SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title:  Rev. Dr. W. Horace Benjamin Papers
Dates:  1957-1978
Accession #:  2015-102
Creator:  Benjamin, William Horace, 1917-2008
Physical Description:  4.58 linear ft. (5 boxes)
Languages:  Collection material in English.
Processed by:  Special Collections staff processed the collection, and Julia Cowart updated the finding aid in 2018.

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Acquisition:
Mrs. Susan Bishop, Benjamin’s daughter, donated the Rev. Dr. W. Horace Benjamin Papers to Special Collections and Archives in 2015. Grandson, Christopher Bishop, donated scans of Benjamin’s newspaper column “Frankly Speaking” in February 2016. Additional material was donated in 2018.

USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions:  None.

Preferred Citation:  [Identification of item], Rev. Dr. W. Horace Benjamin Papers, Acc. 2015-102, [Box #, folder #] Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

Biographical Sketch:
W. Horace Benjamin was born in Greenwood County, S.C. on August 20, 1917 to Samuel Horace and Ida M. Irwin Benjamin. He graduated from Furman University in 1945 and later the
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Furman University in 1978.

In over fifty years of ministry, Dr. Benjamin served as pastor of Baptist churches in Wagener, Lamar, Abbeville, Anderson and Ware Shoals. From 1978-1995, he served as Outreach Minister at Berea First Baptist Church in Greenville. He lived a life of community service by serving as a Mason, chaplain to several fire departments, and member of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, and countless other community organizations where he ministered to many people. Benjamin died August 9, 2008.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
This collection contains drafts, manuscripts and typescripts of “Frankly Speaking,” a weekly newspaper column Benjamin wrote for the Abbeville Press and Banner from 1959-1968. Also includes a variety of sermon notes, church paperwork, newspapers and magazine articles from the same period.

ARRANGEMENT
This collection is arranged chronologically in four series.

Series 1, Sermon Reference Files

Series 2, Newsletters and Bulletins, First Baptist Church Abbeville

Series 3, Column “Frankly Speaking”

Series 4, Artifacts

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Sermon Reference Files

Box 1
Folder 1. Newspaper Clippings, 1957-1968, photocopies
Folder 2. Christmas
Folder 3. Communism
Folder 4. The Lord’s Supper
Folder 5. Truett, George W. – Sermons
Folder 6. Studies in Ephesians and I Thessalonians and James
Folder 7. Easter and Resurrection
Folder 8. Father’s Day
Folder 9. Thanksgiving
Folder 10. Baptist World Congress and Mission Tour of South America
Folder 11. Sermons on the Holy Spirit and Pentecost
Folder 12. Sermons 1950s
Folder 13. Sermons 1950s
Folder 14. Sermons 1957
Folder 15. Baccalaureate Sermons
Folder 16. Lions Club
Folder 17. Pre-Marriage Awareness Inventory, Counseling Packet
Folder 18. Bulletins – First Baptist News [only contains sermons]
Folder 19. Assorted Church Paperwork, Articles, and Newspapers
Folder 20. Loose Sermon Material

Box 2
Folder 1. Sermons, 1956, 1958
Folder 2. Sermons from the Mid 50s
Folder 3. Sermons from late 1950s
Folder 5. Sermons from Late 50s, “The Sword of the Lord” Newspapers
Folder 6. Sermons 1960, First Baptist Church
Folder 7. Sermons 1961, First Baptist Church, Abbeville, SC
Folder 8. Sermons, 1962
Folder 9. Sermons FBC Abbeville, 1963
Folder 10. Sermons, 1964
Folder 11. Sermons, 1965
Folder 12. Sermons, 1966
Folder 13. Sermons, 1967
Folder 15. Sermons Preached at Lamar
Folder 16. Sermons and Church News
Folder 17. P. S., 1978
Folder 18. Sermons, Newspapers, and Church News
Folder 19. Sermons at P Drive, 1968
Folder 20. Rev. Horace Benjamin, Abbeville First Baptist Church
Folder 21. Mother’s Day
Folder 22. 1970
Folder 23. Assorted Church Paperwork and Materials [Including Southern Baptist Missions Around the World map]
Folder 24. Sermons and *Biblical Authority*
Folder 25. Stewardship

Box 3

**Series 2: Newsletters and Bulletins, First Baptist Church Abbeville, 1957-1958**

- Bulletins, First Baptist Church Abbeville, December 1, 1957- December 28, 1958, bound
- Newsletter, *First Baptist News*, Church Abbeville, bound
  1. November 1, 1957- December 25, 1959
  5. 1966-1967

Box 4

**Series 3: Column “Frankly Speaking”**

Folder 2. Typescripts, “Franking Speaking,” 1961
Folder 5. Typescripts, “Franking Speaking,” 1964
Folder 8. Typescripts, “Franking Speaking,” 1967

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Folder 2. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1962
Folder 3. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1963
Folder 4. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1964
Folder 5. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1965
Folder 6. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1966
Folder 7. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1967
Folder 8. Column “Frankly Speaking,” 1968
Folder 9. DVD, scans of “Frankly Speaking” columns, *The Press and Banner*

**Series 4 Artifacts**

- Boxed Nike football autographed by Furman University football team, 2008

**Box 5**

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Folder 1. Handwritten notes, undated  
Folder 2. History of District Association  
Folder 3. Sermons 1950s  
Folder 4. Sermons 1960-1963  
Folder 5. Sermons 1964-1969  
Folder 7. Sermons 1974-1978  
Folder 8. Sermons, undated