



Collection Summary

Title

Spring Valley Baptist Church

Date

1960s to 2017

Extent

8 archival boxes

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Name of Creator

Spring Valley Baptist Church

Biographical History

The Spring Valley Baptist Church located at 8801 E 79th Street in Raytown, Missouri began as a mission Sunday School in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hentschel came from the Raytown Baptist Church to take charge of the Sunday School of about 38 people. They met in the vacant Spring Valley School building at 79th and Spring Valley Road. In 1946 worship services began with Rev. J.V. Crenshaw as the first pastor. The church was organized on October 12, 1948 with 57 members with Rev. Wesley Dice as the pastor. The School building was purchased by the Church in 1953 and the following year adjacent land was purchased. In 1956 an extension was added to the building and by 1959, a sanctuary that could hold about 900 people was completed to accommodate the growing congregation.

Early pastors include:

J.V. Crenshaw, 1946; Robert G. Capra, 1947; Wesley Dice, 1947; Leonard E. Dyer, 1949; Joe C. Porter, 1955; Bob Stokes, 1972; Allen Harrison, 1976; Dennis McGowan, 1981.

Scope and Content

This collection includes items relating to the history of Spring Valley Baptist Church in Raytown, Missouri. Services and sermons from the 1960s through 2017 have been recorded onto CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and magnetic tapes. Scrapbooks, photos, written histories, and church directories illustrate the history of the members and events of the church. The collection is arranged by format type.



Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 6 series.

Box 1

Series 1, Slides

Box 2

Slides, cont.

Series 2, Cassette tapes

Sermons, undated, 1975 to 1987 (many years/dates missing)

Box 3

Sermons, 1992 to 2007 (many year/dates missing)

Box 4

Series 3, VHS tapes

Item 1, Prepared for Spring Valley Baptist church from Packard Road Baptist Church, Ann Arbor, MI, undated

Item 2, Easter Cantata, 1986

Item 3, 1986 Easter Cantata, Bannister Mall Singing, 1987 Easter Cantata

Item 4, Brother Joe & Sister Beulah Porter's 50th Anniversary, July 12, 1987

Item 5, 1987 Christmas Cantata

Item 6, Conways—Jeff & Jennie good-bye service; Oh Me! Oh My! Oh Nehemiah, Apr 28, 1991

Item 7, Spring Valley Baptist Church 50th Year Anniversary, Oct 10, 1993

Item 8, Spring Valley Baptist Church 50th Anniversary, Oct 1993

Item 9, God with Us—Greg Dixon, Apr 9, 1995

Item 10, Amazing Love: An Easter Drama presented by Spring Valley Baptist Church, Mar 30, 2002

Item 11, Amazing Love: An Easter Drama presented by Spring Valley Baptist Church, Mar 30, 2002

Item 12, Amazing Love: An Easter Drama presented by Spring Valley Baptist Church, Mar 30, 2002

Item 13, Children's Musical, Dec 2003

Box 5

Item 14, History of Spring Valley Baptist Church

Series 4, Filmstrips

Item 1, Children of Holland

Item 2, VBS Joint Service, 1980

Series 5, 7" and 5" recording tapes

Reverend Joe Porter's sermons and other sermons, circa 1960s and 1970s

Box 6

Series 5, CD/DVDs

History Files on CD/DVD, 2005-2015 (includes photos, videos, and audio files)

Sermons on CD, 2007-2017 (audio files)



Box 7

Sermons on CD, 2007-2017 (audio files), cont.

Box 8

Series 6, Print files

Folder 1, Scrapbook, building Salter's Hill Baptist Church in Jamaica, 1960s and 1970s

Folder 2, Scrapbook of photos from India, 1980s and 1990s

Folder 3, *Spring Valley Baptist Church...A Place to Begin Again*, 1995

Folder 4, Whitcomb, Stella Cope, et al. *History of Woman's Missionary Union Blue River Association Kansas City Baptist Association*. [1988].

Folder 5, Photographs

Folder 6, Slide scripts

Folder 7, 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1993

Folder 8, History of Spring Valley Baptist Church

Folder 9, *Together We Build*

Folder 10, Church directories

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Print records within this collection are housed within file folders and other medium is housed in acid free boxes.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Spring Valley Baptist Church.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- *Souvenir Programme for the Opening & Dedication of the Salter's Hill Baptist Church*, 1975.
- *Together We Build*, Spring Valley Baptist Church, [1987].