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Collection Title: Morehead First Christian Church

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Date Span: 1885-2009

Size of Collection: 12 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 12 letter size document cases, 3 legal size document cases, 3 letter half size document cases, 1 legal half size document and 5 oversized ledger boxes.

Type of Material: Meeting minutes, newsletters, correspondence, ledgers, reports, records, membership lists, programs, photographs, artifacts, and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Fair, with fading, minor dust and water damage to some documents and ledgers.

Arrangement: Organized by size and format of material; Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: The Morehead First Christian Church in Morehead, Kentucky was established in 1888. The history of the First Christian Church dates to the founding of Morehead when it was a small Eastern Kentucky village. The first services of the Church were held in the Rowan County Court House. During the period from 1884 to 1887, all Church services in the town and community were intermittent and irregular due to the violence of the Rowan County War. It was Edward O. Guerrant, a Presbyterian minister, who encouraged the community to erect a church building for all religious organizations to hold their services. That building stood on the site, or very near, to the present First Christian Church. The current church building was constructed in 1924. The Christian Church was also significant in the establishment of the Morehead Normal School in 1887, by Phoebe E. Button and her son Frank C. Button. Dr. Button served not only as the first and last President of the Normal School, but as the first President of the Morehead State Teacher's College and pastor of the First Christian Church.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of Board of Directors meeting minutes, newsletters, correspondence, business ledgers, financial reports, organizational records, membership lists, church service programs, photographs, artifacts, and ephemera retained by the First Christian Church of Morehead, Kentucky from 1885 to 2009. The collection contains records and Board of Directors meeting minutes (1885-2009), church newsletters (1960-2009), church service programs (1938-2003), and property records. The collection includes letters from soldiers, and their family members, written during the Second World War (1942-1944), the meeting minutes and records of the Morehead Christian Women's Fellowship (1939-1999), photographs of church members, events, and structures, and histories of the church and Morehead Normal School.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

First Christian Church (Morehead, Ky.)
Christian Women's Fellowship (Morehead, Ky.)
Morehead Normal School (Morehead, Ky.)
Churches -- Kentucky -- Morehead.
Morehead (Ky.) -- Church histories.
Morehead (Ky.) -- History.
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) -- Kentucky -- Morehead.
Church societies -- Kentucky -- Morehead.
Women -- Societies and clubs.
Church work with women.
First Christian Church (Morehead, Ky.) -- Periodicals.
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) -- Periodicals.
Church -- Newsletters.
World War, 1939-1945 -- War work -- Churches.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American.

Notes: The collection was initially acquired as a cataloging and scanning project for a student intern from the History Department on January 24, 2023. Other materials were added in the months that followed. Many of the documents and photographs are online at <https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/mfcc/>.