

Second Baptist Church Collection (AC75)

Introduction:

The Second Baptist Church Collection consists of documents on 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

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:

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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 Photo- Ruth Keiford
- f. 2 Ribbon
- f. 3 Report, June 1952
- f. 4 Songs used in Revival Services
- f. 5 handwritten notes
- f. 6 Second Baptist Church Yearbook, 1986

Series 2: Newsletter

- f. 7 Second Baptist Voice Newsletter, 1983-1998

Series 3: Programs

- f. 8 Out of the Bible, April 1924
- f. 9 Dr. E. E. Chapell, 50 Years of Service, May 1996 [2 copies]
- f. 10 Dr. Rev. Kendall Dwayne Jones Sr., June 1998 [2 copies]
- f. 11 Bearice Hicks Celebrating 100 Years, 2000
- f. 12 Trial Sermon, Deacon Roosevelt Smith, March 2000
- f. 13 Program, December 2000
- f. 14 50th Anniversary of Rev. Samuel Bacote, 1985-1945
- f. 15 Homecoming Day Celebration, 1953-1984
- f. 16 122nd Anniversary Program, 1985
- f. 17 128th Anniversary Program, 1991
- f. 18 1355th Anniversary Banquet Program, 1998
- f. 19 Celebrating 150 Years, 1863-2013 program [3 copies]

Series 4: Histories

- f. 20 Centennial Anniversary, 1863-1963 [2 copies]
- f. 21 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983
- f. 22 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983
- f. 23 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983

- f. 24 Second Baptist Church, 1863-1983
- f. 25 125 Year Jubilee, 1988 [3 copies]
- f. 26 Second Baptist Church History, 1983-1994
- f. 27 Second Baptist Church History, 1983- 1994
- f. 28 Second Baptist Church History, 1983- 1994
- f. 29 Sesquicentennial History, 1863-2013

Series 5: Poster

- f. 30 Posters, October 2012 [OS]

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Sources:

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

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