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Biographical Note

During his 41-year career as a Methodist minister of the North Georgia Conference, Norman Pryor Manning Jr. served in numerous areas across Georgia. He was initially an associate

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minister at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, then becoming a minister and serving at the Hampton Methodist Church, Trinity Methodist Church, Douglasville Methodist Church, Tucker Methodist Church, Dunwoody Methodist Church, Conyers Methodist Church, Belvedere United Methodist Church, Jersey Methodist Church, and University Heights. In addition to his work as a minister, Manning was also a talented singer, releasing a high-fidelity album titled "O Love Divine" which was released by Trinity Records, an independent music studio established by Manning while he was minister of Trinity Church in Atlanta.

Norman Pryor Manning Jr. died on July 16, 1998.

Scope and Content Note

The Norman Pryor Manning papers consists of an extensive collection of sermons given by Manning over the course of his career as a Methodist minister. These sermons consists of holograph notes of each topic along with location where the sermon was given, as well as date. This information was written on each original folder and has been photocopied and included with each sermon. Also includes material from the Belvedere United Methodist Church in Decatur, Georgia where Manning served as minister, general office files, and material from Trinity Records, a recording company established by Manning while he was minister of Trinity Church in the inner city of Atlanta.

Arrangement Note

Organized into 4 series: (1) Sermons, (2) Belvedere United Methodist Church, (3) Office Files, and (4) Trinity Records.

Container List

Series 1: Sermons

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1	1	"A Better Life," 1963, 1965
1	1	"A Blessed Blessing," 1964, undated
1	1	"A Flashing Sign," 1964-1965
1	1	"A Good Fishing Trip," 1959 September 14
1	1	"A Good Meeting," 1963 April 2
1	1	"A Great Church," communion, 1960 July 3
1	1	"A Knock At The Door," 1955 August 14
1	1	"A New Day," undated
1	1	"A Six-Man Football Team," undated
1	1	"A. Voco," 1966-1967
1	1	"A Worn Word," 1961 March 30
1	2	"All Things New," 1968, 1973
1	2	"Amen-Through Me," 1965 April
1	2	"An Empty Water Jar," undated
1	2	"An Uncontrollable Epidemic," 1966
1	2	"Andrew, the Friend," 1970
1	2	"Another Change," 1965 December 12
1	2	"Awake Too Late," undated
1	3	"Beatitudes, Communion," undated
1	3	"Being Personal In An Impersonal World," 1956 October 28
1	3	"Being Saved," 1974 January 30
1	3	"Better Than The Best, Yet Humble," 1965
1	3	"Big Man On Campus," 1960, 1966
1	3	"Big Things, Little People," 1959 September
1	3	"Blessed Assurance," 1969
1	3	"Bright Light On A Dark Day," undated
1	3	"Building On A Rock," 4-H Sunday, undated
1	3	"Burdens," 1964 August
1	3	"By the Sea," 1959 May
1	4	"Can God Count On You?" undated
1	4	"Candles, Music, and Love," 1958
1	4	"Childish Folks," 1962 August
1	4	"Christmas Raising A Ruckus," 1959-1966
1	4	Christmas sermons, 1957, 1972
1	4	"Come, Tarry, Go," 1962 October

- 1 4 Commencement sermon: "Look: Inward, Outward, Beyond," 1974 June 2
- 1 4 "Commitment Day," 1967, undated
- 1 5 "Communion Meditation, Suffering Servant," circa 1957
- 1 5 "Community For Others," 1965 October 7
- 1 5 "Companions In Common Concern," 1965
- 1 5 "Concentration," 1962
- 1 5 "Conquering Word, New Year," undated
- 1 5 "Contagious Christianity," undated
- 1 5 "Conversion: Process or Explosion?" 1959 June 28
- 1 5 "Crowded Out: When He Would Be Crowned Within," undated
- 1 6 "Day by Day," 1965 January 23, undated
- 1 6 "Dead Sea Scrolls," undated
- 1 6 "Decided In The House," undated
- 1 6 "Doing the Utmost From Your Side," 1961
- 1 6 "Don't Fence Me In," 1959, 1965
- 1 7 "Eternal Change and Changeless Eternals," 1959, undated
- 1 7 "Ezra and Nehemiah Would Be Very Pleased!" 1966-1967
- 1 7 "Fact and Faith: People of God," undated
- 1 7 "Faith As A Child," undated
- 1 7 "Faithful Children," undated
- 1 7 "Faithful Fathers," 1960, 1974
- 1 7 "Fighting Fears with Bare Fists is Futile," undated
- 1 7 "Flying High (Eagle award)," 1960, 1975, undated
- 1 7 "Follow Me," 1961, 1964, undated
- 1 7 "Footprints in the Sand," 1965
- 1 7 "Forgotten Advice," undated
- 1 7 "Freedom's Year," by Wayne Brouwer, undated
- 1 7 "From Mire to Mirth," undated
- 1 7 Funeral sermons, 1964-1990
- 1 8 "Getting Under People's Skin," 1959, undated
- 1 8 "Girl Scouts, Tree of Life," 1973 March 11
- 1 8 "Give Me Some Men," undated
- 1 8 "God and Country," undated
- 1 8 "God's Back," 1971 February
- 1 8 "God's Way For Today's Home," 1969 May
- 1 8 "Good Lord, That's Me!" undated
- 1 8 "Good News! The Word Became Flesh," undated
- 1 8 "Great and Unexpected Happiness," 1965
- 1 9 "Hailed, But Not Recognized," 1965 January 28

- 1 9 "Hand On My Shoulder," undated
- 1 9 "Hearers and Doers," 1966, undated
- 1 9 "His Orders and Order," undated
- 1 9 "Hog Parlor or Hypocrite's Pew," 1964
- 1 9 "Home: Drudgery or Devotion," undated
- 1 9 "Home Provides," undated
- 1 9 "Hosanna! But Not Really," 1968, 1970, undated
- 1 9 "How To Be Nothing!" 1963 October 6, undated
- 1 9 "How To Find Life," 1962 November
- 1 10 "I Had A Nightmare," 1963 September
- 1 10 "I Love A Parade," undated
- 1 10 "I Will Be Loyal," 1970
- 1 10 "If I Should Die Before I Live (Youth)," 1961-1974
- 1 10 "If Only You Knew," 1961 November
- 1 10 "In Love And Charity With Your Neighbor," undated
- 1 10 "Is Jesus Expectable?" undated
- 1 10 "It Can Be Done In '61," 1961
- 1 11 "January communion, Epiphany," 1973 January
- 1 11 "Jerusalem - Holy City or Living Hell," 1960, 1965
- 1 11 "Jesus Christ Is Lord," 1960
- 1 11 "Jesus Prays For Us," 1991
- 1 11 "Joyful Tears of Joy," undated
- 1 11 "Jug with Two Handles," 1965 November 19
- 1 11 "Kindle the Flame," undated
- 1 11 "Kingdom, Power, Glory," undated
- 1 12 "Labor Day communion," 1959, 1961
- 1 12 "Language Of The Word," 1974
- 1 12 "Learning To Be Content," 1981
- 1 12 "Let It Be Now, Lord," undated
- 1 12 "Light and Lamp For Life," undated
- 1 12 "Light Worshipers In The Dark," 1960 March 18, undated
- 1 12 "Living In A Dream World," 1959 June 5, undated
- 1 12 "Living It Up," 1960
- 1 13 "Loafers and Lifters," undated
- 1 13 "Looking At Splinters Through Logs," 1972 May, undated
- 1 13 "Looking In On Heaven," 1970, 1975, undated
- 1 13 "Love," undated
- 1 13 "Love, Communion, Meditation," 1972 August
- 1 13 "Love Walked Right In," undated

2	1	"Mother's Day," 1965 May
2	1	"Moving Up," undated
2	1	"Music In The Church," 1974 November 3
2	1	"My Friends," 1960, 1980, undated
2	1	"New Life In The Light," undated
2	1	"New Year sermons," 1957, 1959
2	1	"No Other Gods Before Me," 1961 May
2	1	"Now Hear This," 1965
2	1	"One Life To Live," undated
2	2	"Palm Sunday," undated
2	2	"Paradox, Freedom = Slavery," 1969
2	2	"Pay What You Owe," 1965
2	2	"Pearl of Great Pride," 1965 July 14
2	2	"Pentecost, communion," 1960, 1963, undated
2	2	"Persons - For the Living of These Days," 1965
2	3	"Petty Practices of Prominent People," 1961 March 29, undated
2	3	"Pilgrims In A Strange Land," 1963 May 1
2	3	"Playing For Keeps," 1973-1974
2	3	"Powerful Praying," 1959
2	3	"Pulling Off The Mask of Play," 1965 October 7
2	3	"Qualities of the Master," 1963 March
2	3	"Quiet, Please!" 1959
2	4	"Reaching For The Highest," 1963 February
2	4	"Religious Boom - Moral Bust," 1962
2	4	"Restored Relationship - Sealed with Blood," 1965 November
2	4	"Revolution!" 1966 May 5
2	4	"Right Will Out," undated
2	4	"Running the Rapids," 1966 May
2	5	"Search Yourself," 1959
2	5	"See Jesus," 1965 October 4
2	5	"See Yourself," 1965 October
2	5	"Separated," 1970 February 8
2	5	"Serving God For The Spoils," 1964
2	5	"Sing Unto The Lord A New Song," 1963 November 10
2	5	"Some People Don't Have To Be Asked," 1964
2	5	"Spirit and Power," undated
2	6	"Stewardship," 1959-1960
2	6	"Strong Arms," undated
2	6	"Strong Hands," 1973

- 2 6 "Stumbling Block," 1959-1960
- 2 6 "Sunday - Just Another Day," 1960, undated
- 2 6 "Supreme Joy!" undated
- 2 6 "Swinging On The Gate," 1966
- 2 7 "Take Up Thy Cross," 1964 March 15, undated
- 2 7 "Tell About Christ," undated
- 2 7 Thanksgiving communion, 1967 November 5
- 2 7 "The Big Little Ones," 1959, 1975
- 2 7 "The Bliss Of The Poor!!?" undated
- 2 7 "The Church," 1959-1960
- 2 7 "The Church And My Children In A Communist World," 1963
- 2 7 "The Compassion of Christ," undated
- 2 7 "The Encourager," 1987 July
- 2 8 "The Galilean Accent," 1962, undated
- 2 8 "The Green Light" Epiphany communion, undated
- 2 8 "The Hurt Happy," 1968
- 2 8 "The Joy of Jesus," undated
- 2 8 "The Joys of Home," 1963 May, undated
- 2 8 "The Ministry of Reconciliation and Message," 1969
- 2 8 "The Old Math Of God," undated
- 2 8 "The Power of Jesus," 1963 September
- 2 8 "The Prayers Christians Should Pray," 1958 October 29, undated
- 2 9 "The Real Thing," undated
- 2 9 "The Role of the Church," 1968 August 27
- 2 9 "The Set Face," 1960 March 14
- 2 9 "The Signs of the Times," 1962 August 30
- 2 9 "The Soil of the Soul," undated
- 2 9 "The Spirit of Christ," undated
- 2 9 "The Thin Gray Line," 1961
- 2 9 "The Tongues of the Church," 1973
- 2 9 "The Unpardonable Sin," 1961, 1965
- 2 10 "The Wind of the Spirit," undated
- 2 10 "The World's Great Dare-Devils," 1963 May 20, undated
- 2 10 "There's A Great Day Coming," 1966 March
- 2 10 "Think, Thank, Trust," 1961 August
- 2 10 "This We Believe," 1963 September, undated
- 2 10 "Thyself for Myself," 1959, undated
- 2 10 "Tilt!" undated
- 2 10 "To Every Man There Openeth A Way," 1961

- 2 11 "Too Close To Christians For Comfort," undated
- 2 11 "Total Enlistment in Kingdom," communion meditations, undated
- 2 11 "Town and Country Church," undated
- 2 11 "Two Cups And A Bowl," 1961 August
- 2 12 "Values That Endure," 1961, undated
- 2 12 "Vulnerable," 1973
- 2 12 "Walk In The Light," undated
- 2 12 "Warning! Dangerous If He Gets Loose," 1965
- 2 12 "We Would See Jesus," 1961 March 11
- 2 12 "What Are You Thinking?" 1968 July 10, undated
- 2 12 "What Can Christ Do For You?" 1961
- 2 13 "What Can We Do For Jesus?" 1966
- 2 13 "What Do You Expect?" 1967, 1974
- 2 13 "What Have You Done?" 1958 May 18
- 2 13 "What It Means To Be Christian," 1960
- 2 13 "What It Takes To Be A Real Man," 1966 June 30
- 2 13 "What Kind Of Fools?" 1968 August 7, undated
- 2 13 "What Makes A Life?" 1961
- 2 13 "What Shall I Do With X?" 1965-1966
- 2 14 "What Shall I Give Him?" 1967 April 17
- 2 14 "When Jesus Discouraged," 1970
- 2 14 "Where In The World Can We Go?" 1965, 1969
- 2 14 "Where In The World Is God?" 1961 October, undated
- 2 14 "Where Is He?" 1963-1972
- 2 15 "Where Is Your Security?" 1963
- 2 15 "Who Is Christ?" 1960 March 13
- 2 15 "Who Struts The Stage," 1962 August
- 2 15 "Who Will Answer?" communion, undated
- 2 15 "Whom Say You That I Am?" 1962 March
- 2 15 "Why Are You Here Today?" 1961 October
- 2 15 "Why Church?" 1957 October 27
- 2 15 "Why Missions?" 1965 January, undated
- 2 15 "Winchester Cathedral," Epiphany, 1966 December 15, undated
- 2 15 "With Your Knowledge Get Wisdom," 1966 December 5, undated
- 2 15 "Witness To Show The Answer To Great Wants," 1956 October 29
- 3 1 "You And Your Church," 1960, 1963
- 3 1 "You Are Important," undated
- 3 1 "You Bet Your Life," 1962 November 8
- 3 2 Unfinished sermons, 1963-1966, undated

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| 4 | 7 | "Copyright and contracts," 1964 |
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