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Biographical History

The Reverend Fred C. Kennedy was born in Houston, Texas in 1931. Dr. Kennedy and his first wife Eleanor founded Woodforest Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, in 1959. He also published "The Knowledge of God and of Ourselves" from sermons prepared for the Woodforest Presbyterian Church congregation.

Dr. Kennedy earned his B.A. at Pasadena Nazarene College, now Point Loma College (1952-1956); a B.D. (1956-1959) and Th.M. (1966-1967 - cum laude) from San Francisco Theological Seminary; and a D. Min. in "Bible and Proclamation" from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1976-1977).

Dr. Kennedy pastored Harvest Presbyterian Church from January 1967 until 1969. From September 1969 until March 1974, he taught at Ceres High School. In April 1974, Dr. Kennedy transitioned to St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas where he pastored until 1977.

Dr. Kennedy served his Presbytery as chairperson for Evangelism and Enlistment, and Candidates Committee for the gospel ministry. He later served as chairperson for New Church Development and was a member of Synod's Christian Education Committee. He taught English at El Sereno Junior High School, Los Angeles, California from 1977 until his retirement.

Dr. Kennedy and his wife Eleanor had two children, Sylvia and Kirk. He divorced Eleanor in 1972 and married Elisabeth in 1973.

Scope and Content

The collection contains materials related to Fred C. Kennedy's education and career. Formats include manuscripts, typescripts, print works, clippings, ephemeral, and pamphlets. Dates range from 1950s-1990.

Materials include syllabi, notes, and papers from studies at Pasadena Nazarene College, San Francisco Theological Seminary and Austen Theological Presbyterian Seminary. Study materials address youth and adult-focused church development and Christian education. Materials also include draft and bound copies of Kennedy's published work, "Knowledge of God and of Ourselves," as well as Presbyterian pamphlets.

The correspondence file includes letters from Kennedy's son Kirk and daughter Sylvia. Kirk Kennedy's Fuller Theological Seminary School of Psychology dissertation (1990) is included.

Subjects

Church of the Nazarene Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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16 HS259, The Psalms, Dr. Oxtoby	
17 Protestant Worship materials, Dr. Ilion T. Jones	
18 Ecumenical Relations and Christian Philosophy, notes, papers	
19 Psychology for Pastors, booklets from Mental Health Assoc.	
20 Biblical Interpretation, notes	
21 History of the English Bible	
22 Social Ethics	
23 Practical Theology & Preaching	
24 Theology – Dr. Surjit Singh	
25 Papers relevant to Education and Psychology	
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27 Biblical Theology, Form Criticism	
28 New Testament Interpretation	
29 Syllabus for OT Studies, Gurdon C. Oxtoby	
30 OT Exegesis written for Gurdon C. Oxtoby	
31 Ephesians Syllabus	
32 OT Studies Syllabus - Earlier Prophets, Dr. Oxtoby	
33 OT Studies – Later Prophets, Dr. G.C. Oxtoby	
34 OT Studies – The Historical Period Abraham to the Exile	
35 Lectures by W.T. Purkiser – The Basis of Religious Authority	
36 Arnold B. Come – Survey of Christian Doctrine	
37 Jesse H. Baird – The Life and Letters of Paul	
38 Doctrine of the Church, Dr. Arnold B. Come	

39	Biblical Apocalyptic, Oxtoby	
40	SFTS memo: "Keeping the UC's out of politics", library guide	1966
41	The Presbyterian Family Connections – a history of union	
42	The Highly Effective Individual by D.W. MacKinnon	
43	An Outline of Pastoral Conversations by Tado E. van der Brug	
44	What Makes Personality Type	
45	The Characteristics of a Helping Relationship by Carl R.	
	Rogers	
46	The Church and the Outsider by Raymond Swartzback	
47	A Case of Mistaken Identity	
48	Unbelief and Institution by Martin Marty -Christian Century	
	N.29, '61	
49	The Protestant Doctrine of Education by Emerson W. Shideler	
50	Communication Blocks from a father's view point	

Box 2: Ministry in Texas

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1	Conference on Evangelism	1959-1960
2	Church Planning consultation	1962-1963
3	Church Bulletins	
4	Houston Association of Churches	
5	Texas Presbyterians	
6	Notes Synods, Retreats, Presbyter	1960-1964
7	Sermon prep, Devotional helps, Leadership Manual, Hollywood	
	Pres	
8	Woodforest	1964-1965
9	Woodforest	1962-1964
10	Woodforest Pres, 1966 and return visit 1972	1966, 1972
11	Devotionals prepared by First Pres. Church, Baytown, Tex.	
12	Woodforest Pres, The Mission of the Church	
13	Drama - Book Discussion for Senior High Group, Woodforest	1965-1966
14	Drama essays and clippings	
15	Church Officers Training consultation	

Box 2: Ministry in Texas and California

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16	Church Planning Conference – Harvest Pres, Ceres, CA	25 May 1968
17	Harvest Pres, Ceres, CA	
18	Harvest Presbyterian Church	1967
19	Harvest Presbyterian Church services	1968
20	Harvest Presbyterian Church services	1968-1969
21	New Church Development Conference	
22	Clippings	1969
23	Weddings and Funerals conducted by Dr. Kennedy	
24	Ministerial Applicants	1969

25	Sermon Prep, Hermeneutics	
26	Sermon Prep, Scandal of the Gospel	
27	Sermon Seeds	
28	Advent and Easter celebration ideas, articles, bulletins	
29	Ceres High School	
30	Ceres High School - African Studies/U.S. History	
31	Teaching Style	
32	Masonic Lodge Certificate and Information	
33	Christmas	
34	Church Planning Conference	1968
35	Covenant United Pres, Ridgecrest, CA	
36	Essays on Para church orgs, Glossalalia, Conversion, leading	
	discussions	
37	The Church as Pastor	
38	Resumes and Biographical data	
39	Building Campaign how to's	
40	Angela Davis Defense Fund controversy	
41	1970 periodicals received – SFTS, Presbyterian Life, Newsweek	1970s

Box 3: Ministry in Texas and California

Folder	Title	Date/Note
1	Controversial issues clippings	1972
2	Clippings, political campaign	1972-1973
3	Applications, rejections and the call to St. Stephens	
4	Christian Education catalogues, Resources, Schools, Courses	
5	Christian Education	
6	Adult Education resources	
7	Christian Nurture of Adults – Dr. Roy Fairchild	
8	Church Planning Folders	1972
9	A.D. Bible Series by John F. Jansen – clippings	
10	An Introduction to the Bible	
11	Exegesis for Preaching	
12	Bible Teaching helps, booklet for Bible education planners	
13	Missionary Education	
14	Church Planning Consultation	1975
15	Youth Ministry resources gathered through the years	
16	Elders: ordaining and installing	
17	God is Dead sermon, clippings	
18	Laymen's School of Religion, Berkeley, CA – brochures	
19	Stewardship resources, ideas, examples, letters	

Box 3: Personal history and correspondence, Dissertation

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20	Divorce, remarriage	1972
21	Letters from publishers	

22	Clippings on brain disorders	
23	St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX	
24	St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX	
25	Session letters	1976
26	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary application,	
	acceptance	
	Folders of D.Min. work at Austin Presbyterian Theological	
	Seminary	
27	Involvement of Laity in the Preaching Enterprise	
28	Second Order Communication	
29	Second Order Communication	
30	New Testament Exegesis and Sermon Design	
31	Ethics and Ethical Standards	
32	Doctrine of God in Barth and Tillich	
33	Preaching: Pastor & People in Dialogue	
34	Doctor of Ministry paper on Second Order Communication	
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35	Exegesis	
36	Biblical Interpretation	
37	Laity in the Preaching Enterprise	
38	Church Newsletters	

Box 4: Personal history and correspondence, Dissertation

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1	Personal History	
2	Correspondence	
3	Sermons	
4	Instroteach Workshop: Instrument for the Observation of	
	Teaching	
5	Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Bishop search (& Kennedy's	
	bio.)	
6	Moratorium on mission to Africa – Gatu	
7	Calendars	1975-1979
8	Catalyst – Tape Talk	
9	F.A. Brook – "Developing Liturgical Forms"	
10	Family correspondence	1975-1977
11	Family correspondence	1977-1978
12	Leaflets and clippings	1979
13	El Sereno Junior High teaching materials	
14	The Divorced Person and the Church by Ray Burchette	1977
15	Leadership Devel. Consultant position, dossier – Rocky Mt.	
	Presbytery	
16	Alhambra	
17	Committee on Ministry - articles	1984

18	Correspondence with Larry Grimm of Woodforest Pres,	1986
	Houston	
19	PCUSA	
20	Presbyterian guidelines for choosing a pastor	
21	Curriculum Evaluation	
22	St. James Search committee – candidates' applications	
23	Saint James Pres. Annual Reports '85-'87, budget, calling a	1985-1987
	pastor	
24	Saint James Pres. Session agendas	
25	Saint James Pres. Letters, orders of service, bulletins	
26	Church Officers and Committees	
27	San Gabriel Pres News	
28	1988 General Assembly	1988
29	Copied articles on financial topics	
30	Medical receipts for the Board of Pensions, PCUSA	
31	Clippings – abortion, prostate cancer	
32	Revisions of essay on I Thessalonians	
33	Manuscript rejection letters	1973
34	"The Knowledge of God and of Ourselves" by Fred C. Kennedy	
35	Financial	
36	Pearl Harbor clippings	
37	Kirk Kennedy's Dissertation, Fuller Theological Seminary	
38	Kirk Kennedy's application, acceptance, graduation – Fuller	1990
	SOP, '90	
39	Letter of resignation from Jim Guy, Dean of SOP, Fuller	
40	Miscellaneous	

Box 5: Collected pamphlets and books

Box 6: Collected pamphlets and books

Folder	Title	Date/Note
1	United Church of Christ Pamphlets	
2	"Services of the Church," 8 booklets	1966, 1969
3	Robert E. Koenig, The Bible in the United Church curriculum	1963
4	National Council of the Churches of Christ publications	
5	Helping your child to know the Bible, Division of Christian	
	Education	
6	The Good News of God: the Nature and Task of Evangelism	1957
7	You Can't be Human Alone: Handbook on Group Procedures	1956
	for the Local Church" by Margaret E. Kuhn	
8	Pastoral Care of Young Drug Users and their Families, John	
	Spangler	
9	Remember the Church in Your Will: 1956-1957 Stewardship	1956-1957
	Facts	

10	"Job for Modern Man," Today's English Version	
11	"One Way for Modern Man," the Gospel of John, , Amer. Bible	Phillips
	Society	r
12	Jo Carr, "Advent: a Calendar of Devotions, 1977"	1977
13	Aids to Worship, Pacific School of Religion, Devotional Life	1967
	Committee, Lent	
14	J.V. Moldenhawer, "Why Read the Bible" Dept of Evangelism,	
	Federal Council of Churches	
15	John Henry Felix, Boardsmanship: the effective Board of	
	Directors in Profit-Making and Non-Profit Organizations	
16	Christianity Today bonus booklets, "Fundamentals of the Faith"	
17	Fred Carl Kuehner, "Heaven or Hell?"	
18	Geoffrey W. Bromiley, "The Holy Spirit"	
19	Johannes Schneider, "Jesus Christ: his Life and Ministry"	
20	Scriptographic booklets	
21	"How the Bible Came to be"	1975
22	"About World Hunger"	1985
23	"Stewardship and You"	1974
24	Historical Maps of Bible Lands, Philadelphia: Westminster	
	Press	
25	Joseph M. Gettys, How to Enjoy Studying the Bible, John Knox	1956
	Press	
26	Rosalind Rinker, "Aids to Conversational Prayer," Pecos: Dove	
27	"When Death Comes: the Ministry of the Church"	
28	"AFL-CIO Codes of Ethical Practices,"	1957
29	"Union Counseling"	1957
30	"Family Counseling for the Union Member"	1957
31	"Dialogue on Adolescence" U.S. Dept. of Health, Ed. And	1967
	Welfare	
32	"Care of the Back"	
33	"It is Time NOW: some questions and answers on the civil	
	rights bill" Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington	
0.4	DC	
34	"Niscience: the Next Step" Ann Ree Colton Foundation (New	
25	Age)	1050
35	"By the Grace of God: Meditations on Commitment," Geneva:	1959
26	World Alliance of Reformed Churches M. Duckill "Sand Thoughts for Daily Meditation" 22nd edition	1020
36	M. Bushill, "Seed Thoughts for Daily Meditation," 22nd edition	1920
27	Rochester Rd, Coventry, W.W. Curtis, printers.	1067
37	Curtis Vaughan, ed., "The New Testament from 26	1967
38	Translations," Rom.1-5, Zondervan Consultation on Church Union, "An Order of Worship for the	1968
38	Proclamation of the Word of God and the Celebration of the	1700
	Lord's Supper, with Commentary" Ohio: Forward Movement	
	Publications	
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39	Fortress Press Liturgical supplements to the Service Book and	1968
	Hymnal	
40	Easter Vigil	3 c.
41	The Blessing and Procession of Psalms	
42	Good Friday	
43	Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship publications	
44	The Year of Luke: Lent / Easter, Studies of the texts for Series C	1976
	of the three-year lectionary, Augsburg	
45	Services of the Word: Contemporary Worship 5: Alternate	1972
	Responses and Te Deum	
46	Services of the Word: Service of the Word for Lent	1972
47	Morris Pike, Worship Experiences for Children, United Church	1963
	Press	
48	SFTS, The Public Worship of God	
49	Clarice M. Bowman, Youth at Prayer, Cokesbury	1947

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Barbara Bush Foundation, First Teachers: A family literacy handbook for parents, policy makers, and literacy providers, Washington DC, 1989

Arthur G. Reynolds, What's the Difference in Protestant and Roman Catholic Beliefs? 25 Searching Questions and Factual Answers, Abingdon, 1954

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Richard L. Snyder, Handbook for Leaders, United Church Press, 1967

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Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Conversions Psychological and Spiritual, IVP, 1959

Eleanor Nelson Lewis, *Women in your Paris: a Handbook for Today*, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., 1961

John Wick Bowman, Introducing the Bible, Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1941