



# Guide to the Fletcher Nelson Papers, 1901-1981

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Fletcher Nelson papers, 1901-1981

**Creator:**

Nelson, Fletcher

**Source:**

Duke University. Divinity School

**Abstract:**

This collection contains the papers of Dr. Fletcher Nelson, a Methodist minister and Assistant to the Dean of Development of the Duke Divinity School. It consists entirely of subject files and notes for the sermons Dr. Nelson gave during his career as a minister.

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The collection consists of two series, the first of which consists of subject files containing publications related to topics on which Dr. Nelson preached. The second series consists of sermons Dr. Nelson wrote and gave while he was an active minister in Greensboro, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Morganton, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

### Biographical/Historical

Dr. Fletcher Nelson was born on August 29, 1904. After completing his undergraduate studies at Hendrix College, he enrolled at Duke University Divinity School in 1927 and graduated with a B.D. in 1930. Upon his graduation, Dr. Nelson was ordained deacon on trial in the Western North Carolina Conference, and two years later he received elder's orders and was made a full member of the conference. He was a pastor in a variety of parishes in North Carolina until 1950. In 1952, he received the Doctor of Divinity Degree, honoris causa, from Duke University Divinity School. In 1964, he was appointed Assistant to the Dean of Development at Duke University Divinity School and stayed in that position until his retirement in 1971. Dr. Nelson died on February 8, 1981.

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- Nelson, Fletcher
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