

Paseo Baptist Church Collection (AC133)

Introduction:

The Paseo Baptist Church Collection contains photographs, documents and 1 plate.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Paseo Baptist Church

Title: Paseo Baptist Collection

Date Range: 1954-2017

Size: 4.9 Linear Feet (3 Boxes + 1 Tray)

Collection Number: AC133

Donor Information:

Found in Collection

Citation Note:

Paseo Baptist Church Collection (AC133), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri

Related Collections:

AC02 First Baptist Church (Kansas City, Kansas) Collection

AC04 Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection

AC05 Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church Collection

AC75 Second Baptist Church Collection

AC76 St. Stephen Baptist Church Collection

AC121 The Kansas City Area Church Histories Collection

Administrative Information:

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.

Access Restrictions: Unrestricted.

Historical Sketch:

The Paseo Baptist Church was founded in 1884 under the name Shiloh Baptist Mission. There were originally fourteen members, two deacons, and a pastor named G. A. Turner. A few years later, the church moved and was rebranded as the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, and four new deacons were appointed, though not ordained.

In 1921, Reverend D. A. Holmes began to serve as the pastor, which lasted for the 46 years. During these decades, the church became more and more important within Kansas City, and many outreach programs were created and expanded; some of these have been maintained. He was succeeded by Charles J. Briscoe in 1967, who led the church until 2003.

During its lifespan, Paseo Baptist Church has moved three times. When it was founded in 1884, it was located on 20th Street and Baltimore Avenue. A few years later, in 1888, it was moved to Harrison Street; afterwards, it moved to East 18th Street. In 1896, the church moved to Vine Street, where it would stay for a few decades. Finally, the church moved to the corner of 25th Street facing Paseo in 1931, where it remains today.

Scope and Content Note:**Series 1: Yearbook Photocopies**

This series contains photocopies from at least 4 yearbooks. They are organized by the year they are dated to, with undated photocopies being kept separate.

Series 2: Documents

This series contains documents of different types from the church. They are documents that would have been either given to churchgoers or hung up on a board. There is one government published document that is oversized that is stored in Box 3.

Series 3: Photographs

This series contains photographs which were part of a scrapbook that was disassembled. Some of the photographs are fragile and should be handled with care. This series is divided into subseries

based on the size of the photographs. Subseries 3.1 is smaller photographs; these are stored in Box 2. Subseries 3.2 is larger photographs that are contained in Box 3.

Series 4: Artifacts

This series contains a plate from Paseo Baptist church. The plate has a red image on it showing the front entrance of the church entrance. It has a description written on the back explaining the history of the church and dating it to 1954.

Collection Inventory:

Series 1: Documents

- f. 1 1954 Yearbook Photocopies
- f. 2 1962 Yearbook Photocopies
- f. 3 1965 Yearbook Photocopies
- f. 4 1969 Yearbook Photocopies
- f. 5 Undated Yearbook Photocopies

Series 2: Documents

- f. 6 Bound Booklets
- f. 7 Events
- f. 8 Correspondence
- f. 9 Unidentified Photo Captions
- f. 10 Capital Stewardship Campaign
- f. 11 Nomination Form for Alpha Myrtle Holmes
- f. 12 Miscellaneous Documents (OS)

Series 3: Photographs

Series 3.1: Small Photographs

- f. 13 Church Interiors + Exteriors
- f. 14 Church Leaders, Deacons & Boards
- f. 15 Church Services
- f. 16 Anniversaries & Celebrations
- f. 17 Unidentified Church Members
- f. 18 Rev. Dr. D. A. Holmes

- f. 19 Rev. Gregory Ealey
- f. 20 Church Picnic
- f. 21 Church Social, Philanthropic & Educational Groups
- f. 22 Church Choir Groups
- f. 23 Rev. Charles Briscoe

Series 3.2: Large Photographs

- f. 24 Church Services
- f. 25 Anniversaries + Celebrations
- f. 26 1980 Emphasis Day Photographs
- f. 27 Church Events
- f. 28 Building Construction
- f. 29 Unidentified People & Places
- f. 30 Church Picnic
- f. 31 Rev. Gregory Ealey
- f. 32 Rev. Dr. D. A. Holmes
- f. 33 Inauguration of Barack Obama
- f. 34 Church Social, Philanthropic + Educational Groups
- f. 35 Church Choir Groups
- f. 36 Rev. Charles Briscoe

Series 4: Artifacts

- f. 37 Paseo Baptist Church Plate

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Sources:

“Our History,” n.d. <https://paseobaptist.org/about/our-history/>.