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**JOHN KILLINGER SERMONS, 1980-1986**

The collection includes sermons preached by Dr. Killinger at the First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, from 7 September 1980 through 20 July 1986. There are also the following:

- (a) a news clipping regarding the publication of The Loneliness of Children by John Killinger in 1980.
- (b) "First Press", Vol.II, No.30, 8 October 1981 [which includes "Reflections on Life and Ministry at First Presbyterian Church; A Self-Interview" by John Killinger]
- (c) a letter of 22 July 1986 from John Killinger to those who had been receiving copies of his sermons by mail.

**JOHN KILLINGER (1933- )**

John Killinger was born on 12 June 1933, in Germantown, Kentucky, the son of John Raymond and Jessie Frances Ellis Killinger. He was married to Joyce Anne Waddle on 12 June 1952.

Dr. Killinger's degrees include a B.A. from Baylor University, an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Kentucky. He also received an STB from Harvard Divinity School and a Th.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before being installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on 5 October 1980, Dr. Killinger had taught at Georgetown College, Kentucky Southern College, Princeton Seminary, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and at Vanderbilt Divinity School for fifteen years. He is the author of more than thirty books and a popular lecturer.

In June of 1986, Dr. Killinger resigned his position with the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg to become pastor of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE: Craddock, Martha Helen. *The McGukin Years and More*. Lynchburg, VA: Warwick House Publishing, 1991, pp.162-165.