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Administrative Information

Title:

Papers of Arvid F Carlson, 1939-2006

Collection Identifier:

CFT00207

Creators:

Carlson, Arvid Fritiof, 1912-2006

Size:

1 Box, 0.5 linear feet

Repository:

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Provenance:

Donated to Fuller Seminary on January 23, 2017, gift of Linda (Carlson) Bergthold and Pamela (Carlson) Burnham, the daughters of Arvid F Carlson

Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:

Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law

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English

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Biography

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 Charmichael 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.

Box Inventory

Box 1:

| Folder | Description | Date |
|--------|--|----------------|
| 1 | Arvid Carlson – Autobiography – <i>An Orphan in Paradise</i> | 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:

Type: Lexar

| 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 97-2003 |
| 5 | An Orphan in Paradise Cover | 3723 KB | Microsoft Word 97-2003 |
| 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 |
| 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 97-2003 |
| 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 |