

# Presidents' Hymns & Baptist Turning Points



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## DBU Professors Pen New Books Detailing the Praise of Presidents and the History of Baptists

Dr. C. Edward Spann, adjunct professor and retired dean of DBU's College of Fine Arts, and Dr. Michael E. Williams, professor of history and dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, have recently made contributions to the field of history through the publication of two new books.

Spann and Williams combined to produce *Presidential Praise: Our Presidents and Their Hymns*. The work offers a fascinating outlook on the leaders of our nation and the hymns which inspired their lives and administrations. Each chapter opens with an introduction by Williams highlighting each president's ascension to the White House and their performance while in office. The presidents are then

revealed in a more personal light through mention of their respective musical preferences and abilities. The individual chapters conclude with information by Spann on the history of the words and music of the presidents' favorite hymns, as well as why they found them meaningful.

Williams is also co-editor of *Turning Points in Baptist History*. Together with distinguished historian Walter B. Shurden, Williams compiles an informative survey of the Baptist saga in honor of the great Baptist historian H. Leon McBeth. Colleagues, contemporaries, and former students of McBeth explore major events in Baptist history, providing for readers an overview of Baptist history and also honoring the legacy of McBeth.

