George Willis Bailey Papers, 1937-2005

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The Bailey papers contain sermons notes and materials reflective of the breadth of his preaching career. It also contains materials collected by or presented to Bailey. Most of the materials are paper-based, but there are a number of cassette tapes and other media types.

Biographical Note:
George W. Bailey, 95, passed away on Saturday November 11, 2017. He is survived by his son, Philip (Gaye) Bailey; daughter-in-law, Jill (Phil) Hoebelheinrich; grandchildren, David Todd (Lisa) Bailey; Will (Ani) Bailey; Kimber (Ryan) Scott; Caleb (Tara) Bailey; Ben (Lyric) Bailey; Kenzie (Danny) Wilson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bailey was preceded by his wife of sixty-eight years, Ela Beth, and eldest son, David.

Born April 3, 1922 in Ola, TX, Mr. Bailey began preaching at age fourteen. He attended Freed-Hardeman College, Southwestern Oklahoma State, University of New Mexico and Abilene Christian College. For more than fifty years, Mr. Bailey was an influential preaching minister and touched thousands of lives serving churches in Oklahoma, New York, New Mexico and Texas as well as traveling extensively and preaching in campaigns all over the world on six continents including a rare privilege preaching in Russia in 1958. He was a guest speaker at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. For three years, Mr. Bailey was a regular speaker on Herald of Truth radio & television, a staff writer for three Christian publications, and an author.¹

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“An Interview with George Bailey”
“Regarding the Resurrection”
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“An Outline Study of Elders, their Work and Qualifications”
“The Church of Christ is Distinctive to Identity”
“The Church Faces the Future with Confidence,” 29 August 1965
“Basic Doctrine: A Course for New Converts”
“Is There Somebody Out There?”
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“Teaching by Personal Example,” 19 February 1956
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“God’s Plan for Unity,” for Freed-Hardeman Lectureship, 5 February 1974
“The Law and the Gospel”
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   Side A: “Worship Service,” George Bailey, A.M.
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   Side A: “A.M. Class,” George Bailey
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   Track 2: “Special Sunday 3 P.M. Service to Parents”
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