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James R. Fife Papers, 1957-1983

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Title: James R. Fife Papers, (1957-1983)

Creator: James R. Fife

Identifier/Call Number: Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #241

Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

Dates (Inclusive): 1957-1983

Dates (Bulk): 1958-1970

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: The James R. Fife Papers contain 1.5 linear feet of materials. The majority of the papers are research materials from a master’s thesis that Christian Education major James Fife started at Abilene Christian College. He was part of the class of 1957 and studied under Carl Spain. The working title for his research was “A History of the Bible Chair Movement Among Churches of Christ.” Fife left Abilene Christian College in 1958 to become the director of the Bible Chair in Tyler, Texas. These papers also include one folder of information about the founding of Mission Journal.

Biographical Note: James R. Fife from Port Arthur, Texas, attended Abilene Christian College beginning in the fall of 1957. He majored in Christian Education and worked closely with Professor Carl Spain. These papers document some of his academic research on the Bible Chair Movement and his involvement with the early stages of Mission Journal.

Administrative Information
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Separated Materials: Eighty-nine cassettes were separated and are now cataloged. Approximately five published items were also separated for cataloging.

Subjects and Keywords
Fife, James
Churches of Christ
Stone-Campbell Movement
Restoration Movement
Bible Chair
Inventory

Box 1
Finding aid
Eleven colorful artboards “that were photographed and made into slides used to introduce TJC Bible Chair to various congregations, budget committees, and various other groups in East Texas in 1958-1960.”
American Diversified
Bonus Bucks -- Mission Bend
Bible Chair Lectureship, 1959
Bible Chair Retreat - Spring 1960, Kilgore
Bible Chair Lectureship - Tyler, program material, 1960
Correspondence, 1960-1961
Howdeshell Grandchildren Trust, 1976
Howdeshell Grandchildren Trust, 1983
West End Animal Clinic

Box 2
[miscellaneous brochures and correspondence]
[Bible Chair photographs, programs, and brochures]
Corporation Development
To be filed
Bible Chair
Personal - James R. Fife
General Office Information
Bible Chair questionnaires- prepared material, Bible Chairs
Blue speech and research notecards