Collection Summary

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Scope and Contents of the Collection

Contains a wide variety of materials, mostly from the twentieth century, about Nashville area churches. Includes church histories, biographies of local ministers and other prominent persons in the Christian religious life of Nashville; printed sermons; church bulletins; membership lists; promotional literature; church periodicals and related literature; architectural information on historic church buildings; information about particular churches and their function or activities during wartime; charitable and relief efforts undertaken by local churches; church-related businesses, printing and publishing houses, associations, schools, homes, and similar types of enterprises conducted under church direction; church anniversaries and special events, including Christian holidays such as Easter and Christmas; and a variety of other materials.

Denominations represented in the collection include: Apostolic; Baptist; Catholic; Christian; Church of Christ; Cumberland Presbyterian; Episcopalian; Greek Orthodox; Lutheran; Methodist - A.M.E.; Methodist; Nazarene; non-denominational churches; Presbyterian; Unitarian/Universalist; and United Church of Christ. The most numerous materials concern Baptist, Church of Christ, and Methodist churches.

A large quantity of materials from First Presbyterian Church and Downtown Presbyterian Church which span the entire twentieth century are part of this collection, including many of the types of items described above. Particularly noteworthy are printed sermons and church bulletins from Dr. James I. Vance and Dr. Walter R. Courtenay. Documents, letters, brochures and publications detail the nature of the separation of the church in 1955, resulting in the move of First Presbyterian Church to the Oak Hill area south of Nashville, and the renaming of the congregation at the old building to Downtown Presbyterian Church.
Organization/Arrangement of Materials
Organization: By denomination.
Arrangement: Within each denomination, alphabetical by church name.

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Index Terms
Personal Names:
Courtenay, Walter Rowe, 1902-
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Corporate Names/Organizations:
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Catholic Church. Diocese of Nashville (Tenn.)
Christ Church Episcopal (Nashville, Tenn.)
Downtown Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
First Church of the Nazarene (Nashville, Tenn.)
First Presbyterian Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
McKendree Methodist Church (Nashville, Tenn.)
Methodist Church (U.S.). Tennessee Conference
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National Baptist Publishing Board
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Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board
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Genre/Document Types:
Church bulletins
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Pamphlets
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Sermons

Occupations:
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   Society of Church Workers of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia,
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Detailed Description of the Collection

CHURCHES:

In general:
1. 1936-1975
   Oversize Box 1, Folder 24: Nashville church directory, 1937-38
2. George Boyles "100 Year Church Project" (lists) compiled 1994

APOSTOLIC:

First Apostolic, 2007

BAPTIST:
In general, 1943-c.1985
   Bibliographies, 1993
Antioch Missionary, 1908
Baker’s Grove, 1984
Baptist Sunday School Board –
      Oversize Box 1, Folder 4: Poster: How Your Bible Lessons and
      Program Materials Are Produced
3.  1957-1975
Belmont Heights Baptist, 1970-1986
Cleveland Street Missionary Baptist, 1987
   [CD slideshow of photographs]
Dalewood, 1955-1994
Dickerson Road, 1978
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist, 1988
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Eighth Street Missionary Baptist, 2007
Fairfield, 2008
First Baptist - Capitol Hill, 1975-2004
First Baptist – Downtown, 1940-1970
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Hopewell Missionary, 1989
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Mt. Vernon Missionary, 1997
National Baptist Publishing Board
Park Avenue, 1988-1989
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St. James, 1988
True Faith, 2010

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   1. Sesquicentennial of the Diocese, 1987
   2. Sesquicentennial of the Diocese, calendars, 1987
   3. Various issues of the Columbian newsletter (Knights of Columbus),
      1926
      4. The Columbian, Easter issue, April 1916
      5. The Cresset newsletter, 1928
Cathedral of the Incarnation, 1972-1998
Christ the King, 1957, 1981
Holy Rosary, 1954, 1955
Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2008
St. Edward, 1976
St. Mary’s, 1972
St. Michael, c.1942
St. Patrick, 1951-1990
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**CHRISTIAN:**

Bellevue Christian, c.1980
First Christian, 2003
Vine Street Christian
  1. 1923-1983
  2. 1945, 1960

**CHURCH OF CHRIST:**

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  1. Undated
Brentwood Hills, 1988
Charlotte Avenue, 1990
Church of Christ Girls’ Home, 1977, 1992
Disciples of Christ Historical Society, ca. 1957-1958
Donelson Church of Christ, c.1987
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Hill’s Chapel, 1959
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Lindsley Ave., 1993
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Owen Chapel, c.1970-2009
Pleasant Hill, c.1980
Russell Street, undated
West End Avenue, 1988
West Nashville Heights, ca. 2007

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN:**

In general, undated
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**EPISCOPAL:**
In general, 1993
Christ Church
  1. 1954-1958
  2. Centennial Celebration, 1929
  3. 1829-1972
  4. Ordination of Very Rev. B. N. Herlong, Bishop, 1993
  5. Order of Service for Consecration...of Rev. Wm. Frederick Gates Jr., 1966
  6. 1973-2005
Church of the Advent, 1979-1992
Nashville Laymen’s League, 1941
St. Ann’s, 1908-1982
St. George’s, 2010-2011

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Holy Trinity, 1980-2008

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First Lutheran, 1992
  Oversize Box 1, Folder 4:
  Pen and ink drawing by Steve Ford, 1988

METHODIST - A.M.E.

Bethel/Greater Bethel
  1. 1953-1958
  2. 1994-2008
St. John, 1963

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  1. 1929-1983
  Oversize Box 1, Folder 4:
    United Methodist Urban Ministries newsletter, May 1983
Belle Meade, 1955, 1970
Bellevue (Belleview), 1964-2009
Belmont, 1955-1968
Blakemore, 1960-1990
Calvary, 1937-1967
Carroll Street, 1952, 1960
City Road Chapel, 1965-1990
Clark Memorial, c.1992
Connell Memorial, c.1990
Dalewood, ca. 1953
Dodson Chapel, 1965
East End, 1934-1995
Edgehill, 2005
Forest Hills/Waverly Place, 1943-1984
Glendale, 1958, 1962
Hamilton
Hill Memorial, c.1981
Hobson, 1951-1962
McKendree
  1. 1933-1998
  2. 1959-1965
  3. 1929-1951
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Methodist Laymen's Club, 1962, 1964
Methodist Publishing House, 1889-1989
Monroe Street
  1. 1976-2000
  2. 1929-1961 (probable Mrs. C.P. Martin donation)
  3. 1916-1942
Park Avenue
  1. 1948-1953
  2. Church records (compilation) 1882-1953
Pennington, 1957-1962
Seay-Hubbard U.M.C., 1985-1990
South End, 1988
Strothers Meeting House
Tennessee Annual Conference
  1. 1891
  2. 1892
  3. 1926
Tulip Street, 1941-1959
Upper Room, 1951-1959
Walkers, 1987
West End
  1. History & Methodism, 1940, 1961
  2. History, 1902-1980
  3. History, 1930-1973
  4. (mixed materials), 1965
  6. Variety of items, 2005
West Nashville, 1988
Woodbine, 1994

NAZARENE:

First Church of the Nazarene
1. ca. 1931- ca. 1987
2. 1926-1956
Third Church of the Nazarene, 1951-1961

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PRESBYTERIAN:

First Presbyterian – Downtown
1. History
2. History
3. Civil War (Hospital No. 8), 1863
4. World Wars I and II, 1918, 1944
5. Special Programs, 1919-2001
6. Catechisms, 1861
7. Membership Lists, 1814, 1975
8. Separation (1st Pres. to Oak Hill; old church becomes Downtown), 1944-1956
10. Dr. James I. Vance - Bulletins 1895, 1899
11. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1915-1918
12. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1920-1922
13. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1923
14. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1924-1927
15. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, 1928-1929
16. Dr. James I. Vance – Sermons and Bulletins, 1930-1940
17. Dr. James I. Vance - Sermons, undated
18. Rev. Thomas Calhoun Barr, c. 1934-1942
19. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1944
20. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1945
21. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1946
22. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1947-1950
23. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, 1953-1956
24. Dr. Walter Courtenay - Sermons and Bulletins, undated
26. Misc. (unidentified speech), ca. 1943
First Presbyterian [Oak Hill], 1955-2001
Glen Leven, 1972-1975
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Madison, 1971-1987
Second Presbyterian, 1903-1992
West Nashville, various dates
Westminster, 1938-1945
Woodland (Street), 1911, n.d.

UNITARIAN, UNIVERSALIST, & UNITY (noted "UUU" on folders):

Unitarian/Universalist, 2007
Unity, 2007

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

First United Church of Christ, 1989, 1992