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**Stallings, J. Earl** (1916-2006) was born in Durham, NC the son of Walter and Mattie Bagwell Stallings. He graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. Stallings served as pastor in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, including First Baptist Church, Ocala. While pastor at Ocala Stallings served as president of the Florida Baptist Convention, 1957. He and his wife Ruth Langston McMahan Stallings had one son.

## **REV. JAMES EARL STALLINGS COLLECTION**

**BAPT MSS #16**

**FINDING AID**

**INTRODUCTION:** This collection was given by Rev. Stallings son, Jim in the fall of 2007. It is Accession #B07-05.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 Boxes / 113 Monographs

**HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:** (Attachment accompanying Alumni Relations email "2002-03 Alumni Awards")

"Native of Durham, North Carolina

Wife of 64 years, Ruth Langston McMahan Stallings, deceased April 2001

Education:

- Harrison Chilhowee Academy, 1939
- Bachelor of Arts, Carson-Newman College, 1943
- Master of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1947
- Honorary Doctorate, Samford University, 2001

Forced into the workforce by the Great Depression, Rev. Stallings returned to high school at age 21 and graduated at 23. Upon graduation from Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, he entered Carson-Newman where he majored in history, was named to Who's Who and was active in forensics, debate, Columbians, Ministerial Association, and Alpha Phi Omega.

Professional Development, Experience and Activities:

- 1940 Buffalo Grove Baptist Church, Jefferson City (quarter time student pastor)
- 1947-51 Dumplin Creek Baptist Church, Jefferson City (half time student pastor)
- 1947-51 Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga
- 1951-62 First Baptist Church, Ocala, FL
- 1962-65 First Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL
- 1965-77 First Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- 1977-85 SBC Home Mission Board, Director of Christian Ministries, Arizona SBC

As a member of Birmingham, Alabama's Reconciliation Committee, Rev. Stallings was one of eight white, progressive ministers who called on the city's white and black communities to work for racial harmony during the drama of the Birmingham civil rights demonstrations. In 1963, as pastor of the Birmingham First Baptist Church whose covenant was to greet all who came to worship, Rev. Stallings greeted three black visitors (including future U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young). In the ensuing weeks from the pulpit, he boldly "transcended the confines of the basic

## **History of First Baptist Church of Ocala, Florida**

Published July 2, 2000

First Baptist Church was organized on July 3, 1850 with five members and the Rev. Isaac Newton as pastor. The church was located where the new courthouse is now located. The next pastor, Rev. William Royall, came in March 1851.

In 1863 the First Baptist Church had 90 African-American members, but by 1867 the entire African-American membership withdrew and organized Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Between 1868 and 1873, the First Baptist Church of Ocala was without a pastor, and the church all but died. Mrs. Fannie R. Gary was known to be the only remaining member in 1873. Whether all of the other members had moved away, joined other churches or died is not known.

In December 1882, the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Nash began and lasted until 1891. During this time, the First Baptist Church took giant steps forward. The church sold the property on which the present courthouse now stands, bought a lot on Magnolia Street, and built a beautiful brick church. It was located where the Marion Hotel now stands. The First Baptist Family worshipped there until 1927.

On October 1, 1927, the First Family occupied a beautiful new brick complex on Southeast Third Street. Under the leadership of pastors Rev. H. G. Wheeler (1933-1941); Rev. Hoke Shirley (1941-1944); Dr. Malcolm B. Knight (1945-1950); Rev. Earl Stallings (1951-1961); Rev. J. Connally Evans (1962-1971); Rev. James Pharr (1972-1977); Rev. Donovan Davidson (1978-1981); and Rev. Joey Hancock (1981-1982), the church made great strides.

The present Pastor (Emeritus), Dr. Edward Johnson, assumed leadership in 1983. Under his direction, the church began another period of growth. He also led the church to overcome a devastating fire that demolished the church building on third Street in October 1991, leading the First Family to relocate to its present location on Southeast Maricamp Road. What will God do next in and through the First Baptist Family? Only He knows! What He asks of "His Church" is to be faithful, stay committed, and praise His name wherever and however He leads!

Published November 23, 1975

Selected from materials compiled by Mrs. Pauline Wood

1850 – First Baptist Church organized with five members. Rev. Isaac Newton is first pastor. First building is placed on site of present county courthouse.

1858 – Mrs. Fannie R. Gary joins church, earliest known member.

1863 – Church reports 90 African-American members.

1867 – African-American members organize Mount Moriah Baptist Church.

1868-1873 – Church declines numerically with Mrs. Fannie R. Gary the only remaining member.

1882-1891 – Rev. C. H. Nash is called as pastor, church property sold and new brick building erected on new property located on Magnolia Avenue where Marion Hotel now stands.

## Obituary

STALLINGS, Dr. Earl, 89, of Wauchula, died Thursday, February 23, 2006, at Oakbridge Healthcare Center in Lakeland. Born March 20, 1916, in Durham, N.C., to the late Walter and Mattie Bagwell Stallings, he was a graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy in Harrison, Tenn., Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he received a Master of Theology degree. Ordained into the ministry in 1929 in Knoxville, Tenn., his former pastorates include Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., First Baptist Church of Ocala, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., and First Baptist Church of Marietta, Ga. At the age of 61, he was commissioned by the Southern Baptist Convention as director of Christian ministries for the state of Arizona, where he and his wife established a new ministry to senior adults and later co-authored the book, "Seniors Reaching Seniors." In 2001, he moved from Arizona to Wauchula, where he became a member of First Baptist Church. That same year, Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., bestowed upon him the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, and in 2003 Carson-Newman College recognized him as its distinguished alumnus of the year. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Ruth L. Stallings, in 2001; two brothers; and one sister. Survivors include one son, James L. Stallings, and wife, Bess, of Wauchula; one grandson, James "Jay" Stallings of Wauchula; one granddaughter, Meredith Beeson Stallings Bolinski, and husband, Brandon, of Atlanta, Ga.; and two nephews, Dr. Carl Bowen of Albemarle, N.C., and Bryant Stallings of Cary, N.C. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 26, at First Baptist Church of Wauchula. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be private at a later date in Wauchula Cemetery. The family requests memorial donations be made to a scholarship fund created for ministerial students, the Dr. and Mrs. Earl Stallings Endowed Scholarship, Carson-Newman College, Office of Advancement, C-N Box 72017, Jefferson City, TN 37761, or the Senior Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church of Wauchula, P.O. Box 548, Wauchula, FL 33873. Brant Funeral Chapel Wauchula

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## Pastor was praised by jailed Martin Luther King

### Earl Stallings

The Rev. Earl Stallings, 89, a prominent Baptist pastor in Birmingham, Ala., who in 1963 risked the rejection of his own white congregation by seating African-American worshipers among them at his Easter service and urging reconciliation amid the city's erupting racial antagonisms, died on Feb. 23 in retirement in Lakeland.

Stallings was pastor of the First Baptist Church when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his impassioned "Letter From Birmingham Jail," in which he presented his view on civil disobedience to unjust laws. King also appealed to white members of the clergy to support the civil rights movement and chastised some white moderates as being "more devoted to 'order' than to justice." He mentioned Stallings by name as one of the few who took the side of justice.

As the racially segregated city seemed bound for increasingly rancorous protest marches, arrests and street clashes, Stallings joined a handful of other locally well-known white clergymen in calling for a disengagement. The group included the pastor of the city's First Presbyterian Church, a rabbi and Roman Catholic, Methodist and Episcopal bishops.

They called themselves the Reconciliation Committee and called for a halt to the violence because, they declared, it was counterproductive. It was their open letter, dated on Good Friday, April 12, 1963, that drew King's response from jail, where he had been sent for leading a protest against segregation in the city.

King's long letter, which was not widely circulated in full at the time, rebuked white moderates who wanted African-Americans to seek redress solely through the courts and negotiations with local leaders, not in the streets. Dated April 16 and addressed to "My Dear Fellow Clergymen," it declared his disappointment with their counsel and said he was "compelled to carry the gospel of freedom" to Birmingham "because injustice is here."

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But King approvingly singled out Stallings by name. He wrote that he was "not unmindful" of the positive stands each member of the committee had taken.

# Rev. Earl Stallings, supported civil rights

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. • A former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, who was one of the eight white clergy the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. addressed in his "Letter From Birmingham Jail," has died. He was 89.

The Rev. Earl Stallings died Thursday in Lakeland, where he had been living in a retirement center, his son, Jim Stallings, said.

While pastor of First Baptist Church, 1961-65, he angered many in his all-white congregation by allowing blacks, including civil rights leader Andrew Young, to attend a Sunday worship service after King's April 12, 1963, arrest.

King's letter detailed his argument for racial equality and the immediate need for social justice. He directed the letter to white moderate clergy, chastising them for trying to delay his 1963 demonstrations in Birmingham.

At one point in his letter, King mentioned Rev. Stallings specifically: "I am not unmindful of the fact that each of you has taken some significant stands on this issue. I commend you, Reverend Stallings, for your Christian stand on this past Sunday, in welcoming Negroes to your worship service on a non-segregated basis."

Rev. Stallings risked being fired by his congregation for allowing the black worshipers, Samford University historian Jonathan Bass said.

He also gave a sermon called "Pilate's Bowl," in which he accused white Christians of forgoing their moral duty. "He said they had washed their hands of responsibility for racial justice in Birmingham," Bass said.

However, like many moderates in Birmingham at the time, Rev. Stallings felt King should delay his planned demonstrations.

That prompted King's letter, addressed to them, although they never actually were sent copies.

"This is the most important document of the civil rights era, and their names are attached to that," Bass said.

Rev. Stallings was a native of Durham, N.C.

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## EARL STALLINGS ELECTED PRESIDENT of Florida Baptist Convention

### OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION 1956-57

**PRESIDENT:** Earl Stallings

**1st VICE-PRESIDENT:** Fayette Hall

**2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:** Carson Britain

**SECRETARY:** M. D. Jackson

### 1957 CONVENTION

**DATE:** November 12-14, 1957  
**PLACE:** Pensacola, Florida



### 1958 CONVENTION

**DATE:** November 11-13, 1958  
**PLACE:** Miami, Florida

## "Baptists at Their Best" November

By J. Earl Stallings

21, 1957

P.4

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord; look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." (Isaiah 51:1)

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3)

### WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE CALLED BAPTISTS?

Around the world they number 22,000,000. In North America they number 19,167,835. In the Southern Baptist Convention they number 8,708,823. In Florida they number 410,000.

Last year these Southern Baptists reported 30,834 churches in forty-two states and baptized 384,677. Their total contribution amounted to \$372,136,675.00, a thirty-seven million dollar increase over the previous year. They have set as their goal the organization of 30,000 new churches and mission stations by 1964. They support 1,180 home missionaries, 1,113 foreign missionaries and soon will open their sixth seminary for the purpose of training young soldiers of the cross.

What about Florida Baptists? Today we number 410,000 with 1150 organized churches. In 1937 we gave to all outside causes \$104,355.78; in 1947, \$1,131,265.09 and in 1957, \$2,837,125.83. In the past twenty years our membership has increased from 70,000 to over 400,000 people. We organize one new church every week and baptize 425 new converts every Lord's day. But, Baptists are not at their best when they count their numbers.

#### I. Baptists are at Their Best when They Consider the Mandate from the Past.

"Look unto the rock, whence ye are hewn." (Isaiah 51:1)

Since John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness proclaiming a gospel of repentance of sin and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, history reveals those people who have practiced the historic doctrines as Baptists know them today.

We have no founder but Jesus and our spiritual principles are as old as the New Testament. We originated not in the Reformation, nor in the Renaissance, not in the Dark Ages or in any century after the apostles, but in the marching orders of the Great Commission and the baptismal waters of the Jordan river. Baptists look to Jesus Christ and the New Testament.

The story of Baptists is one of power out of persecution and strength out of adversity. Many are the men and women who have written this story: John Smyth, John Bunyan, Blind John Milton, William Carey, Roger Williams, John Clark, Henry Dunster, John Waller, Louis Craig and James Childs.

The scroll of Southern Baptists is crowded with men and women who with

purpose in their hearts and conviction in their minds, have brought us to this hour.

**But what about Florida Baptists?** In this day when we count our membership in hundred-thousands and our gifts in the millions, we would do well to remember the heritage handed down by men of yesterday. Dare we believe that recent stupendous years are more important than those struggling years?

There was—

**Wilson Conner**, who in 1812 planted the first Baptist witness in this land of sand dunes and palm trees.

**Fleming Bates**, who on January 7, 1821 helped organize the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, the first Baptist church in Florida. It was located one-half mile north of Hilliard.

**Joshua Mercer**, brother of Jesse Mercer, from an illustrious Georgia family. Coming to Florida in 1841 he helped organize the West Florida Association.

**James McDonald**, born in Scotland, destined for the priesthood, desiring to read the scriptures, he read and became a Baptist. He founded the **Baptist Telegraph and Florida Emigrant** in 1848 and helped organize Bethel Baptist Church, later to become the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

**William Cooper**, a brilliant young South Carolinian, who came to Florida and kindled the fires of missions over one hundred years ago. Sixteen times he was elected moderator of the Florida Association and three times president of the Florida Baptist Convention.

**D. P. Everett**, who labored in West Florida and about whom it was said, "His time, his talents, his health, and nearly all of his yearly income have been given as his sacrifice to his God."

A man of major influence was **Richard Johnson Mays**. He towered among the early Baptists as a "cedar of Lebanon." A prominent farmer, business man and a devout Christian, he founded Concord Church near Madison. A delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Florida, a citizen of the highest rank, yet his major interest was Christianity.

### FUTURE CONVENTIONS

1958

November 11-13 at Miami

1959

November 10-12 at Tallahassee

There was **O. J. Hayman** whose witness in central Florida is felt to this day. A nineteenth century apostle, he records that he traveled 38,000 miles on horseback over pioneer trails. In his years of labor he preached 2200 sermons and received \$2500.00 in financial support.

**H. Z. Ardis** was another of the first laborers along the King's highway in Florida. Convinced by a study of the Bible that infant baptism was unscriptural, he turned from his Presbyterian affiliation to become a Baptist.

We who assemble here today need to recall those struggling years from the time of our organization in 1854 with three Associations, seventy-three churches, thirty-seven pastors, 4,031 members reporting 441 baptisms.

We need to recall those struggling and strenuous years when sixteen people organized the Convention. In 1870 sixteen messengers reported receipts for mission causes of \$56.20. The first report of the State Board of Missions reported receipts of \$104.11, expenditures of \$103.60 with a balance of .51¢.

We do well to call the roll and remember our heritage handed down in more recent days by such men as W. A. Hobson, W. J. Allen, N. A. Bailey, J. W. Senterfitt, D. F. Sebastian, W. W. William, E. D. Solomon, and by the men who served as our State Secretaries: W. N. Chaudoin, 1880-1901; L. D. Geiger, 1901-1909; S. B. Rogers, 1909-1926; C. M. Brittain, 1926-1941; C. H. Bolton, 1941-1944; John Maguire, since 1944.

I hear them say:

"Pass on the torch, pass on the flame, Remember whence the glory came."

#### II. Baptists are at Their Best when They Preach Their Message for the Present.

A Presbyterian publication said that Southern Baptists have grown because of their:

1. Unswerving loyalty to the word of God.
2. Refusal to make alliance with other groups.

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## Pastors' Conference Stresses View of Pastors' Resources

The Florida Baptist Pastors' Conference was called to order by President Harold Link at 9:30 a.m., November 12 in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Pensacola.

The congregation sang three hymns under the leadership of Joe Abrams, and John Collins read the Scripture and offered prayer.

"Resources of Friendship" was the subject discussed by Hal Hunter from passages in the book of Proverbs. He set forth the important place of friendship in the life and work of a pastor.

C. Roy Angell discussed "Resources of Prayer," after which he led the preachers in a season of prayer.

"Resources of Books" was the subject assigned to Warren Huyck, and John Scott Trent spoke on "Resources of God's Word."

John Huss presented the "Resources of Missions," setting forth pointedly as the three major resources of missions, (1) the message of missions, (2) the means of missions, and (3) the motive of missions.

Following the singing of "I Am Thine O Lord," the Nominating Committee brought its report and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Fayette Hall of Orlando; vice president, Bill Culbreth of Miami and secretary-treasurer, Ben Borders of Branford.

The question and answer period was conducted by James Parrish, who then delivered the closing message of the session, "Preachers Face Resources." Emphasizing the things within himself which the preacher should keep always clearly before him, he named four in particular, (1) his own conversion, (2) his call to preach, (3) his conviction about the Holy Spirit's possession of his life, and (4) his constant realization that he is called to preach.

Fayette Hall, the newly elected president of the group, led the closing prayer.

Officers of the conference for 1957, who planned the program for which much commendation was heard, were Harold H. Link, president; Robert G. Witty, vice-president; George H. Gray, secretary-treasurer.

## California Considers Survey of Finances

FRESNO, Calif.—(BP)—The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of California wants a survey made of the total financial program of the convention, hoping to reduce spending.

The board will recommend the survey to the annual session of the convention, which meets in the near future.

The president of the executive board appointed a committee to study whether it will be advisable to combine some departments of the convention to cut expenses.

The executive board approved, and will recommend to the annual convention, a Cooperative Program objective of \$725,000

## "Baptists at Their Best"

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3. Evangelistic zeal.
4. Faithful proclamation of the gospel.

"You Baptists are narrow-minded." How often we have heard that statement in the past. Sometimes it was spoken in levity, sometimes in scorn, sometimes in praise. Pray God that it shall be heard in the future. Baptists have always been a people who proclaimed that it does matter what you believe.

Baptists have not become a great people because of superior numbers, or superior natural abilities or because we have a monopoly on New Testament truth, or because we feel a clamoring mission urgency above other Christians. But Baptists have become what we are today because of scriptural convictions. We can be no less true today to the word of God than our forefathers were on yesterday.

Let us preach our message declaring—

1. The Worth of an individual.
2. The simple plan of salvation.
3. The loving care of a personal God.

### NO OTHER WAY

No other way, No other name  
My heart is kindled to a flame,  
As thus with steadfast faith I see  
No other way or Name for me.

My soul no other stair can climb  
To where eternal glories shine  
And so in storm or calm I see  
No other Way or Name for me.

### III. Baptists are at Their Best when They Accept the Challenge of Their Mission.

"Come over and help us" is still the Macedonian cry.

From the Struggling mission church

From the local association  
From the Children's Home  
From the Bible Institute  
From the Stetson University  
From the program of State Missions

From the racial and minority groups

From the moral and civic groups  
From the nation and the world  
there comes the cry—"Come over and help us." Another said, "The heart of the world is aching loudly in the night, and there are few to comfort and few to give light."

Men have made giant strides forward only to find they have arrived without Christ.

In our twentieth century journey into godlessness we have developed super-men with super-plans and have forgotten the Saviour.

The little people of the world are on the march. They march with guns in their hands and hatred in their hearts. They march with books in their hands and ideas in their minds. They are not sure where they are going but they are sure that they are going somewhere. And we can meet them with the gospel if we will.

## Baptist Hour Choir Record Album

The well-known Baptist Hour Choir, directed by R. Paul Green, was recorded by RCA Victor early in the spring and the ensuing record has just hit the market. It is being handled by all RCA record outlets, including Baptist Book Stores.

As one of RCA Victor's 15 new "Best of 57" albums, the Baptist Hour Choir is being advertised on Perry Como's Saturday night show on NBC-TV, and in Life magazine (page 106, October 7 issue), and in many other places throughout the nation, including 452 BAPTIST HOUR radio stations.

Although the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, producers of the BAPTIST HOUR on radio, receives no remuneration from the record album, it is the sort of prestige promotion that can't be bought for money.

confines of their congregations, within the boundaries of our own little gardens of Eden? Can we afford to be limited by the geography of our own church fields?

Let us follow God's call to meet world need with God's good news of salvation.

## "You Can't Steal a Little"

Her son steal? Never!  
But he so confessed.  
Where did he learn it?  
The real shock came when she realized he had learned dishonesty from his own mother.

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