organ Manufacturers (5 of 8), undated
Box 5. Folder 16. Organ Manufacturers (6 of 8), 1915
Box 5. Folder 17. Organ Manufacturers (7 of 8), 1916
Box 5. Folder 18. Organ Manufacturers (8 of 8), 1911, 1917, undated