

PAPERS OF ARVID F. CARLSON  
1939-2006

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## **Biographical History**

Arvid Fritiof Carlson (b. May 30, 1912 – d. June 22, 2006) joined Fuller Theological Seminary as Lecturer in Evangelism and Christian Life from 1950-1951. Lectures provided by Carlson and other colleagues supplemented the academic rigor at Fuller Seminary by emphasizing application of Christian faith in daily living.

In 1920, Carlson sailed from Sweden to America with his sister Eva after the deaths of their parents. The children lived with their brothers in Fresno, CA. In 1935, Carlson met his wife Linnea Ledin, daughter of pastor C.J. Ledin; they married in 1939.

Carlson's first church assignment was with the Evangelical Mission Covenant in Eagle Rock, CA in 1936. Carlson attended BIOLA College, and graduated in 1939. He prepared for ordination at North Park College, Chicago, IL in 1943. Allergies prompted his return to California. From 1945 to 1963, Carlson became a traveling Covenant preacher and the youngest pastor of Pasadena Covenant Church in Pasadena, CA. His final church assignment was with the Evangelical Free Church in Felton, CA beginning in 1971.

Arvid Carlson was also one of the first television preachers. He regularly provided a 3 minute sermon on *The Campus Christian Hour*, produced by Ralph Charnichael in Southern California. The "3 point sermon" defined his preaching style.

## **Scope and Content**

The Papers of Arvid F Carlson, 1939-2006 contains the autobiography, photographic reprints, and select sermons notes written by Carlson. The collection primarily includes typewritten sermon notes with annotations. Each sermon has notes indicating the various dates and locations where the sermon was delivered. Subjects include the Book of Hebrews, the Crisis of the Crucifixion, the Face of Christ, Prophecy, and Baptism.

## **Subjects**

Fuller Theological Seminary  
Pasadena (Calif.)  
Preaching

## **Arrangement**

The items have been maintained in the original order and listed according to the original file names. Folder dates correspond to the earliest date sermons was preached. Sermon notes also include subsequent preaching dates and locations.

**Container List****Box 1:**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Arvid Carlson – Autobiography – An Orphan in Paradise	c. 2001
2	Arvid Carlson – Eulogy & Obituary	2006
3	Arvid Carlson – Photograph Reprints	1950s-2001
4	Hebrews – 1:1-13:16	1939-1997
5	James	1940s
6	Revelation	1950-1980
7	Series: The Crisis of the Crucifixion	1954-1985
8	Series: Face of Christ	1963
9	Baptism	1948-1962
10	Child Evangelism	Oct 10, 1975
11	Communion	1939
12	Conversion	Aug 7, 1960
13	Evangelism	Feb 12, 1969
14	Faith and Healing	Oct 9, 1947
15	Heaven	April 20, 1941
16	Holy Spirit	1946-1948
17	Missions	1951, 1983
18	Post Resurrection	1939, 1955
19	Prayer	Undated
20	Prophecy – Middle East	1970, 1984
21	Repentance	1944
22	Resurrection	April 6, 1958
23	Revival – Habbakukk 3:2	Jan 18, 1982
24	Suggestions for a Beginning Ministry	Undated
25	The Five Judgements	July 8, 1962
26	The Second Coming	Undated
27	Theology	Undated
	USB FlashDrive	See list below

**USB FlashDrive Contents:**

Item	Description	File Size	Format
1	1994 Trip to Sweden – Recessional	294 KB	JPG
2	1994 Trip to Sweden (1)	317 KB	JPG
3	1994 Trip to Sweden (1)	5465 KB	PNG
4	An Orphan in Paradise (book)	30994 KB	Microsoft Word 1997-2003
5	An Orphan in Paradise Cover	3723 KB	Microsoft Word 1997-2003
6	Arvid & Billy Graham_L.A. Crusade 1963	112 KB	JPG
7	Arvid & Linnea Carlson, 2001	97 KB	JPG
8	Arvid at 89 years old	62 KB	JPG

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9	Arvid F. Carlson	4 KB	JPG
10	Carlson Family, late 1990's	161 KB	JPG
11	Graduated Biola 1939	68 KB	JPG
12	Letter from Ralph Carmichael 2001	329 KB	PDF
13	Linnea & Arvid with Hsue's (sponsored from China) 1958	914 KB	JPG
14	Pasadena Covenant Choirs	332 KB	JPG
15	Pasadena Covenant, built in 1947	73 KB	JPG
16	Pasadena parsonage, 1950's	236 KB	JPG
17	Pasadena Star News Obituary	27 KB	Microsoft Word 1997-2003
18	Pastorate in Orange, 1966-70	260 KB	JPG
19	Playing Swedish Diatonic Accordion	231 KB	JPG
20	Santa Cruz Sentinel Obituary	278 KB	JPG
21	Young Arvid, 1939	143 KB	JPG