

## **CSP Ministry Accomplishments**

Assist churches through the administration of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. (The Council of Seminary Presidents reports this activity jointly.)

### **2016-2017 Year Accomplishments**

- Added 1,668 annuals, 12 archival collections, 172 audio-visual items, 363 books, 505 pamphlets, 2,255 periodicals, 1,872 informational files, and 3,680 photographs
- Hosted 134 on-site researchers and provided research assistance through 2,035 patron contacts
- Assisted churches in the preservation of their histories and records through online informational articles and microfilming/scanning services
- Acquired 39 records center boxes of materials documenting the work and ministry of J. Barton Starr, SBC missionary to Hong Kong and professor and administrator at Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Acquired 27 records center boxes of material from the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: one box each of publications materials, hunger ministry resources, ERLC trustee materials, and I Vote Values files; and 23 boxes of files from former ERLC vice president for public policy Barrett Duke
- Acquired 85 records center boxes of materials from the North American Mission Board: 11 boxes of work in Cuba; 73 boxes of audio visual materials, and one box documenting the missions activities of the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans
- Acquired one records center box of minutes, reports, and correspondence belonging to the Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging, 1977-2016  
Accessioned an archival collection of diaries belonging to Lowell Lawson, Home Mission Board chaplain in the Detroit, Michigan area
- Acquired Baptist Hour broadcast sermons from 1976-1982
- Completed microfilming the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Records, the 2015 and 2016 Baptist state newspapers, and the Christopher Johnson, Jr. diaries. Johnson served as pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, from 1863-1883
- Completed processing Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board Collection; Thomas Luther Holcomb Papers; Jack Stanton Papers; Church Recreation Department, BSSB, Collection; Home Mission Board Caribbean Work Collection; and the Barrett Duke Papers
- Provided research assistance and copies of material to churches and associations on their histories
- Awarded 15 Lynn E. May Study Grants to researchers from a wide array of institutions

### **2017-2018 Goals**

- Assist Southern Baptist Convention entities in the retention, preservation, and transfer of vital and historical records
- Assist churches, associations, and state conventions with the preservation of records of enduring value through website information, consultation, and microfilm program
- Inform Southern Baptist Convention Building guests of the history of Baptists through exhibits and displays

- Maintain an active and up-to-date web presence with an online catalog, finding aids, and digital resources
- Collect, catalog, and make available for use books, serials, archival material, audio-visuals, and other resources to a wide range of scholars and researchers
- Maintain a sound archival environment for the preservation of the largest, most diverse, and most accessible collection of Baptist material in the world

**2017-2018 Challenge:**

- To provide adequate and appropriate space for the growing collection of Southern Baptist Convention denominational records