

**Accession Number:** A-2018-09

**Record Group #**

**Division:** Administration

**Sub-Division:** Trustees

**Department:** Russell, Chester Floyd (Dr.)

**Title:** Papers

**Date span:** 1951-1964

**Physical description:** Print 1 linear ft. (2 12¼x10¼x5 boxes)

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**See also:** Minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1960-1964 (A-2011-37) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, 1959-1964 (A-2011-38)

**Biography/History:** Dr. Russell earned his Th. D in New Testament from the Southern Baptist Seminary. On completion of his doctorate he served as Interim Pastor of Charleston Heights Baptist Church, May-July, 1951 and in August 1951 he accepted a call as Pastor of Remount Baptist Church, North Charleston where he served for 16 years.

Dr. Russell is credited with initiating the movement for the establishment of a Baptist college in Lower South Carolina: the Baptist College at Charleston. .

“Shortly after becoming pastor of Remount he began a [three-year] study of Southern Baptists...As the study continued, interest focused upon educational institutions” and he saw the need for a Baptist college in lower South Carolina. In 1954, while in prayer with God about this need, he “knew God’s will. God willed that I do all possible to lead to the development of a Baptist College” (A College Is Born by Chester F.Russell, 1964).

Dr Russell served as Chairman of the Education Committee of the Charleston Baptist Association; the Special Committee to consider an Educational Institution in or near Charleston, and Public Information Committee of the Baptist College Campaign Fund.

He served on the Board of Trustees of the Baptist College from 1959-1964, was Secretary of both that board and its Executive Committee and chaired the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Dr. Russell died November 11, 1997 in Anderson, South Carolina

**Description:** Collection includes correspondence and minutes of, and reports to, various committees, many of which include handwritten comments. Folder for 1960 includes an undated four paged typed paper "Baptist College of Lower South Carolina by Chester F, Russell" which outlines his vision for a Christian College "Born in need and prayer; nurtured by kindness and understanding; focused toward devoted youths, the convention, and Jesus." Folder for 1964 includes four copies of "A College Is Born by Chester F. Russell, November, 1964." Folder for 1992 includes correspondence with Dr. Jairy C. Hunter and Margaret Taylor Gilmore plus handwritten copy of his involvement in the establishment of Baptist College at Charleston. Folder for 1997-2006 contains copies of article by Margaret Gilmore for University Relations notifying them of the death of Dr. Russell, and copy of article appearing in The Courier April 3, 2006 reporting the death of his widow, Mary Elizabeth DuPuis Russell on February 27, 2006 in Jackson, Miss. NOTE: Original manila folders with handwritten notes have been retained.

**Arrangement: Chronological**

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	a	1951-1955
	b	1956
	c	1957
	d	1958
	e	1959
2	f	1960
	f	1961-1963
	g	1964
	h	1992
	i	1997-2006