SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Rev. Emerson L. Isler Papers
Dates: 1952-1988
Accession #: 2002-006
Creator: Isler, Emerson L[anier], 1927-1988
Physical Description: 3.75 linear feet (3 boxes)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processed by: Brienna DiPietro did initial processing of the collection, and Julia A. Cowart completed processing and the finding aid in 2018.
Summary: Sermons and radio scripts from a Southern Baptist minister.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:

Biographical Sketch:

Emerson L. Isler was born in Anderson County on June 4, 1927. After graduating from Furman University in 1950, he attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Isler married Polly Dismuke in 1955.


A radio announcer in his student days at New Orleans Seminary, Isler later used these skills with his radio ministry. While at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Trenton, S.C., the church sponsored his program “Inspiration Time” on Radio Station WJES from 1967-1974. Isler’s program, “Joyful
Moments,” recorded music interspersed with related devotional vignettes, was produced from 1974-1988. Starting in 1977, Isler also produced a daily three-minute radio program, “Words for Living,” on WKMG in Newberry. After his retirement in 1976, the program was syndicated and broadcast in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Isler was the recipient of corneal transplants in both eyes in the 1960s. In 1974, an acute heart condition serviced that required Isler to retire in 1976, after which his family moved to Columbia, S.C. Isler died June 22, 1988 in Columbia, S.C.

USING THE COLLECTION
Access Restrictions: None.

Preferred Citation: [Identification of item], Rev. Emerson L. Isler Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

ARRANGEMENT
This collection is arranged in four series:


The original chronological arrangement of each series and the original file names were maintained during processing.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Rev. Emerson L. Isler Papers contain sermon outlines and radio scripts. The numbered sermon outlines include topics and scripture references, with a number of them dated. Radio sermons from “The Baptist Hour” is a reference file; the program was a 30-minute, modified worship program, produced by the Radio and Television Commission.

“Inspiration Time” was a devotional radio program on Radio Station WJES from 1967-1974, sponsored by the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Trenton, S.C. The folders, titled Tag Sheets and Information, contain radio scripts with story lead-ins.

“Joyful Moments” was a devotional radio program of recorded music interspersed with related devotional vignettes, 1974-1988. The folders, titled Tag Sheets and Information, contain radio scripts with story lead-ins.

“Words For Living,” was a radio program on WKMG in Newberry S.C. that began October 3, 1977. In 1989, Polly Isler published her husband’s “Words for Living.” Box 4 contains the entire typescript
with all the “Words for Living” scripts dated and numbered. The book indicates the selected numbers in the Table of Contents.

**Related Material:**

- Baptist Biographies file – Emerson L. Isler, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Series 1. Sermon outlines, 1952-1976**

**Box 1**

Folder 1. A) Sermon Outlines, November 1952 – November 1953
Folder 2. B) Sermon Outlines, November 22, 1953 – November 1954
Folder 5. E) Sermon Outlines, June 3, 1956 – May 29, 1957
Folder 7. G) Sermon Outlines, June 1, 1958 – August 30, 1959
Folder 8. H) Sermon Outlines, June 1, 1958 – August 30, 1959
Folder 9. I) Sermon Outlines,
Folder 10. J) Sermon Outlines,
Folder 11. K) Sermon Outlines,
Folder 12. Misc. Sermon Notes (1)
Folder 13. Misc. Sermon Notes (2)
Folder 14. Misc. Sermon Notes (3)
Folder 16. Revival Sermons, undated


**Box 2 Tag Sheets and Information**

Folder 2. August 31, 1968 – August 30, 1969
Folder 8. January 5, 1974 – March 2, 1974


Folder 11. Tag Sheets and Information, October 11, 1975 – July 31, 1976
Folder 15. “Joyful Moments” Radio Network Tape Disbursement Logs


Box 4

Folder 1. Correspondence with publishers, 1988-1989
Folder 2. Introduction
Folder 3. Number 1-99
Folder 4. Number 100-175
Folder 5. Number 426-499
Folder 6. Number 500-599
Folder 7. Number 600-699
Folder 8. Number 700-799
Folder 9. Number 800-899
Folder 10. Number 900-999
Folder 11. Number 1000-1099
Folder 12. Number 1100-1199
Folder 13. Number 1200-1299
Folder 14. Number 1300-1399
Folder 15. Number 1400-1499
Folder 16. Number 1500-1599
Folder 17. Number 1600-1699
Folder 18. Number 1700-1799
Folder 19. Number 1800-1899
Folder 20. Number 1900-1999
Folder 21. Number 2000-2099
Folder 22. Number 2100-2199
Folder 23. Number 2200-2299
Folder 24. Number 2300-2399
Folder 25. Number 2400-2499
Folder 26. Number 2500-2599
Folder 27. Number 2600-2665