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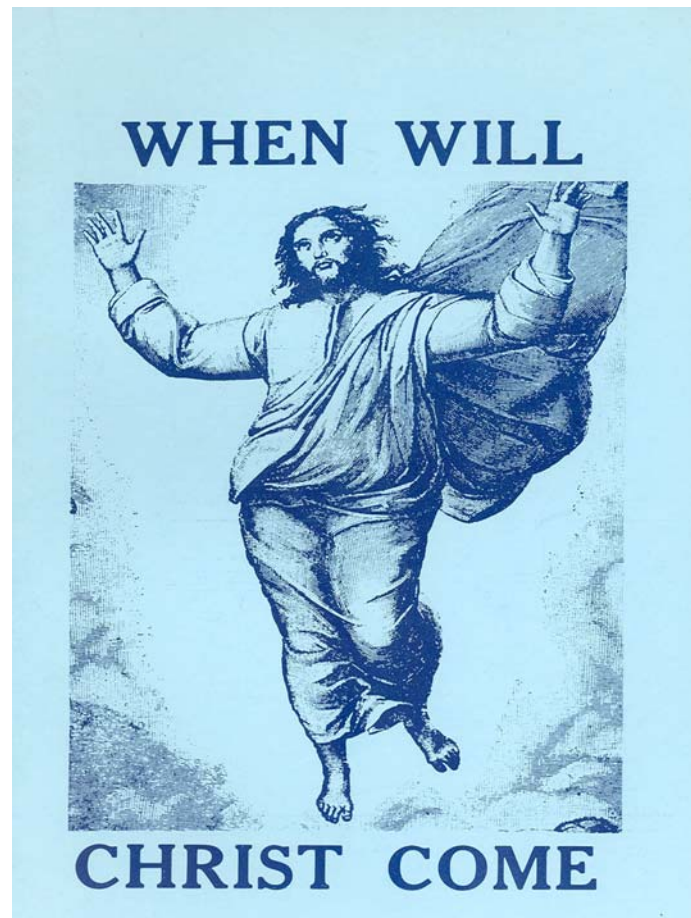
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"What Lies Ahead for the Saints"
The Rev. Ray Brubaker Evangelical Booklet Collection



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Introduction to the Collection

Ray Metzler Brubaker (5 April 1923-1 May 2009), the son of a minister, grew up in a conservative Christian Pennsylvania household where he was forbidden to listen to the radio. Eventually his parents permitted him to listen to religious broadcasts and news programs; this, along with his Christian upbringing, undoubtedly influenced the course of Rev. Brubaker's life. Although clergy had preached over the air since the earliest days of radio, Brubaker took religious broadcasting a step further by discussing current news events and connecting them with his religious message. A great believer in the Second Coming of Christ, Brubaker often interpreted news events to be signs of the Apocalypse. Brubaker's program, *God's News Behind the News*, first aired in 1954 on a Pennsylvania radio station; during the 1960s he moved his family to St. Petersburg, Florida, and began broadcasting his program from a studio in his house. The popularity of *God's News Behind the News* grew to the point that it transitioned to a television program in 1974.

Aside from the radio/TV broadcast aspect of his ministry, Brubaker also authored several short publications expounding on his beliefs. This collection offers a small representation of Rev. Ray Brubaker's writings, and is composed of thirteen booklets and one pamphlet. Although there are no dates of publication given, references made in the various booklets place their creation of them in the early to late 1970s. The religious value of this collection is subjective and actually irrelevant; what is notable is the influence broadcasts such as *God's News Behind the News* would later have over the American public, as "televangelists" such as Oral Roberts and Pat Robertson built upon Brubaker's format and transformed the broadcast pulpit into a popular way to reach many of the faithful who regularly attended church while also reaching out to those whose ailments and circumstances made it difficult to get to church. It is no surprise that one of the longest running Christian television stations, WCLF-Channel 22 (analog), began its operations in the Tampa Bay area in the fall of 1979.

Preservation Note

There appears to be "foxing" (fungus) on several of the booklets; each item has been placed in an acid free folder and then housed in a single Hollinger box. Researchers using this collection should use gloves and report any tears, creases, or other damage to staff immediately.

Provenance of the Rev. Ray Brubaker Evangelical Booklet Collection

This collection falls under the Humanities provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The collection resides in fourteen acid free folders and one standard sized Hollinger box (0.22 linear feet).

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1, "Can a Christian Be Demon-Possessed?"

Box 1, Folder 2, "How Will Christ Come?"

Box 1, Folder 3, "When Will Christ Come?"

Box 1, Folder 4, "UFO's and The Bible"

Box 1, Folder 5, "The Dynamic of Prayer and Fasting"

Box 1, Folder 6, "Why Die Before Your Time"

Box 1, Folder 7, "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"

Box 1, Folder 8, "Getting Acquainted With God"

Box 1, Folder 9, "Flee Fornication"

Box 1, Folder 10, "Star Wars and Angels in Space"

Box 1, Folder 11, "Signs of Christ's Soon Return"

Box 1, Folder 12, "Which Will It Be? The Rapture or the First Resurrection"

Box 1, Folder 13, "The Coming Day of the Lord!"

Box 1, Folder 14, "God Wants Your Body"