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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 160    FIRST Baptist Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

1 box. 4 folders. 2 items. 2005-2006. Typescripts and photocopies.

2005.140.1

***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, first organized in 1818 and met in a log structure and later a frame building. They erected a commodious two-story brick building on Main Street in 1854. Local architect Creedmore Fleenor designed the “White Temple” at the corner of Chestnut and 12<sup>th</sup> streets, 621 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street; it was constructed of Bowling Green limestone for \$135,000 and dedicated in 1915. An education structure was added to the building in the 1950s. After the 1915 main sanctuary building burned in 1993, the church elected to construct its new sanctuary at the same location.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of a photocopy of a scrapbook entitled “Military History of First Baptist Church Members” which was compiled in 2005. The records include a biographical sheet filled out by each participant. It includes information such as age at enlistment, term of service, duties and locations of service, highest rank attained, and medals and commendations. The biographical sheet is often accompanied by photographs and occasionally by a printed piece about the participant or his tour of duty, military documents and certificates, letters, or reminiscences. Folder 2 contains several indices that provide access to the people included in the project: one is sorted by name, one by years of services (i.e. 1942-1944), and one by military branch. Most of the project participants served in World War II, Vietnam, or in the Persian Gulf War (1990-1991).

## ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>First Baptist Church – Bowling Green, Ky.</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory	2006	1 item
Folder 2	Service records	2005	1 item; pp.1-150
Folder 3	Service records	2005	pp.151-250
Folder 4	Service records	2005	pp. 251-351

## ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 160 FIRST Baptist Church - Bowling Green, Kentucky 2005

Military service records, 351p., compiled in 2005 of First Baptist Church members, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Includes World War II, Korean War, Vietnamese Conflict, and Persian Gulf War veterans. Includes some photographs.

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## ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Bowling Green – Churches –First Baptist Church  
Military history  
Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991 – Relating to  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 – Relating to  
World War II, 1939-1945 – Relating to

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