

Guide to

**William M. Anderson Sermons**

1926-1932 and undated  
.70 linear feet

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**Abstract: Typed sermons by William M. Anderson, Jr., a Presbyterian clergyman in Dallas, TX.**

**Preferred Citation:**

[Identification of the Item], William M. (William Madison) Anderson Papers, CN 011, Box [number], Folder [number], Archives, Dallas Theological Seminary.

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**Biographical Sketch:** William Madison Anderson, Jr. was born September 20, 1889 in Rock Hill, S.C. to William Madison and Sarah Knott (Latta) Anderson. Anderson, Jr. was educated at Vanderbilt University, Austin College in Sherman, TX, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1914, and became pastor of East Dallas Church the same year. During 1915, Anderson served as secretary of schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church in Texas. William married Nancy Lee Gossett on October 23, 1916, and they had two daughters, Sarah Catherine and Nancy Lee. Anderson became assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, where his father was pastor, and was chosen as pastor when his father died in 1924. Anderson helped establish the Presbyterian Clinic in Dallas as a charity ministry to babies, and served as a trustee for Austin College. He was instrumental in organizing the Evangelical Theological College, later renamed Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), and choosing Dallas for the location. He served as Vice President of the school from its founding in 1924 till 1935. He also taught Homiletics about four years at the new seminary and later lectured on pastoral service and practical problems. Anderson died November 11, 1935. A book with nineteen of his sermons was published circa 1948.

**References:**

*Bulletin/Evangelical Theological College* 11, no.1 (1934-1935 catalog): 2-3.

*Handbook of Texas Online*, s.v. "ANDERSON, WILLIAM MADISON,"  
<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/AA/fan15.html> (accessed July 28, 2005).

Hannah, John David. "The Social and Intellectual History of the Origins of the Evangelical Theological College." Ph.D. diss., The University of Texas at Dallas, 1988, 158-160, 257.

**System of Arrangement:**

The William M. Anderson Sermons are arranged in two series:

**Series I. Published, 1926-1928.** .08 linear ft. (2 file folders)  
Nineteen numbered sermons.

**Series II. Unpublished, 1926-1932 and undated.** .62 linear ft. (14 file folders)  
One hundred fifty eight unnumbered sermons and ten excerpts, maintained in the order in which the processor received them. Some are roughly grouped by topic.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection, housed in sixteen legal size folders in one box, is composed of 177 typed sermons and ten excerpts of sermons by William M. Anderson. The topics covered include God, Jesus Christ, Christ's return, Christian life, salvation, the Bible, communion, and missions. The majority are carbon copies. There are also a few newspaper clippings containing sermon excerpts. Most sermons indicate the date they were preached.

The collection is organized in two series, published and unpublished. The nineteen published sermons are arranged in the order in which they were printed in the book *The Faith that Satisfies: Sermons*. There was not an apparent order to the unpublished sermons, but some on similar subjects are grouped together. The sermon excerpts appear to have been prepared for publication in the newspaper circa 1931-1932.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Anderson, William M. (William Madison), 1889-1935  
Presbyterian Church--Sermons

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**Related Material:**

Anderson, William Anderson. *The Faith that Satisfies: Sermons*. New York: Loizeaux Brothers, [1948].

Correspondence with Individuals: William M. Anderson, Jr., Lewis Sperry Chafer Papers.  
Archives, Dallas Theological Seminary.

**Note to the Researcher:** Some of the papers are torn or fragile. See the attached Container List for more details about this collection. When the biblical text for the sermon was indicated, it was included on the Container List. The typist often used letterhead from various businesses or the backs of duplicate legal documents. The size of paper ranges from letter to almost legal.

**Processing Information:** The sermons were originally in six folders, but were divided into sixteen folders to provide better storage conditions for the paper. Because four of the six original files had lists of the contents, the processor did not rearrange them despite the seeming lack of order. Blank paper was used to separate sermons. Newspaper clippings and yellowed or badly torn leaves were replaced by photocopies on acid free paper. The deteriorating originals were discarded.

## Container List

## Series I. Published

1926-1928

Box# Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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|---|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | Sermons Numbered 1-10<br>List of the nineteen published sermons; ten sermons: 1. What Sort of Being Is God?; 2. Does God Really Have Any Interest in Individuals, Day by Day?; 3. The Fear of God; 4. The Love of God; 5. The Power of God; 6. The Wisdom of God; 7. Behold the Lamb of God, John 1:29; 8. The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, John 1:14; 9. The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, Colossians 1:15-23; 10. Looking to Christ, Hebrews 12:1-2. | 1926-1928 |
| 1 | 2 | Sermons Numbered 11-19<br>Nine sermons: 11. Four Good Reasons for Trusting Christ, Matthew 27: 22; 12. Salvation, Acts 4:12; 13. Assurance; 14. Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do? Acts 9:6; 15. Follow Me; 16. He That Believes Not; 17. Peace, Matthew 10:32-36 and John 14:25-27; 18. Our Hope, John 5; 19. What Does the Bible Say About Christ's Return?   | 1926-1928 |

## Series II. Unpublished

1926-1932 and undated

Box# Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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|---|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | 3 | File 1 [A]<br>Two page list with brief descriptions of sermons in File 1; eleven unnumbered sermons: Christ in Prophecy; Eternal Life; The Bible: Doctrines of Christian Faith; Reconciliation; A Great Enemy, Satan; God's Advice for Times of Trouble, James 1:2; Through the Bible in Thirty Minutes; Communion Meditation (a), John 6:22-60; Communion Meditation (b), Romans 3:24; Whom Say Ye That I Am?; Christ Crucified, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. | 1927-1932 |
| 1 | 4 | File 1 [B]<br>Ten unnumbered sermons: The Mind of Christ, 1 Corinthians 2:16; The Holy Spirit; The Holy Spirit (continued); The Responsibility of the Church, Ezekiel 33; Our Defensible Faith; What Happens After Death?; Christmas, Luke 2:11 and John 1:14; Commission to Christians, John 17:18; Abide in Me, John 15:4-5; Things God Has Given Us, Hebrews 11:40.   | 1927-1932 |
| 1 | 5 | File 2 [A]<br>Three page list with brief descriptions of sermons in File 2; ten unnumbered sermons: Mother's Day Message, Exodus 20:12; What is Life Eternal? John 17:3; How Best to Live, Psalm 34:12; The Things That Belong to Us, 1 Corinthians 3:21; The Christian Life, John 15:1-14; Is There Any Use to Pray?; Bearing His Cross, John 19:17; The Faithfulness of God; What to Get Ready for School; Satan, His Methods and Our Protection.      | 1927-1928 |

**Container List****Series II. Unpublished (continued)****1926-1932 and undated**Box# Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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| 1 | 6  | File 2 [B]   | 1928-1931 and undated |
|   |    | Ten unnumbered sermons: Whose I Am, and Whom I Serve, Acts 27:23; Building a Wall, Nehemiah 4:6; Is There a Personal Devil?; Our Foreign Mission Call; Responsibilities of Fellowship, 1 John 1:3; God's Chastisement; Stewardship, Romans 12:1-2; Christmas, Matthew 2:1-12; A Great Redemption, Romans 3:24; The Christian Faith, 1 Corinthians 1:21.  |                       |
| 1 | 7  | File 2 [C]   | 1927-1932             |
|   |    | Eleven unnumbered sermons: Who Is This Christ? Matthew 11:28; Following Jesus Christ, Matthew 16:24; What is a Modernist?; Come Unto Me, Matthew 11:28-30; The Purposes of God; The Results of the Atonement; The Promises of God; Christ and His Place in the Trinity; How May I Find Out the Will of God in Any Matter?; The Thirsty World, John 4:13-14; Eternity in Our Hearts, Ecclesiastes 3:11.   |                       |
| 1 | 8  | File 3 [A]   | 1926-1931             |
|   |    | Six page list of sermons with brief descriptions of the thirty eight sermons in "File 3"; twelve unnumbered sermons: What Is Dispensational Truth?; Lord, to Whom Shall We Go? John 6:47-69; The Holy Boldness of the Christian, Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:1-14; What is a Fundamentalist?; Communion, Psalm 116; Communion, John 13; Communion, Matthew 26:26-30; The Challenge of a Limitless Mission, Mark 16:15; We are Perplexed, but Not in Despair, 2 Corinthians 4; Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do? Acts 9:1-8; Thanksgiving, Psalm 116:12; Come and See, John 1:46.                 |                       |
| 1 | 9  | File 3 [B]   | 1928-1932             |
|   |    | Thirteen unnumbered sermons: Ambassadors for Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:20; Resurrection (Easter), 1 Corinthians 15:20; The Significance of the Resurrection (Easter), 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; The Certain Knowledge that Belongs to Christians, 1 John 5:9-21; What is Heaven Like? Rejoice in the Lord, Philippians 4; Baccalaureate Sermon (Peacock Military Academy), Proverbs 4:10-25; The Problem of Sin, Romans 6:23; Noah, a Man Who wasn't Afraid to Be Laughed at; The Needs of the World; Abraham, Genesis 22:1-13; Why We Glory in the Cross, Galatians 6:14; What is Christianity? |                       |
| 1 | 10 | File 3 [C]   | 1927-1928             |
|   |    | Thirteen unnumbered sermons: The Precious One (Communion), 1 Peter 2:1-10; What is a Christian?; How Shall a Man Live? Hebrews 12:1-2; How Should a Christian Live?; How Can a Christian Live Like He Ought to Live?; Why Be a Christian?; Whom, Having Not Seen, Ye Love; The Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Jude 1:24-25; What Does It Cost Not to be a Christian?; Christian Living, 2 Peter 3:18; The Life of the Christian Church, Life Eternal, John 17:3; Our Relationship to Our Lord, John 10:1-11.   |                       |

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| 1 | 11 | File 4 [A]  | 1926-1928            |
|   |    | Fourteen unnumbered sermons: What is the Place of the Atonement?; The Return of the Lord, Its Relation to the World; The Millennium; Judgment Day; Why was the Atonement Necessary?; The Atonement - What is It?; What Will Christ's Return Mean to Israel? [parts 1 and 2]; Prophecy, General; Communion; Did Jesus Ever Really Claim to Be the Son of God?; The Light of the World, John 8:12 and Matthew 5:14; The Reality of Fellowship Between the Christian and the Risen Lord; Enduring for Christ, 2 Timothy 2:3.   |                      |
| 1 | 12 | File 4 [B]  | 1926-1928            |
|   |    | Eleven unnumbered sermons: Redemption, or Man's Relation to God, Exodus 12:1-13; The Love of God; Prayer [parts 1 and 2]; Faith; A Christian's Freedom, John 8:36; A Sure Word, Psalm 93:5; What Does it Cost to be a Christian?; The Water of Life, John 4:13-14; What did Jesus Teach about Sin? Faith? Salvation?; Man's Part in the Plan of Salvation, Acts 16:25-34.   |                      |
| 1 | 13 | File 4 [C]  | 1926-1927            |
|   |    | Twelve sermons: The Glorious Gospel of God, 1 Timothy 1:11; The Gospel Message; The Glorious Gospel, 1 Timothy 1:11; The Deity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Holy Spirit, John 14:16-26; What Is the Gospel for this Day and Time?; The Purposes of God; A Sure Savior; Christ, Mark 2:1-12; Abiding in Christ; No Condemnation for Those in Christ, Romans 8:1; Through the Bible in Thirty Minutes.   |                      |
| 1 | 14 | File 5 [A]  | 1926-1927, 1931-1932 |
|   |    | Twelve sermons: The Right Kind of Christians; Our Continuing God, Psalms 102:27; Communion; Come and See, John 1:39; Jesus' Four Witnesses to Himself, John 5; Jesus in the Midst, John 19:18; Stewardship, John 17:18; untitled sermon on February 6, 1927, Colossians 3:11; The 23rd Psalm, Psalms 23; Victors in the Field, Ephesians 6:12-17; Communion, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; The Tragedy of Unbelief, Hebrews 3:19.   |                      |
| 1 | 15 | File 5 [B]  | 1927, 1931-1932      |
|   |    | Five sermons and ten excerpts: The Gospel of Death, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; The Return of Christ, What It Means to the Church; excerpts from Communion sermon, Hebrews 3:19 (carbon copy and newspaper clipping); After Salvation, What?; excerpts from The Church (carbon copy, newspaper clipping, and four pages from the complete sermon); excerpts from untitled sermon on March 6, 1932, Luke 12:15 (carbon copy, newspaper clipping, and typed notes); excerpts from Salvation, Hebrews 2:3 (carbon copy, typed notes, and newspaper clippings); excerpts and untitled sermon on February 14, 1932, 1 Peter 1:8 (carbon copy, and newspaper clipping); untitled sermon on December 27, 1931, 1 Samuel 7:9-12; excerpts from Objectives of Christian Life, 2 Timothy 4:7-8 [small part of text on the first page is missing]; excerpts from Existence of Christian Hope, Hebrews 6:13-15 (carbon copy and typed notes); excerpts from Predestination, Ephesians 1:4, 2:7, 3:20, 4:23, 5:27, and 6:11 (carbon copy and typed notes); excerpts from Prayer (carbon copy, |                      |

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1 15 File 5 [B] (continues) 1927, 1931-1932  
 newspaper clipping, and handwritten outline); excerpts from Easter sermon, March 27, 1932; 1 Corinthians 15:30 (newspaper clipping).

1 16 File 5 [C] 1926, 1930-1931, and undated

Fourteen sermons: Foreign Missions, Luke 24:46-48; Home Missions, Mark 5:1-20; New Years, Philippians 4:10-18; Volunteer Day, 2 Corinthians 8:7; Revelation; He Hath Declared Him, John 1:18; The Relationship Between the Redeemer and the Redeemed, Galatians 2:20; Four Things That are Sure; Communion; The Cure for a Blind Mind, Mark 2:17; Adoption, Romans 8:15; untitled sermon on September 19, 1926, 1 Timothy 2:5; untitled sermon on September 12, 1926, Philippians 3:9; Do Not Be Ashamed of Christ, 2 Timothy 1:8-10.