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**Prentice Avery Meador, Jr.
Papers, (1953-2008)**

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Manuscripts #325

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About this collection

Title: Prentice Avery Meador, Jr. Papers

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Scope and Content Note: Detailed church service records (1974-2000) from South National Church of Christ and Prestoncrest Church of Christ, detailed sermon notes and outlines (1974-2007), "Searcher's Class" notes, various church ministry materials, undergraduate and graduate school notes and papers, research and presentations on C. S. Lewis, various personal items, and framed awards and photos.

Biographical Note: Meador was a former ACU board of trustee member and the Batsell Barrett Baxter Chair of Preaching at Lipscomb University. He earned his bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University in 1960, and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Meador began teaching at UCLA as an assistant professor of communication in 1963. He then went on to teach at the University of Washington, Missouri State University and ACU. His main two preaching stents were at South National Church of Christ (Springfield, Missouri), and Prestoncrest Church of Christ (Dallas, Texas).

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Arrangement of Materials: The church records, sermon outlines, and ministry materials were arranged in chronological order. Most everything has been left in its original order, with the exception of loose papers that were organized based on series and chronology. Materials were kept in original order as much as possible.

Separated Materials: None.

Subjects and Keywords

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

Churches of Christ -- History -- 21st century

Churches of Christ -- Texas

Manuscripts

Inventory

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[First Folder] Finding Aid

“Minister’s Personal Records” - 1953-1966

“Minister’s Personal Records” - 1966-1971

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1966-1967

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1968, 1971

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1972-1973

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1974-1975

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1976-1977

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1978-1979

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1980-1981

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1982-1983

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1984-1985

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1986-1987

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“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 1998-1999

“Day-by-Day Ready Record” - 2000

South National Church of Christ Pictorial Directory - May 1988

South National Church of Christ Pictorial Directory - 1991

Planners - 1978

Planners - 1979-1981

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Planners -

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[Book of Sermons (1 of 4)]
[Book of Sermons (2 of 4)]
[Book of Sermons (3 of 4)]
1974-1977 [Book of Sermons (4 of 4)]

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1978-1981 [Book of Sermons (1 of 6)]
1982-1985 [Book of Sermons (2 of 6)]
1986-1988 [Book of Sermons (3 of 6)]
1989-1991 [Book of Sermons (4 of 6)]
1992-1994 [Book of Sermons (5 of 6)]
1995-1996 [Book of Sermons (6 of 6)]

Box 4

1997-1998 [Book of Sermons (1 of 5)]
1999 [Book of Sermons (2 of 5)]
2000 [Book of Sermons (3 of 5)]
2001 [Book of Sermons (4 of 5)]
2002 [Book of Sermons (5 of 5)]

Box 5

2003 [Book of Sermons (1 of 5)]
2004 [Book of Sermons (2 of 5)]
2005 [Book of Sermons (3 of 5)]
2006 [Book of Sermons (4 of 5)]
2007 [Book of Sermons (5 of 5)]

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General - Romans
How Romans Changed Our Church
Chapter 1 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 2 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 3 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 4 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 5 [Romans Sermon Series]
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Chapter 13 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 14 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 15 [Romans Sermon Series]
Chapter 16 [Romans Sermon Series]

Genesis

200 [Various sermons and a class syllabus]

85 [Race studies]

[Islamic studies]

Jesus in History - Study Material

Jesus in History #2 in series

Jesus in History #4 in series

Jesus in History # 6 in series

Jesus in History # 7 in series

Jesus in History # 10 in series

January 3 "Why Does God Ask Questions?"

Church History Notes from Tim Tucker

1st Things 1st

1st Century Model 21st Century Church

Christians Only

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Drawing Near to God

I Just Want to Be a Christian

An End to Trivial Pursuits

Something to Hold on to

Who Rules Your Life?

Needs Only Jesus Can Meet

H. S. Problem on Power

Facing My Problems

What Does the Gospel Do?

What Is the Good News?

What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

Baptism

Lord's Supper

Can I Really Know That I'm Good?

His Coming Is Sure, Are You?

"Becoming a User-Friendly Church"

Discover Your Bible (six lessons)

What Jesus Wants for Me -- and Why

Did You Hear What Happened to Saul?

How to Feel Forgiven

Who Would Die for a Lie?

Why Do I Need a Rock?

Truth Telling: Pathway to Genuine Relationships

How Do I Go about Trusting God?

Touching Lepers . . . Being Jesus (Responding with compassion to a person with AIDS)

Why Do Christians Believe in God?

Authority

What Is the Church?

Searchers Class -- Ecclesiastes

The Ins and Outs of Being Money-Driven

He Walked Among Us
Prayer “Turning Prayer into Passionate Power”
[Jesus Is Jehovah]

Box 7

The Great Proposition
Are We Drifting from the Authority of the Bible?
Who Am I? Finding My Identity
Why Do Christians Believe in God?/The Results of Faith in God
Jesus Christ, More Than a Good Man
The Week That Changed the World
The Resurrection Appearances
The Implications for the Resurrection of Jesus
Experiencing the Resurrection
Four Pictures of Jesus & Resurrection used April 12, 1998 1st time
The Cost (taught May 26, 1996 by Kent Jackman)
Maps (Cities & Town of Jesus)
Grace (2 sheets) Searchers Class
How May I Live a More Positive Life?
God’s Fingerprints
Hold On!
Why Was Jesus Born?
“What Do You Mean ‘Born of a Virgin?’”
An Octave Too High
One+One+One=One
Countering a Culture of Materialism
When the Good News Turns to Bad
N. T. Conversions Searchers Class
Jesus -- the Lord!
“Helping Unbelievers Relate to Our Church”
The Plan of Salvation and the Synecdoche
Searchers Class: Class Materials
Searchers Class -- September 12, 1999
Searchers Class -- June 25, 2000
Searchers Questionnaire - 2001
C. S. Lewis - Mere Christianity Searcher’s Study - February 2002
C. S. Lewis An Evening with . . .
Searchers - September 1, 2002
The Jesus I Never Knew - Philip Yancey (Searcher’s/January 2003)
Searchers Class December 5, 2004 - Holy Spirit
Byron & Peggy Nelson Interview April 23, 2001
“Holocaust -- Jews -- Where is God?”
“More Than a Carpenter” Searcher’s Class March 2004
The Searcher by Jack Hammond
Searchers - Testimonials
Searchers “Week . . . Changed . . .”

Searchers January 25

“How Do We Know God Wrote the Bible?”

“Breakfast of Champions” / “The Grand Adventure” January 10, 2004

“Winning Our Secret Wars” A Breakfast of Champions January 30, 2004

“Running with the Marathoners” A Breakfast of Champions January 24, 2004

“Values, Victory, and Peace of Mind” A Breakfast of Champions January 17, 2004

Breakfast of Champions Conversation with Priscilla Dunckel

“The Man in the Mirror” A Breakfast of Champions February 7, 2004

“The Final Secret” A Breakfast of Champions February 14, 2004

Men’s Seminar at Prestoncrest January 10 - February 14, 2004

Searchers Class: Study of Acts - May 29-November 20, 2005 Movie and Handouts

Austin WOC February 10-11, 2006 Feedback

Men’s Retreat “Man to Man: the Legacy of a Man’s Life” March 24-25, 2006 - Legacy
Evaluation

April 13-14, 2007 PC Retreat “Facing the Giants” Doubletree Hotel

April 13-14, 2007 “Facing the Giants”

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April 13-14, 2007 “What Are My Giants” Session #1

April 12-14, 2007 How Do I Face My Giants? “Think Like Jesus” Session #2

April 13-14, 2007 “Who Brings Victory Over My Giants?” Session #3

[Facing the Giants Men’s Retreat DVD and Materials]

Notes

Facing the Giants

Breakfast of Champions

“Things That We Leave Behind” PC Men’s Retreat March 24-25, 2006

“My Life” PC Men’s Retreat March 24-25, 2006

“The Blessing” PC Men’s Retreat March 24-25, 2006

“Your Letters of Legacy” PC Men’s Retreat March 24-25, 2006

“One Man’s Way of Working” PC Men’s Retreat March 24-25, 2006

Men’s Retreat “Man to Man: The Legacy of a Man’s Life” - March 24-25, 2006 Presentation
Notes

Men’s Retreat “Man to Man: The Legacy of a Man’s Life” - March 24-25, 2006 Presentation
Media

South National

“Church Growth” - South National Study 1976

South National Church of Christ Church Growth Study 1966-1976

Church Growth P. C. and Stats

[Seminar Program Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center]

Box 8

[Sermons on Church Growth]

MAP 1996 Prestoncrest Church of Christ

COMPASS 1996 Prestoncrest Church of Christ

Horizon Team Action Plans - November 1996

Family Life Ministry

Family Ministry Notes

“Breakthrough” - Title List
Church Leadership Notes
“Intimate Life” and “Next” Articles
Pamphlets
Funeral Manual and Marriage Manual
Christian Minister’s Manual and Bible
Personal Bibles
“Walk with Me” with Personal Notes
Bible 212
Bible 221B
Bible 223
Bible 271 - Parables - Barbara Morrell
Bible 275 - Marriage
Bible - 311 - C
Prophets - Bible 312 - C
Bible 322 - Introduction to Old Testament
“Introduction to Old Testament”
Old Testament Notes and Homework
Old Testament Geography
Judaism
Hebrew
“Christian Evidences”
Miracles
Election, Grace, Faith, Works

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Church History
Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek
“Romans” Greek Class Notes
Greek and Miscellaneous Notes
History 361 - U.S. History 1877-1917
History 361
History 372
History 372 - “Transition at Vanderbilt”
History 394
History 495
History 495 - Historical Method
History Papers and Notes
Speech 322 - Modern Rhetorical Theory (1 of 3)
Speech 322 - Modern Rhetorical Theory (2 of 3)
Speech 322 - Modern Rhetorical Theory (3 of 3)
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Rhetorical Theory
Classical Rhetoric
Chapter 4: “Can We Know How We Are Growing”
Chapter 5: “Applied to a Church”

Chapter 6: "Interpreting the Results"
Chapter 7: "Planning: Where Do We Grow from Here"
Master's Thesis
Journal Articles
Miscellaneous Grad School
UCLA Career
The Wit and Wisdom of C. S. Lewis (3/4)
The Curious Life of C. S. Lewis Man Behind Narnia (8/4)

Box 10

C. S. Lewis Photos/Brochures
1999 Oxford Trip - Feedback
C. S. Lewis: Heretic, Mystic or TIME's Uneasy Cover (8/6)
A Week with C. S. Lewis
"An Evening with CS Lewis" David Lipscomb University 28 September 2000
Thursday - July 6, 2006 - 10:00 am LU Summer Celebration 1st Class - C. S. Lewis "God's Chosen Instrument"
Friday - July 7, 2006 - 10:00 am LU Summer Celebration 2nd Class - C. S. Lewis "The Problem of Evil"
Saturday - July 8, 2006 - 10:00 am LU Summer Celebration 3rd Class - C. S. Lewis "Surprised by Joy"
C. S. Lewis Till We Have Faces
Oxbridge 2008 - Oxford: July 28-August 2, Cambridge: August 3-8
C. S. Lewis - "Narnia"
"The Magic Never Ends"
C. S. Lewis Russia Lectures
Family Bible
[Book from Prentice Meader's Grandmother, Emma Staggs]
Rollie Polk's Bible Notes
Speech Awards
America's Cornerstone -- Youth
Spirituality
Isaiah
Revelations
Worship
My Dad's Notes on Evangelism
"Meader - Mom+Dad" Diary of Trip to England with BBB
"The Church of the Bible" - Brother Stroop - July 5-8, 1964 - Notes
Barbara Meador - Notes
Abraham Lincoln Photo
Cordell Hull Photo
Photos - Zambia Meeting
Commencement Address
Newspaper Clippings
Photo Album from Trip to Greece

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Russia Trip - Souvenirs
Croatia Trip - Journal
September 14, 1984 - "McEnroe" Tennis
Byron Nelson
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God's Eternal Purpose - Lesson Series - Howard P. Horton
Spiritual Gifts for Building the Body - Lesson Series - D. Malone

Box 12

Flash Drive: Prentice A. Meador, Jr. Sermons/Classes
[Loose CDs, VHS tapes, and cassettes]
[6 cassette albums]
[CDs on Romans]

Box 13

National Forensic League Membership - 1953
The Danforth Foundation "I-Dare-You Honor Roll" - May 5, 1956
David Lipscomb High School Diploma
David Lipscomb College Bachelor of Arts Degree
University of Illinois Master of Arts Degree
University of Illinois Doctor of Philosophy Degree
Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge - Principal Award: Individual Achievement - 1985
Letter from U.S. Senator John C. Danforth - July 18, 1988
"Our Friends in Russia: The Heart Behind the Headlines" - Presented by Dr. Prentice A. Meador,
Jr. - October 24, 1991
Letter from President George W. Bush - March 5, 2003
Distinguished Alumnus of Lipscomb University - July 1, 2004
Lipscomb University College of Bible and Ministry Alumnus of the Year - 2007
"A Tribute to Prentice Meador"

Box 14

[Three trophies from high school and college events]
Outstanding Young Men of America - 1965
Letter from Missouri Governor Christopher S. Bond - September 30, 1981
Letter from Missouri Governor John Ashcroft - March 5, 1986
Letter from Missouri Governor John Ashcroft - April 19, 1988

Photo with President George W. Bush
ACU sports banner signed by Bobby Morrow and Earl Young

Box 15

Framed tribute to ten years (August 1988 - August 1998) at Prestoncrest Church of Christ