

**Register of the Luther Rice Christie papers,  
ca. 1902-1939**

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**Title:** Luther Rice Christie papers  
**Dates:** Bulk 1902-1939  
**Quantity:** 1 linear foot in 1 box  
**Repository:** Mercer University, Jack Tarver Library, Special Collections  
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## Biographical Note

Dr. Luther Rice Christie (1873-1939) was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, and served several churches in Georgia: Lee Street Baptist in Valdosta, First Baptist Columbus, First Baptist Savannah, and Ponce de Leon Avenue Baptist in Atlanta (assisting in their merger with Second Baptist and Buckhead Baptist to form Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist). He was active on the Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Sunday School Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains sermons and published messages written by Dr. Christie as well as clippings and poems probably used in sermon preparation. Sermons are designated by scripture reference where this was obvious or by title when it was not. Untitled poems are listed by first line.

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## **Separated Material**

The *Immanuel Message*, bulletin of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia, was moved to the Rufus W. Weaver file. Dr. Weaver was pastor of the church before becoming president of Mercer University. Several postcards of Valdosta, Georgia, were moved to the photograph collection.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Citation**

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### **Source**

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### **Processing**

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## **Finding Aid Note**

Finding aid available in repository.

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## **Series Description**

### **SERIES I: Sermon Manuscripts**

Folders contain numerous sermons and published messages written by Christie.

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## **SERIES II: Clippings and Poetry**

Folders contain newspaper clippings and poems pasted onto notebook pages.

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### **Container List**

#### **SERIES I: Sermon Manuscripts**

##### **Box**

- 1/1 Sermon Manuscripts, 1902 (4) and 1903 (5) -- handwritten
- 1/2 Sermon Manuscripts – handwritten
- 1/3 Sermon Manuscripts – handwritten, 1903
- 1/4 Psalm 73:17  
1 Corinthians 9:22  
Luke 15:12  
Luke 15:19
- 1/5 Matthew 8:2  
John 9:4  
Luke 10:30  
Matthew 14:15  
Luke 2:45  
Matthew 22-42  
Isaiah 28:20  
Hebrews 10:36  
Habakkuk 1:5  
Hebrews 11:6  
Luke 7:40  
Acts 17:30  
Matthew 27:25; Acts 5:28  
John 2:9-10  
I Corinthians 9:23  
“The Reflex Influences of the Missionary Enterprise”  
John 15:5  
“The South’s Need for a Baptist University of Women”
- 1/6 Luke 2:42  
Sermon clippings/newsprint  
Ecclesiastes 11:9

- “The Joy of Discipline”  
 “The Meaning of Loyalty”  
 Job 22:2 – handwritten  
 Deuteronomy 6:20  
 John 13:36 – handwritten  
 Joel 2:28 - handwritten  
 John 1:38 – handwritten  
 Job 1:7 – handwritten
- 1/7 2 Timothy 2:2  
 1 Timothy 4:7  
 2 Timothy 4:9-13  
 1 Timothy 6:12  
 Titus 2:11012  
 Philemon 10-11  
 Hebrews 5:8
- 1/8 I Kings 2:2  
 “What Will He Do with It?”  
 Proverbs 22:1  
 One document that references Luke 6:26, Philippians 2:7, Matthew 11:19, Luke 15:1, John 5:18, Mark 2:27-28, Luke 13:10, and Mark 3:21  
 Psalm 107:4  
 Ezekiel 34:18
- 1/9 John 12:21  
 Job 22:2  
 “Still No Room”  
 Matthew 22:42  
 “Is the Law Wrong?”  
 “The Worship Part of the Service”
- 1/10 Philippians 1:12  
 Galatians 1:11-12  
 Galatians 2:20  
 “The Gospel in Ephesians – Number One”  
 “The second paragraph of this remarkable epistle...”  
 Ephesians 4:1  
 Ephesians 6:10  
 “Breaking Down the Partition Walls”  
 “A Study in Ephesians”  
 Ephesians 1:13  
 Ephesians 2:4  
 Philippians 1:3-7  
 Philippians 1:9  
 Philippians 3:2

- Philippians 3:13  
 Colossians 1:4  
 Colossians 3:1-17  
 Colossians 3:1  
 Philippians 2:20-21
- 1/11 Psalm 77:19  
 Psalm 46:4  
 Psalm 121:1  
 Job 42:10  
 Psalm 20:5  
 Psalm 20 clipping and sermon  
 Psalm 77:13  
 Psalm 20:5  
 Psalm 37:3  
 Psalm 1:3  
 Psalm 77:13  
 Matthew 12:48  
 Psalm 77:13  
 Psalm 77:2  
 Psalm 96:1  
 “Seeking for the Promised Land”  
 Psalm 116:14 clipping and sermon  
 Psalm 116:12  
 Psalm 118:6  
 Psalm 137  
 Psalm 144:12-13  
 Pages 4-6 of a sermon that begins “...student life in American...”  
 Proverbs 14:12
- 1/12 “The Sanctuary in the Divine Plan”  
 “The Church – A Human Necessity”  
 “The Necessity and the Peril of Institutionalism”  
 Acts 5:11  
 “The Rebirth of an Idea”  
 Matthew 16:18 clipping and sermon  
 “The Organization of the Earliest Churches”  
 1 Corinthians 12:4-5  
 “Some Primitive Problems”  
 Revelation 2:7  
 Psalm 122:1  
 “Making a Successful Church”
- 1/13 Exodus 13:17-18  
 Deuteronomy 3:24-25  
 Deuteronomy 32:11

- Hebrews 11:24  
Genesis 3:19  
Deuteronomy 8:2  
Joshua 3:4-5  
“The Passing of Leaders”
- 1/14 John 1:12  
John 1:39  
John 1:45  
“A Clandestine Convert”  
John 3:16  
John 4:7  
John 4:6-7  
John 4:35  
John 6:12  
John 6:16  
John 6:66  
John 12:21  
John 10:10  
“What Was Jesus Really After?”  
“The Aristocracy of Service”  
John 13:34  
John 20:21  
John 14:1  
John 18:37  
John 19:22  
Revelation 2:7  
Revelation 3:8  
John 20:21
- 1/15 Luke 22:61  
John 20:1-6  
Mark 16:7  
John 21:3  
Acts 1:15  
Acts 2:14 (two sermons)  
Acts 3:1-2  
Acts 4:3  
Acts 10:14  
Acts 4:34-35  
Acts 12:1
- 1/16 “A Home Mission Chat”  
“A Missionary Supposition”  
“Can We Still Be Missionary?”

- Romans 10:1  
Psalm 122:4  
Acts 14:27  
“The Building of a Commonwealth”
- 1/17 Luke 9:51  
Revelation 3:13  
Luke 6:35  
Hebrews 6:18  
John 8:32  
Luke 10:21  
John 10:9  
Luke 10:17  
Matthew 22:5  
Hebrews 10:25  
Jeremiah 5:1  
Ecclesiastes 8:11  
1 Timothy 5:24  
Philippians 3:12  
John 10:16  
Mark 7:24  
Luke 4:16  
Page 8 from an unknown sermon
- 1/18 John 4:35  
John 8:36  
Genesis 49:5-7  
“Issachar is a strong...”  
Genesis 49:13  
Genesis 49:22-24  
Genesis 49:27
- 1/19 “Sin is the most intolerant principle...”  
Genesis 4:9  
Matthew 23:23
- 1/20 Luke 2:7  
Romans 12:2  
John 5:6  
Revelation 2:7  
Micah 7:6  
Hebrews 12:27  
“Religious Readjustments”  
Hebrews 12:27 and Judges 18:24  
“An Evening with James Whitcomb Riley”  
Psalm 142:4



- Matthew 25:27  
Luke 17:21  
James 4:17  
Luke 23:12  
Ecclesiastes 1:3
- 1/21 “The Authorship of the Pastorals”  
“Our Intellectual Attitude in an Age of Inquiry”  
“The Perils of Premillennialism”  
Romans 14-17  
James 1:1-18
- 1/22 Psalm 14:1  
Jeremiah 4:22  
1 Samuel 26:21  
Luke 12:20  
Luke 7:40  
“The Need of a Revival”  
Acts 6:3  
Acts 8:26  
“The Layman and His Task”  
Acts 8:30-35  
Acts 8:39  
“Religious Hoboes”
- 1/23 Matthew 4:1  
Matthew 4:22  
Matthew 6:19  
Matthew 7:12  
Matthew 8:12  
Matthew 12:30  
Matthew 13:25  
Matthew 16:18  
Matthew 17:2  
Matthew 19:25  
Matthew 27:17  
Matthew 26:74
- 1/24 1 Corinthians 3:21-22  
“What Then?”  
2 Corinthians 8:7  
“Christ Is Risen”  
“Open Doors and Obstacles”  
1 Corinthians 10:11  
2 Corinthians 12:9  
2 Timothy 2:8

1 Corinthians 15:25

1/25 Genesis 3:12  
Genesis 4:6  
Genesis 5:24  
Genesis 6:22  
Genesis 12:1-3  
Genesis 19:12  
Genesis 21:5  
Genesis 25:32  
Genesis 4:14  
Genesis 4:16-17

1/26 Hebrews 6:1  
1 Peter 3:3-4  
1 Peter 3:15  
“Why I Am a Church Member”  
“Why I Am a Baptist”  
James 2:17  
Hebrews 2:1  
Hebrews 10:36  
1 John 3:3  
1 John 5:13  
1 John 1:6  
3 John 2

1/27 Revelation 2:7  
“What the Spirit Saith to the Churches”  
“What the Spirit Saith - #2”  
Matthew 28:19-20  
Revelation 2:7

1/28 “The Modern Prodigal, or The Tragedy of a Life in Six Acts”  
2 Kings 7:3  
Hebrews 12:4  
Romans 8:28  
Matthew 13:12  
Proverbs 25:25  
Hebrews 11:6  
Matthew 25:15  
Daniel 3:18  
John 21:3  
Luke 18:30  
James 1:2  
1 Corinthians 1:10

- 1/29 Mark 13:34  
Ephesians 6:19  
Hebrews 10:31  
1 Corinthians 3:9  
Isaiah 63:1  
Job 9:2  
Matthew 11:4  
Colossians 1:9  
"Home Missons - #2"  
Ephesians 1:17-19  
Mark 13:34
- 1/30 2 Timothy 1:5  
Matthew 12:48 (clipping and sermon)
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## **SERIES II: CLIPPINGS AND POETRY**

### **Box**

- 1/31 "Old Stories Done Over," By George Ade  
"Mother's Day Prayer," By Samuel Judson Porter  
"Profanity"  
"Breathes there the man..."  
"I Might Have Made a Friend"  
"When Jesus came to Golgotha..."  
"The Desolate Country"  
"Joses, the Brother of Jesus," by Harry Kemp  
"When Abraham Went Out of Ur," by Nancy Byrd Turner  
"'Tis fine to see the Old World..." by Henry Van Dyke  
"There is a time we know not when..."  
"I am a City Minister"  
"To pledge or not to pledge..."  
"To Pledge or Not to Pledge"  
"My Tree," by Edgar Frank  
"Immortality," Will Spencer McGann  
"The Crossing," by Lida Davis Jones  
"Cooperation," by J. Mason Knox  
"The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day..."  
"The Holy War," Rudyard Kipling  
"There's part of the sun in an apple..."  
"Tell me after life..."  
"Love build this house..." by John Davidson  
"Out A Fishin'"  
"Faith Came at Last"  
"What We Need and Do Not Need," by Calvin Coolidge

“The Abandoned Church”  
“Where Do You Live,” by Edgar Funk  
“Great-heart is dead...”  
“To every man there openeth...”  
“Prayer in Affliction”  
“Not for a single day...,” by John Oxenham  
“You May Lead a Horse to Water,” by William J. Burtscher  
“I know a soul...”  
“A Prophecy,” by Mother Shipton  
“The Boy Who is Different”  
“I don’t see how you stand it, God...,”  
“Jis’ blue, God, jis’ blue...”  
“Who saves his country...”  
“Her Christmas List,” Mary A. Bloomer  
“Kickers Are Useful -- Grouches are Wise!”  
“Three doors there are in the temple...,” by William Watson  
“Ring the old year...,” by Raymond Kresensky  
“The Old Year is a diary...,” by Ethel Romig Fuller  
“These shafts are more than lettered stone...”  
“When your world’s about to fall...,” by Edmund Leamy  
“Good News from God,” by William L. Stidger  
“I Will Not Doubt,” by Robertson Nicoll  
“Away,” by James Whitcomb Riley  
“What care I for caste or creed...”  
“Each man is Captain of his Soul...,” by John O.  
“I said, ‘Let me walk...’”  
“Little town of Nazareth...”  
“If I knew you and you knew me...”  
“Song”  
“Verses on Opportunity”  
“They do me wrong who say...,” by Walter  
“Bad Golf Explained,” by H. I. Phillips  
“The Self-Same Winds”  
“The Creek in April, by Robert Munn  
“America for Me!” by Henry Van Dyke  
“The Bridge”  
“The Saloon Bar”  
“What makes a city great...”  
“The Country Side,” by F.J. Earl  
“The soul of a child is the loveliest...”  
“The Test”  
“Hammers and Anvil,” by John Clifford  
“Where-Cross the Crowded Ways,” by Walter J. Gresham  
“The Mothers of Men,” by Joaquin  
“The Rural Church”  
“Prayer,” by Edgar A. Guest

“Nay, were the seas...”  
“When Jesus came to Birmingham...,” by Studdert Kennedy  
“Repose,” by Fannie E. S. Heck  
“Death,” by Mary Huron Blair  
“To-morrow”  
“I Won’t”  
“Be a Booster”  
“The One-Way Street,” by Helen L. Welshimer  
“To every man there openeth...,” by John Oxenham  
“An Appreciation,” by Cecilia Huff  
“Ghosts and Memories,” by Grantland Rice  
“The world today is No Man’s Land...”  
“The Ancient Call”  
“God Answers Prayer”  
“If He Should Come,” by Edwin Markham  
“Books! Books! Books!” by Dr. Wm. L. Stidger  
“Books are Ladders,” by W. L. Stidger  
“My Tree,” by J. D. Freeman  
“A Child’s Prayer,” by Angela Da[?]  
“France has the lily...”  
“Father: A Sonnet to Dr. Luther Rice Christie,” by Seymour Gordden Link  
“What Does Christ Mean to You?”  
“I Will Not Doubt,” by William Robertson Nicoll  
“Easter Morning,” by Mabel Corinne Davis  
“The Sin of Omission”  
“Gazed with that look immortal...”  
“Wanted,” by Josiah Gilbert Holland  
“What makes the city great...”  
“A few weeks ago I came across a little clipping...”  
“The Invincible Leader”

1/32 “Married for 78 Years,” clippings about Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Blackmar  
Additional clippings include a photograph of Jesse Mercer’s home and an article  
on Mercer and Penfield by Louie D. Newton.