

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.)

2015-2016 Year Accomplishments

- Added 167 annuals, 27 archival collections, 474 audio-visual items, 609 books, 137 pamphlets, 2,093 periodicals, 126 informational files, and 1,708 photographs
- Hosted 123 on-site researchers and provided research assistance through 1,979 patron contacts
- Assisted churches in the preservation of their histories and records through online informational articles and microfilming/scanning services
- Acquired 688 pages of Nannie Helen Burroughs correspondence with Katherine Mallory and Blanche White, of the Woman's Missionary Union
- Accessioned several archival collections related to the Home Mission Board, including the Chaplain's Department Collection, Interfaith Witness Department Records, Metropolitan Missions Office Records, and the Puerto Rico/Caribbean Missions Work Collection
- Accessioned two new records series from the SBC Executive Committee – the Office of Convention Relations Files and a collection on the Crowder Lawsuit
- Acquired the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Records and completed processing
- Completed processing the Christian Life Commission Staff Files, Nannie Helen Burroughs Papers, Johnny Hunt Papers, NAMB/HMB Research Division Collection, M.C. Johnson Collection, W.O. Lewis Collection, and the HMB Chaplains Department Records
- Completed processing and cataloging of the Fon H. Scofield Photograph Collection of Biblical Antiquities and Missions
- Acquired the Penn-Jersey Baptist Convention Collection
- Microfilmed antebellum sermon collection of James H. DeVotie sermons
- Received two grants totaling \$3,500 to assist with the processing of two archival collections and one digital resource project
- Provided research assistance and copies of material to churches and associations on their histories
- Added six new finding aids to the website
- Awarded 15 Lynn E. May Study Grants to researchers from a wide array of institutions

2016-2017 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

2016-2017 Challenge:

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