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Main Street Baptist Church Collection

2000.FIA.02

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### Collection Information

Abstract : The Main Street Baptist Church, originally named Third Baptist Church, was organized in 1853, and a building erected and dedicated in 1856. The church operated until 1908, when (apparently) it became a Presbyterian Congregation.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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Main Street Baptist Church (Worcester, Mass.)  
Third Baptist Church (Worcester, Mass.)  
Churches – Massachusetts – Worcester – History.  
Pamphlets (lcsh)  
Wayland, H. L., Rev.  
Rogers, Henry A., Rev.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Main Street Baptist Church was organized in 1853 as the Third Baptist Church. A church building was erected on Main Street in Worcester by 1855, and dedicated in 1856 by the Rev. Dr. Wayland of Providence, R.I. His son, Rev. H. L. Wayland, was minister of the church until 1861. Beginning about 1867, the church became known as Main Street Baptist Church, and seems to have adopted the name by 1888, although in 1906 it is referred to as Old First Baptist Church. From 1908 until 1988, the church (apparently same building) housed the First Presbyterian Church. After 1988 the building was home to Emanuel Baptist Church.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection includes pamphlets of sermons, programs, reports, etc. from 1854 until 1895, along with an envelope in which a pamphlet was mailed in 1854. The collection also includes a manuscript copy of a list of donors to the expense of establishing the church, March 1852.

### **Series Description**

Series 1: Pamphlets. Includes catalogs of books in Sabbath School library, sermons, yearbooks and manuals, religious writings.

Series 2: Programs. Includes anniversary service programs, Sunday school programs, and related materials.

Series 3: Services of Ordination.

Series 4: Lists.

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 2000.FIA.02  
 Series 1, Pamphlets

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.FIA.02.1.1a-d	Articles of Faith, Covenant, and Rules and Regulations of the Main Street Baptist Church, with lists of members. 4 items.
		.1a	1871
		.1b	1882
		.1c	1888
		.1d	1890
1	2	2000.FIA.01.1.2a-b	Catalogue of books in the library of the Main Street Baptist Sabbath School. 2 items.
		.2a	1865
		.2b	1869
1	2	2000.FIA.02.1.3	Proclamation from Main Street Baptist Church to Council called by the South Baptist Church of Worcester, Mass., January 31, 1887. 6 p.
1	3	2000.FIA.01.1.4	An outline of our Lord's life as contained in the Gospels of St. Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. 7 p.
1	3	2000.FIA.01.1.5	The teaching of Christ concerning the future life / Rev. Charles H. Pendleton, February 25, 1895. 39 p.
1	3	2000.FIA.01.1.6	Help obtained from God; a sermon on the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of H. L. Wayland, November 2, 1879. 23 p.
1	3	2000.FIA.01.1.7	A man who got into the wrong denomination: Rev. Henry A. Rogers, a study / one of its constituent members, November 17, 1886. 54 p.

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Series 2, Programs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2000.FIA.02.2.1a-d	Programs, Sunday School exercises.
		.1a	1884
		.1b	1885
		.1c	1886
		.1d	1890
1	4	2000.FIA.02.2.2	Order of Service, recognition of Rev. George E. Horr as pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, November 20, 1877.
1	4	2000.FIA.02.2.3	Program for thirtieth anniversary of Main Street Baptist Church Sunday school, May 13, 1883.
1	4	2000.FIA.02.2.4	Choral recital program, pupils of H.H. Rich, held at Main Street Baptist Chapel, Worcester, Mass., January 29, 1878.

Series 3, Services of Ordination

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2000.FIA.02.3.1	Services connected with the ordination of H. L. Wayland as minister of Third Baptist Church in Worcester, November 1, 1854.
1	5	2000.FIA.02.3.2	Envelope with stamp (Scott A8, type IIIa)
1	5	2000.FIA.02.3.3	Letter relating to the ordination document, August 4, 1994.

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Series 4, Lists

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2000.FIA.02.4.1	List of subscribers to fund to defray the expenses of establishing a new church in Worcester (Third Baptist Church), March 1852.