

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.)

2018-2019 Year Accomplishments

- Added 455 annuals, 23 archive collections, 285 audio-visual/kits, 616 books, 274 pamphlets, 2,073 periodicals, 161 microfilm reels, 307 informational files, 302 and photographs
- Hosted 105 registered researchers and made 2,239 patron contacts
- Assisted churches in the preservation of their histories and records through online information articles and microfilming/scanning services
- Acquired 1 document box of Bethany Homestead (Northampton, England) minutes, 1928-1938
- Acquired 4 document boxes and 3 oversize items of minutes and reports of the Conference of Southern Baptists Evangelists, 2015-2018
- Acquired 1 document box of the E.Y. Mullins Fellowship Collection, 1969-1971
- Acquired 9 document boxes of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital Collection, 1976-1983
- Acquired 2 document boxes of the Ronald Clyde Sumners Sermon Collection
- Acquired 27 boxes of SBC Executive Committee files; 1 records center box and 1 document box of SBC Program and Structure Committee files; the 2017 SBC Minister's Wives Conference scrapbook; 2 document boxes of publications and promotions materials from the Home Mission Board/North American Mission Board; 1 document box of Brotherhood Commission promotional materials
- Acquired 5 document boxes of records from the Southern Baptist Press Association, 1981-2004
- Acquired 2 records center boxes of Baptist Sunday School Board Teaching Pictures for Primaries Artwork Collection, 1956-1970
- Acquired 1 document box of the Stained Glass Windows, Baptist Sunday School Board, Collection, 1960s-1970s. Collection includes correspondence, contracts, and architectural drawings from the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia
- Acquired 34 cds and dvds of materials documenting the movement of underground Evangelical and Baptist churches in Russia
- Acquired 53 microfilm reels of books, tracts, and periodicals by and about Russian Baptists; six microfilm reels of Baptist World Alliance administrative and executive committee minutes (1940-1979), minutes of BWA committees (1904-1940), and BWA study papers (1950-1978); and 18 microfilm reels of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home publication, *Charity and Children*, years 1912-1948 and 1976-1991
- Acquired German Baptists in America periodicals *Jugend Herold* (youth publication), years 1889-1910 and 1917-1919; and *Vereins Herold*, years 1911-1918
- Acquired audio and video recordings of Tennessee Baptist Convention annual meeting proceedings and pastors' conference events, years 1961-2014
- Microfilmed records of 6 Baptist churches and the 2016-2017 Baptist state newspapers

- Completed processing the Fred Luter Papers, Bryant Wright Papers, Baptist Convention of Israel Collection, Dwight Leonard Baker Papers, Mary and Donald Langford Collection, Joshua Grijalva Ethnic Baptist History Manuscript Collection, Myrtle Robinson Creasman WMU Pageants Collection, Andrew MacRae Letters Collection, and the Home Mission Board Language Missions Field Reports Collection.
- Completed new historical displays on the second floor of the SBC building on the 100th anniversary of GuideStone Financial Resources and Southern Baptist disaster relief; and a new display in the Library and Archives on the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- Completed digitization and online accessibility of manuscripts of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting presidential addresses, years 1922-1923 and 1951-2018, and Pastor's Conference sermons, years 1962-1994
- Provided research assistance and copies of material to churches and associations on their histories
- Awarded 12 Lynn E. May Study Grants to researchers from a wide array of institutions

2019-2020 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 and how the Cooperative Program is vital to all the ministries of the SBC 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
- Continue to acquire and document the ethnic diversity of Southern Baptists
- Maintain a sound archival environment for the preservation of the largest, most diverse, and most accessible collection of Baptist material in the world

2019-2020 Challenge:

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