INTRODUCTION: This collection was given by Rev. Stallings son, Jim in the fall of 2007. It is Accession #B07-05.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4 Boxes / 113 Monographs

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: (Attachment accompanying Alumni Relations email “2002-03 Alumni Awards”)

“Native of Durham, North Carolina
Wife of 64 years, Ruth Langston McMahan Stallings, deceased April 2001

Education:
- Harrison Chilhowee Academy, 1939
- Bachelor of Arts, Carson-Newman College, 1943
- Master of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1947
- Honorary Doctorate, Samford University, 2001

Forced into the workforce by the Great Depression, Rev. Stallings returned to high school at age 21 and graduated at 23. Upon graduation from Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, he entered Carson-Newman where he majored in history, was named to Who’s Who and was active in forensics, debate, Columbians, Ministerial Association, and Alpha Phi Omega.

Professional Development, Experience and Activities:
- 1940 Buffalo Grove Baptist Church, Jefferson City (quarter time student pastor)
- 1947-51 Dumplin Creek Baptist Church, Jefferson City (half time student pastor)
- 1947-51 Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga
- 1951-62 First Baptist Church, Ocala, FL
- 1962-65 First Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL
- 1965-77 First Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- 1977-85 SBC Home Mission Board, Director of Christian Ministries, Arizona SBC

As a member of Birmingham, Alabama’s Reconciliation Committee, Rev. Stallings was one of eight white, progressive ministers who called on the city’s white and black communities to work for racial harmony during the drama of the Birmingham civil rights demonstrations. In 1963, as pastor of the Birmingham First Baptist Church whose covenant was to greet all who came to worship, Rev. Stallings greeted three black visitors (including future U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young). In the ensuing weeks from the pulpit, he boldly “transcended the confines of the basic
salvation message and encouraged churchgoers to make a deeper spiritual commitment to justice, brotherhood, and equality.” (S. Jonathan Bass, Blessed Are the Peacemakers, p. 215)
Subsequently, he endured threats and continual harassment for the next several years. Yet he persisted in acting on his convictions while never losing sight of his pastoral responsibilities to his congregation. In 2001, he was awarded the honorary doctorate by Samford University as a tribute for having done the right thing and facing the consequences that came with it.

His forthrightness earned him a fame he did not seek. A picture of him shaking hands with the visitors ran in the New York Times, and he was the only member of the Reconciliation Committee who Dr. Martin Luther King commended by name for his righteous and courageous behavior in warmly welcoming the visitors. Blasted by both segregationists and integrationists, and praying that his stand would serve as “a witness” to further the kingdom of God, Stallings has said, “It ultimately came down to the fact that I had to make a stand in Birmingham, because of the values that I learned in my life.’ Those ideals included honesty, personal integrity, a willingness to assume responsibility, and respect for the dignity of all humankind, regardless of race.” (S. Jonathan Bass, Blessed Are the Peacemakers, pp. 72-73)

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1947-2003

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: The collection consists mainly of sermons given by Rev. Stallings during the latter half of his ministry. These files are labeled by number, book of the Bible, or topic. Sermons are dated as to when they were given. Included are copies poems that he regularly read during his sermons. There are a few files dealing with Senior Adult ministry. One folder includes correspondence and clippings related to Carson-Newman and his being named Distinguished Alumnus for 2002-03. 113 monographs span his ministry, beginning with his seminary days. There are three sets of index cards, listing sermons by topic, book of the Bible, and various prayers.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:
Correspondence
Monographs
Notes
Poems
Sermons

CONTAINER LISTS:
Box 1
Index cards listing sermons by topic, book of the Bible, and various prayers.
**Box 2 Sermons**

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Box 4 Sermons / Cambridge Studies / Senior Adult Ministry / 1st Baptist Church, Birmingham / College Related
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Monographs:
500 Selected Sermons by T. De Witt Talmage (1956) Vol. I
Vol. III-IV
Vol. V-VI
Vol. VI-VIII

The Abominations and Desolations of Retirement by S. George Lovell, Jr. (1991)
The Apocalypse by J. A. Seiss Vol. III (1865)
The Apocryphal New Testament (1857)
The Baptist Almanac and Repository of Indispensable Knowledge by Reuben Herring (1976)
The Beatitudes: A Contemporary Meditation by George A. Buttrick (1968)
The Best Loved Religious Poems by James Gilchrist Lawson (1933)
The Biblical Illustrator (Deuteronomy) by Joseph S. Exell (1957)
The Book of the Revelation by William R. Newell (1941)
The Books of Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah ed. By A. B. Davidson (1920)
Catastrophes and Celebrations by Nancy Dendy Ryle (1985)
Christ in all the Scriptures by A. M. Hodgkin (1909)
Church Manual by J. M. Pendleton (u.d.)
The Churches of the New Testament by George W. McDaniel (1921)
Collected Verse of Edgar A. Guest (1945)
A Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans by Charles Hodge (1836)
This Critical Hour by Robert G. Lee (1942)
Daily Light (1966)
The Day of the Cross by W. M. Clow (1909)
Driven By a Dream by Nell Tant Bobo (1992)
Saint Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians by J. B. Lightfoot (1881)
Saint Paul’s Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon by J. B. Lightfoot (1892)
An Etymological Dictionary of the English Language by Walter W. Skeat (1882)
An Exposition of the Bible vol. VI. Ephesians-Revelation (1904)
The Expositor’s Bible Vol. II ed. by W. Robertson Nicoll (1943)
The Expositor’s Bible Vol. III ed. by W. Robertson Nicoll (1940)
A Fellowship of Defenders by Ruther Wagner Miller (2003)
From Feet to Fathoms by Robert G. Lee (1926)
God’s People in Transition by Dan Ivins (1981)
God’s Word for Today by O. Hallesby (1951)
The Great Texts of the Bible (St. Matthew) ed. by James Hastings (1914)
Greek New Testament ed. by Eberheard Nestle (1936)
Guilt and Grace by Paul Tournier (1962)
Hammer and Sparks by William Franklin Anderson (1943)
A Harmony of the Gospels For Students of the Life of Christ by A. T. Robertson (1922)
The History of Israel by Martin Noth (1972)
I Quote by Virginia Ely (1947)
If With All Your Heart by Roy O. McClain (1941)
Illustrations From Art by William E. Biederwolf (1930)
Into the Holiest by William L. Pettingill (1939)
Is This Divorce Really Necessary? by R. Lofton Hudson (1983)
Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott (u.d.)
Just As I Am by Billy Graham (1997)
The Lamb, the Woman and the Dragon by Albertus Pieters (1937)
Lamps of Gold by Samuel Judson Porter (1928)
Lectures on Christian Theology by R. Lofton Hudson (1977)
Practical Lectures on Daniel by J. Frank Norris (u.d.)
Letters From Mother by Billie McMurry Emmons (1967)
A Little Book of Friendship ed. by Joseph Morris and St. Clair Adams (1925)
Livingstone the Liberator by James I. Macnair (u.d.)
The Local Church in Ministry by William M. Pinson, Jr. (1973)
Love and Marriage by R. Lofton Hudson (u.d.)
Love With No Strings by Elaine SelCraig Furlow/Photos by Don Rutledge (1977)
A Manual of Ecclesiology by H. E. Dana (1944)
Marriage by William Lyon Phelps (1943)
Masterpieces of Religious Verse ed. by James Dalton Morrison (1948)
The Mighty Savior by Arthur J. Moore (1952)
More Prayers for the Plain Man by William Barclay (1965)
The Name Above Every Name by Robert G. Lee (1938)
New Testament Evangelism in the Christian Life by C. B. Jackson (u.d.)
Notes on the New Testament by Albert Barnes Vol. V Corinthians (u.d.)
On Being Fit to Live With by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1946)
On Death and Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (1969)
The Parables of Our Saviour by William M. Taylor (1891)
The People Called Baptists by George W. McDaniel (1919)
Poems For Father A Loving Heritage (2001)
The Poetical Works of Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1900)
The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence (1958)
A Homiletic Commentary on the Book of Genesis by J. S. Exell (u.d.)
The Problem of Pain by John Edgar McFadyen (u.d.)
The Prophecies of Isaiah by T. K. Cheyne Vol. I (1886)
The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran (1965)
Proximities of Calvary by Robert G. Lee (1940)
The Religion of a Sound Mind by R. Lofton Hudson (1949)
Roget’s Thesaurus (1940)
The Romance of a Pioneer Baptist Church by Glenn A. Toomey (1947)
Rubble and Roseleaves by f. W. Boreham (1923)
Seven Promises of A Promise Keeper (1994)
Seven Simple Sermons on the Saviour’s Last Words by W. Herschel Ford (1953)
Soul Consciousness After Death by Len G. Broughton (1924)
Spiritual Life Development by Mildred McMurry (1964)
The Splendor of God (1960)
The Student’s Milton ed. by Frank Allen Patterson (1936)
Studies in Hebrews by Herschell H. Hobbs (1954)
Studies in LifeFrom Hebrew Proverbs by W. A. L. Elmslie (u.d.)
Studies on Isaiah by J. Frank Norris (u.d.)
The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter by Russell Bradley Jones (1947)
Thoughts God Gave to Me by Louise Drake Arnold (1970)
Truman by David McCullough (1992)
Why Not Just Be Christians? By Vance Havner (1964)
Won By One by Clyde Merrill Maguire (1958)
Your Life and Your Church by James L. Sullivan (1951)

Works by F. W. Boreham
The Crystal Pointers (1925)
The Golden Milestone (1920)
The Home of the Echoes (1921)
Mountains in the Mist (1921)
Mushrooms on the Moor (1920)
The Nest of Spears (1927)
The Other Side of the Hill and Home Again (1917)
The Silver Shadow (1918)
A Tuft of Comet’s Hair (1926)
The Uttermost Star (1919)
Wisps of Wildfire (1924)

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