

Second Baptist Church Collection (AC75)

Introduction:

The Second Baptist Church Collection consists of documents and publications related to the history of the church.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Second Baptist Church

Title: Second Baptist Church Collection

Date Range:

Size: 0.83 linear feet (2 boxes + 1 OS folder)

Collection Number: AC75

Donor Information:

Found in Collection; Ella Tolbert, November 2013; and Mildred Crossley, October 2014.

Citation Note:

Second Baptist Church Collection (AC75), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Related Collections:

AC02 First Baptist Church [Kansas City, KS] Collection

AC04 Merrill Street Baptist Church Collection

AC76 St. Stephen Baptist Church Collection

Administrative Information:

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted

Access Restrictions: Unrestricted

Historical Sketch:

Second Baptist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in Kansas City, MO, dates back to 1863, when the mission, known as “Straggler’s Camp”, congregation made up of escaped

enslaved persons and freedmen of split into Second Baptist and Allen Chapel A.M.E. It was first located at 10th and Charlotte, moved to 10th and Park in the 1940s, before finally moving to 39th and Monroe in 1963. The first pastor was Rev. Moore. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Strothers, followed by Rev. Henry Robinson, Rev. Samuel W. Bacote, Rev. E. E. Chappelle, Rev. Shipley, Rev. Kendall Jones, Rev. Karlous Kalu, Rev. Vernon P. Howard, Jr., then Rev. Kevin Nelson, and finally Rev. Joe L. Callahan, Jr. Women began to serve in leadership positions in the 1980s. And online streaming services began in 2016.

Scope and Content Note:

Oversized items removed from collection and placed in Flat File Cabinet #1 Drawer #3.

Series 1: Ephemera

This series contains a ribbon, a photograph, images, and documents related to chorales.

Series 2: Newsletter

This series contains newsletters created by Second Baptist Church called Voice, from 1983-1998.

Series 3: Programs

This series contains programs about church leaders and from events and anniversaries. This series contains a program celebrating 5 years of service by Dr. Vernon P. Howard Jr., donated by Mildred Crossley.

Series 4: Histories

This series features hardbound and paperback books on Second Baptist Church's history.

Series 5: Poster

This series contains four posters advertising the 149th Anniversary of Second Baptist Church and the Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the new church building on 39th Street. This building was completed by Nan Jackson Interiors.

Collection Inventory

Series 1:

f. 1 Ephemera

Series 2: Newsletter

f. 2 Second Baptist Voice Newsletter, 1983-1998

Series 3: Programs

f. 3 Church Leaders

f. 4 Programs

f. 5 Anniversary Programs

f. 6 Souvenir Journal, 2013 (donated by Mildred Crossley, 10/2014)

f. 7 125 Jubilee Anniversary (donated by Mildred Crossley, 10/2014)

f. 8 Centennial Anniversary, 1863-1963

Series 4: Histories

f. 9 Sesquicentennial History, 1863-2013 (donated by Ella Tolbert, 11/2013)

f. 10 Sesquicentennial History, 1863-2013

f. 11 Sesquicentennial History, 1863-2013 (donated by Mildred Crossley, 10/2014)

f. 12 Second Baptist Church History, 1983-1994

f. 13 Second Baptist Church History, 1983-1994

f. 14 Second Baptist Church History, 1983-1994 (donated by Mildred Crossley, 10/2014)

f. 15 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983

f. 16 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983

f. 17 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983

f. 18 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983

Series 5: Poster

f. 19 Posters, October 2012 [OS]

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Sources:

Second Baptist Church. "Who We Are." Accessed March 2024.

https://secondbaptistkcmo.org/images/SB_History_Oct_2021.pdf