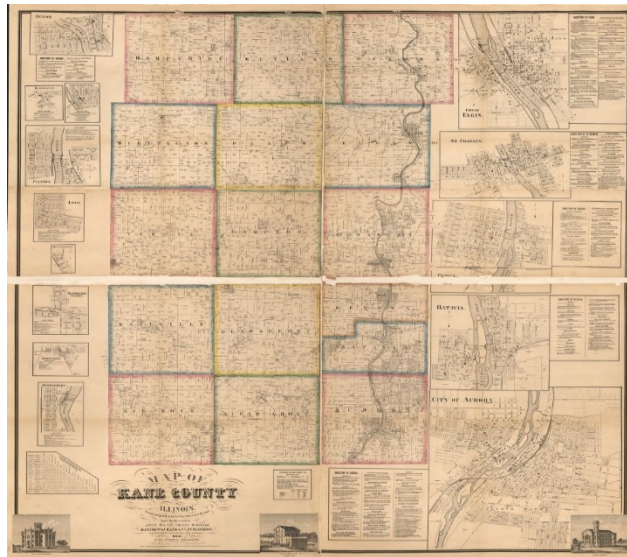


## EARLY CHURCH

### 1862

- October 15 -- Rev. Benjamin Thomas, Army Chaplain and former pastor of Elgin's First Baptist Church, brought to Kane County about 110 escaped slaves from plantations in the south: 5 men, 28 women and 77 children, many of whom had been slaves on the Newsome, Oates, and Pride Plantations near Cherokee, Franklin County, AL. Many of this group of refugees, referred to as "contraband," formed the core of Second Baptist Church.
- Worship began as camp meetings at Colby's Grove, a site east of the Elgin Academy, (now Elgin Historical Museum). These meetings grew to informal services of prayers and songs in the home of Arthur Newsome, a contraband pioneer and charter member of Second Baptist Church. Rev. Adonirum J. "AJ" Joslyn and Harriett Cheney of the First Baptist congregation provided support and assistance. Rev. Joslyn had been a staunch defender of civil rights and spoke against slavery. He advocated the repeal of Illinois laws that restricted the rights of blacks.



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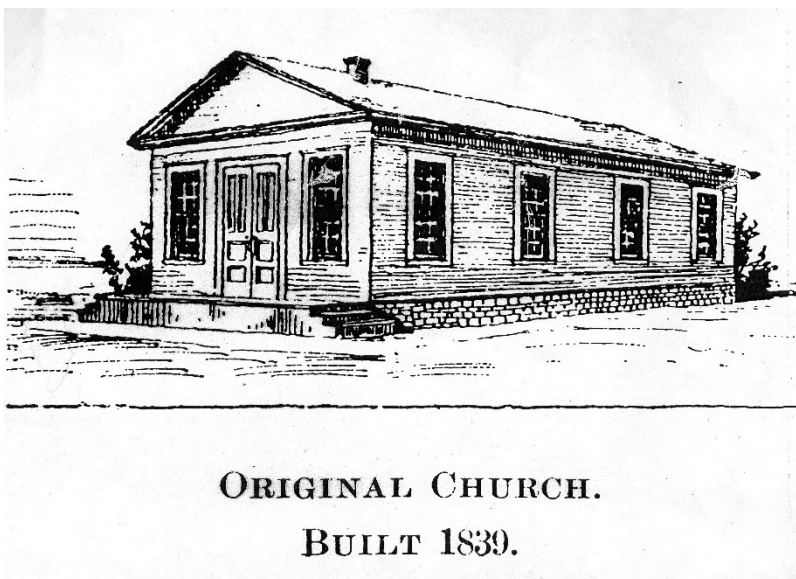
### 1863

- October 6 -- A segregated "colored school" was established in Elgin. Second Baptist Church served as this school. During the school's first year of existence, 16 boys and 28 girls were enrolled. The average daily attendance was 14. While attendance was irregular, black students progressed. Arthur Newsome was one of 16 blacks who signed a petition of protest, presented to the Elgin City Council, stating "We are taxed in proportion to our means to build and support all the public schools. We should be allowed the same privileges in using them that others have." Elgin abandoned its segregated system in 1872.

### 1866

- December 2 -- Second Baptist Church was formally organized and initially held service in the home of Arthur Newsome, on Ann Street. John Ford, Arthur Newsome and Peter Newsome, charter members, were elected as Trustees.
- Rev. R. M. Smith pastored at the first frame building, located on Center Street facing Barclay Park. Once the Methodists completed the building of their new brick church on Center Street, the former building

(pictured below) was sold to the Second Baptist Church congregation, who then relocated it to Dundee Ave. and occupied it for service.



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### 1867

- In June, Rev. A. J. Joslyn (1818-1868), was granted a letter of dismissal from the First Baptist Church in order to join Second Baptist Church. Land was purchased at the corner of Dundee Ave. and Kimball St. for \$100.



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### 1868

- Second Baptist Church was located on the west side of Dundee Ave., between Kimball St. and Franklin

St. There were 33 members. The religious service and Sunday school were held once every fortnight (two-weeks). About 50 people attended these services. The superintendent was George H. Knott.

### 1875

- March 28 -- Second Baptist Church was destroyed by fire. As a result, services were held in City Hall until a new brick structure was erected circa 1876 on the same site - the northwest corner of Dundee Ave. and Kimball St.
- The same site, now known as **Newsome Park**, was named in honor of brothers Arthur and Pete Newsome. Arthur spent his life in service to his country, his community and his church.



### 1876

- The new brick structure on the corner of Dundee Ave. and Kimball St. was built and remained the place of worship until 1961.

### 1879

- According to the *Educational Weekly*, Vol. V, 1879, "Eleven students were graduated from the Elgin High School on June 5, 1879." The class valedictorian was Miss Maggie A. Oates, a daughter of Millie Oates who had arrived in Elgin on the "contraband train" in 1862. Millie Oates was also a member of Second Baptist Church.

### 1880

- Robert Garrett (1861-1921) was one of the very young children brought to Elgin on the "contraband train" in 1862. Robert became a member of Second Baptist Church in 1880 and served as one of the early superintendents of Sunday school.

### 1894-95

- Rev. Solomon J. Griswold, was the minister of Second Baptist Church. In addition to being known as the "colored school," Second Baptist Church was also known as the "colored church."

### 1898

- Rev. Richard DeBaptisté (1831-1901) was the first African American minister of Second Baptist Church. He served as pastor prior to his death in 1901. Rev. DeBaptisté was described as a man who devoted his life to ministry. He once said, "I unreservedly gave up all my worldly prospects and projects in obedience

to the call of my Master to enter His vineyard, to occupy till He comes; he that forsaketh homes, lands, brothers and sisters for my sake and the Gospel's, shall have homes, lands, brothers and sisters."



R. DeBAPTISTE.

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## 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

### 1900

- In the early days, even during the winter, baptisms were conducted in the Fox River in accordance to the doctrine of the church and the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.



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### 1908

- Second Baptist Church, was still located on the corner of Dundee Ave. and Kimball St. Church services were held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school was at noon; BYPU (Baptist Young People's Union) was at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Oliver T. Judge was pastor, and there were 75 church members.

### 1920s

- Rev. H. E. McWilliams was pastor of Second Baptist Church.
- Rev. Bellamy and Rev. Singleterry served as ministers.

### 1937

- Rev. Wm. Wright, was pastor of Second Baptist Church. During his leadership, church members, including Mary Wheeler, John Bell, and Deacon Jefferson Ford, celebrated Emancipation Day (see photo). For years, Second Baptist Church served as a meeting place and social center for the African American community. Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Ann Bosley were part of the original membership.



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## 1938

- Rev. L. J. Jefferson served as pastor from May, 1938 until 1961. Rev. and Mrs. Jefferson traveled from Evanston to Elgin, even when few members were present, to conduct services. Deacons included Jefferson Ford, Cletus Wainewright and Daniel Broadnax, Sr.



## 1945

- An Elgin unit of the civic league organization American War Mothers, was formed and named in honor of Mary Newsome (Hall) Wheeler, who was born into slavery and was the daughter of Arthur Newsome. Mary was a member of Second Baptist Church for 74 years. Other members of Second Baptist Church who were also affiliated with the American War Mothers #17 Mary Wheeler Chapter included Mrs. Rosie Smith and Mrs. Mary Jane Parrish Bellew.



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## 1953

- By 1953, Second Baptist Church membership had grown to 150. The church had a "facelift" which included replacing the foundation; repairing and tuck-pointing all of the windows; and painting the building. The total cost for all of the repairs was approximately \$3,000. The Building Committee included Rev. Jefferson, Deacons Broadnax, Sr., and Wainwright, and church members Sherman Hunter, Elijah Smith, Viola Wheeler, and Mayme Steele.



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### 1961

- May 1 -- The continuously growing Second Baptist Church congregation marched to its new house of worship located at 280 Franklin Blvd. SBC's new church home was formerly the site of the Church of the Nazarene. SBC's purchase of the property was successfully negotiated by Rev. Jefferson, his appointed assistant, Rev. Robert Clingman, and the Deacons and Trustees serving at the time.



## 1962

- October 4 -- Rev. Theodore E. Bedford was called to serve as pastor of Second Baptist Church. A former student of Alcorn A&M, Rev. Bedford was a devoted leader.



## 1970

- November 22 -- The church mortgage was burned. Rev. Bedford's vision for the church was: "We will succeed. We will progress. We will move forward."

## 1975

- Second Baptist Church was completely remodeled.



1976

- Missionary Society Ministry was formed to provide spiritual, physical and emotional support to the church family and the community.

1984

- Rev. Bedford prophesied, “The Lord said we need to move.” In the summer of 1984, the land was purchased on Summit St. (Route 58) in Elgin.
- November 21 -- Rev. Shirley A. Roberts was licensed as a minister of the Gospel and was subsequently ordained on September 29, 1991. Rev. Roberts was the first female minister in the history of Second Baptist Church, and the first African American female to be licensed and ordained into ministry in the city of Elgin. Rev. Roberts served as an associate minister at SBC until her death in 2013.



Rev. Shirley Roberts

1985

- Second Baptist Church celebrated its 119<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The anniversary theme was: “A Teaching Church at Work.”
- A church budgeting process was created through the leadership of Katherine Jackson, the first Budget Ministry chairperson.
- Orientation classes were established for new members.
- Vacation Bible School was established as a day program under the leadership of Margaret Spivey.

1988

- Second Baptist Church, led by the Missionary Ministry, began participating in the Elgin Soup Kitchen program. The goal of SBC’s involvement was to serve the homeless a wholesome meal and share the Good News of the Gospel.

1989

- Second Baptist Church joined a coalition of churches serving the homeless through a Soup Kitchen

established at Holy Trinity Church. SBC was assigned to host and prepare the Soup Kitchen meal on the third Friday of every month.

- The Christian Board of Education (CBE) was established and led by Janie McCutchen, the first CBE chairperson.
- July -- Groundbreaking service was held for a new church building. Among the guests in attendance was a host of civic and church representatives, including Elgin Mayor George Van DeVoorde. The site of the new church building was later annexed by the city of Elgin.



## 1990

- August -- 1280 Summit St., Elgin, IL, 60120 became the official street address for Second Baptist Church of Elgin.



## 1991

- The 125th anniversary of the church was celebrated with a commemorative vehicle sticker for the city of Elgin. The sticker bore the picture of the church with the anniversary theme: *Mighty as an Oak Tree*. The theme was meant to symbolize how the church had stood firm in faith and in its commitment to Christianity.

## 1992

- Second Baptist Church supported the local Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) by providing housing and food during winter months.
- The Brotherhood was established and led by Rev. Vancolie Riley.

## 1996

- The 130<sup>th</sup> church anniversary was marked by the installation of the new cornerstone.



## 1997

- The Library Ministry was established under the leadership of Juanita Crear-Price, the first director of the new ministry.
- The Praise Dance Ministry, now known as Divine Movement, was formed under the leadership of Alicia McPherson.



## 1998

- Rev. Bedford revealed another prophecy: "Second Baptist Church will be the focal point of Elgin and serve the community."
- December 31 -- After more than 35 years of dedicated service, Pastor Bedford retired from the position of pastor of Second Baptist Church of Elgin. The distinguished honor of Pastor Emeritus was conferred upon Pastor Bedford on January 1, 1999. He was the first pastor of SBC to receive the Pastor Emeritus title.



## 1999

- With the retirement of Pastor Bedford, the leadership of the church became the responsibility of the Deacon Ministry chairman, Mitchell McCutchen. The ministry of the Word was not neglected, as the associate ministers of the church – Rev. Shirley A. Roberts, Rev. Freddie L. Rogers, Rev. Nathaniel L. Edmond, and Rev. Scott Clark – continued to preach the Gospel. The sheep of God were fed, and the congregation continued to grow.
- The process to elect a new pastor began in April 1999

### **Ordained Associate Ministers and Deacons who served along with appointed Trustees under the leadership of Pastor Theodore E. Bedford:**

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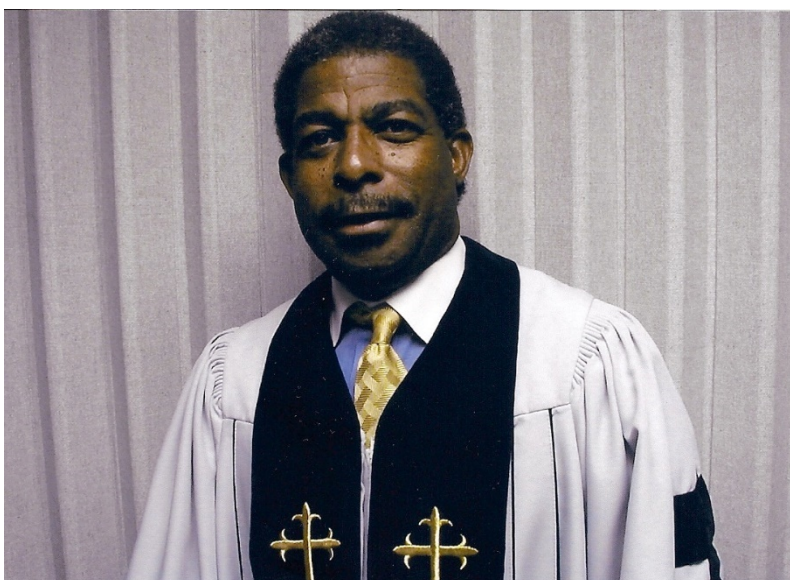
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## 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

## 2000

- February 20 -- Rev. Nathaniel L. Edmond was called to serve and installed as pastor.



Rev Nathaniel Edmond

- The church nursery was refurbished and re-opened.
- The Young Adult Ministry was established to foster steady ground for steps of faith and Godly walks within a fellowship of young adults from the ages of 18 to 35.

## 2001

- "Wonderful Wednesday" mid-week service commenced.
- The first of two parking lot expansions began.



- An annual combined worship service was launched with Pastor Don Shank and the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren.



- One of the rocks unearthed during the construction of the foundation for the new building on Summit St. in 1989, had been preserved; and was now placed at the entrance to the parking lot to let everyone know that they were welcome and that Jesus is the Rock.

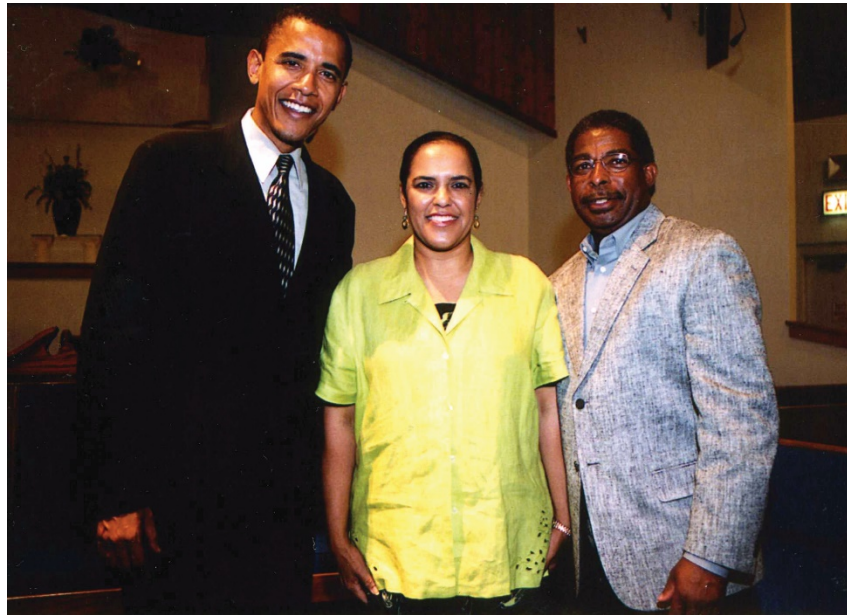


## 2002

- Worship services were expanded to include an 8:00 a.m. morning worship service in addition to the 10:30 a.m. service.
- The church website, [www.sbcelginil.org](http://www.sbcelginil.org), was launched.

## 2003

- May 11 -- Second Baptist Church was visited by then U.S. Senate candidate Barack Obama D-Chicago. Sen. Obama went on to become the 44th President of the United States.

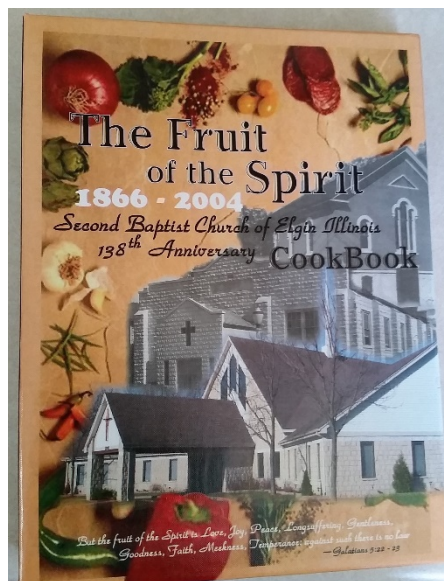


- The Public Relations Ministry was launched, under the leadership of Glenda Hodges, to promote the Gospel internally and externally via print and electronic media.
- The Bus Ministry was launched, and led by Deacon Terry Jones.
- The Prison Ministry was re-launched under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Love. Its purpose was to share the Good News of the Gospel with persons incarcerated at the Kane County Adult Justice Center by providing spiritual and emotional support through regularly scheduled worship services and Bible Study.
- A street ministry entitled "Operation Joshua" began in October under the leadership of Rev. Freddie Rogers.



## 2004

- The Nathaniel L. Edmond Oratorical Contest was established and scholarships were awarded to youth members of SBC.
- The 138th church anniversary was commemorated with a published collection of SBC members' favorite recipes. The collection was titled: "The Fruit of the Spirit Cookbook."



- The Theater Arts Ministry, now known as The Divine Arts Ministry, was launched under the leadership of Virginia Bailey.
- The "Couples United to Produce Success" (CUPS) Ministry, now known as the Marriage Ministry, was launched under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Love and Brenda Love.

## 2005

- March 6 -- The groundbreaking ceremony was held for the church's 20,000 square feet multi-purpose building addition. Special guests included Elgin Mayor Ed Schock, Elgin City Manager Femi Folarin and Elgin City Councilwoman and Second Baptist Church member, Brenda Rodgers. The addition provided for eight classrooms, a nursery, a welcome center and a recreation and performance auditorium. Second Baptist Church celebrated the grand opening of the multi-purpose building in 2006.



- The Information Technology (IT) Ministry was launched, under the leadership of Connie Wallace, to support the growing technological needs of the church.
- Noonday Bible Study was launched and held every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
- August 23 -- Devastation from a massive natural disaster struck the country's Gulf Coast region. SBC members rallied to aid the families affected by Hurricane Katrina by donating funds and welcoming survivors who were relocated to the Elgin area.

## 2006

- Rev. Lionel Sweeny led the first annual Leadership Workshop: "Jesus, The Greatest Leadership Role Model."
- The Sheridan School Partnership Ministry was developed with School District U-46. The Partnership was launched with 24 trained volunteers serving as mentors and tutors to 45 Sheridan Elementary School students identified as "at-risk." The ministry was led by Katherine Jackson and Deacon Randall Hodges.
- The Young Adult Sunday school class for ages 18-24 was re-launched.
- Rev. Clem McCullough, SBC associate minister, was called to lead the Children's Church which was designed to address the spiritual growth of children aged 6-12 years old.



- July -- The celebration of the 140th church anniversary included contributions totaling \$9,500 to Elgin area agencies as a symbol of the church body's faithfulness to God.
- October -- The first annual Women's Conference was launched. The conference theme was: "Christian Women Breaking New Ground."



- October -- Pastor Edmond and First Lady Christine traveled to Africa as a part of a World Vision International missionary trip. While visiting Kenya and Tanzania, they witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of AIDS/HIV in these countries. In Tanzania, they met two of the children sponsored by Second Baptist Church, Musa and Mbaudel. Upon their return from Africa, Pastor Edmond published his personal, daily journal entitled "A Journey to Africa: A Mission of Outreach."



## 2007

- The congregation continued to support World Vision through individual members collectively sponsoring 132 Tanzanian children.
- A collaboration with the LaSalle Street Church of Chicago resulted in a joint contribution of \$10,000 provided to build a duplex for teacher housing in Kisongo, Tanzania, Africa. Construction of the housing units were completed in April 2008.



- April-June -- An evangelism campaign, led by the Evangelism Ministry and its president Melissa Ross, began with the training of church members and culminated with two visits to Clifford Court, a local housing complex. The vision of the Evangelism Ministry was to institutionalize the principles of Christian evangelism by furthering the Gospel and teaching and proclaiming the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

- The Youth Ministry hosted the first Senior Recognition Program to celebrate the academic achievements of graduating high school seniors.



- The Sheridan School Partnership Ministry was expanded to include Larsen Middle School. The ministry was subsequently renamed the Second Baptist Church School Partnerships Ministry.
- The first Minister of Music, Latrishia Jones, was appointed to oversee the various music ministries of the church. Other past and present pianists and organists were Josephine Bailey, Crystal Evans, Charlotta Clark, Rev. Michael Clark, Walter Cunningham, Vinnie Huntley, Betty Lewis, and Frankie Weaver.

## 2008

- January -- The School Partnerships Ministry received the Dr. M.L.K. Humanitarian Award from the city of Elgin as well as an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. award for volunteerism in the spring.
- The 10:30 a.m. worship service was moved to the multi-purpose center as a result of rapid membership growth and a sustained increase in attendance.
- The Deacon Ministry chartered an ad-hoc committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the church constitution and recommend updates subject to ratification by the church body. The intent was to incorporate relevant administrative and operational changes that had been implemented since the last ratification of amendments in 1997.
- The Community Improvement Traveling Plaque for Renovation was awarded by the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of SBC's architectural design enhancements to the church's building structure, including the construction of the multi-purpose addition.



- Pastor and First Lady Edmond joined the Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations and along with a group of other Chicagoland pastors and spouses, journeyed to Israel as "Peace Ambassadors."
- October -- The SAFE Ministry (Standing Against Abuse for Everyone), led by Carol McCray, was launched. The ministry was honored in 2013 by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for its outstanding work in promoting education and solutions in the area of domestic violence prevention.

## 2009

- The Taste of SBC was established, under the leadership of Deidre Puller, as a new feature of the church's annual anniversary celebration.

## 2010

- May -- Second Baptist Church enhanced its presence on social media through the launch of its Facebook page which allowed the church to improve communications with its membership base and expand its voice in the community.
- August -- Second Baptist Church's Summit Street Legacy Capital Campaign concluded with the purchase of the adjacent nine acres of property east of the church. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held.



- December -- School District U-46 and its African American Advisory Council hosted the first annual African American Family Education Summit at Second Baptist Church.

- The Youth Ministry hosted the first annual Career Exploration Fair.

## 2011

- The Sankofa Wax Museum of African American History was created and led by Jocelyn Yarbrough as a component of the church's Black History Month celebration.



## 2012

- The Empowerment Ministry, led by Dwayne Carpenter, was established to provide Christian-based support, encouragement and relationship building opportunities for career development and networking.
- The Beautification Ministry, led by Tammy Jackson, was created to edify the interior of the church through the art of design and interior decoration.
- The expansion project on the second parking lot was started and included providing additional parking, landscaping and a drainage pond on the land that was purchased in 2010.
- The League of Military Veterans Ministry, led by Deacon Ruberl Carr, was launched to support and honor active, retired and prior military service veterans and their families for their service and selfless contributions. Second Baptist Church membership honors a long and proud history of service to our country.

## 2013

- The Singles' Ministry, led by Shelia Redmon, was re-launched to support single adults and foster community and individual wholeness through a healthy, thriving relationship with God and each other.
- The first Gospel Fest event was held during the Taste of SBC church anniversary celebration.

## 2014

- The Youth Ministry hosted its first annual Youth Explosion.

- The Missionary Ministry hosted its first Sister-to-Sister fellowship. The event was a Building Healthy Relationships workshop.

## 2015

- “One Faith. One Ministry. One Church.” was established as the church's vision and leadership development focus for members.

## 2016

- Kiosks were installed to facilitate electronic tithing, offerings and event registrations.
- As a result of the devastation caused by the water contamination in Flint, Michigan, Second Baptist Church of Elgin combined its efforts with those of Second Baptist Church of Wheaton and Watch City Lodge 131 to complete a water drive to aid the families affected by the crisis. A total of 11 pallets of water were delivered to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan.



- A Second Baptist Church Mobile app was introduced to enhance communication with our membership base and expand our voice in the community.
- The 150<sup>th</sup> church anniversary celebration included the debut of a commemorative logo designed by Vicente Espinoza.

- During the Anniversary Service, the Church received several acknowledgments:
  1. A proclamation from David Kaptain, Mayor, City of Elgin, IL
  2. House Resolution 1291 presented by Anna Moeller, State of Illinois House of Representatives 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
  3. Illinois Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth read our history into the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Record of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, Second Session. She presented us with the flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  4. Congratulatory letter from Richard Durbin, Illinois United States Senator
  5. Congratulatory letter from Barack Obama, 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America



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## 2017

- June 24 -- The young ladies of Divine Movement performed at the Global Arts Festival in Bartlett, IL. This opportunity allowed the ministry to introduce praise dancing to a broader community.
- In conjunction with the 151<sup>st</sup> church anniversary celebration, the Library Ministry and Anniversary Committee partnered to host a “70 and Over Luncheon” to honor the senior members of the church. The luncheon was held in the multi-purpose building and the Brotherhood Ministry served as waiters.
- July 23 -- The Second Baptist Church App was launched during both Sunday services. The app has three sections: About Us, Events, and Giving. The goal is to fully embrace technology to better serve the church, its members and the community.
- The Brotherhood Ministry hosted its first annual Basketball Camp for children in grades 1 to 12. In addition to fun and fellowship, camp helped the children to improve their skills in shooting, passing, rebounding and defense. Rev. Marvin Thompson was the camp leader.
- October -- Pastor Edmond presented the 90-Day Challenge to the leadership team, trustees, deacons, and ministry leaders. The purpose was to challenge members to recommit their lives to Christ by increasing their prayer life, reading and studying the Bible, attending Sunday school and Bible Study, and increasing their giving (Malachi 3:10). The 90-Day Challenge was rolled out to all members in January 2018.

## 2018

- January – The New Member Orientation Ministry consolidated the six new member classes into a one-day class held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Session 1 teaches “Who We Are as Christians”. This session can also be taken on-line on the church web site. Session 2 teaches “Understanding Our Obligations as Christians” and is classroom based only.
- January 6 -- The Youth Ministry saw a need for more programs focusing on our boys and young men. The Frontiers, a mentorship program for young men ages 13 and up, was started by Rev. Bryon Furdge. Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month. The goals for Frontier members are to learn who God is and how he cares for us, demonstrate leadership and responsibility and participate in church events.
- May 5 – The women of SBC honored First Lady Christine D. Edmond with a High Tea Luncheon at The Seville in Streamwood, IL. The women wore hats and fascinators as part of the celebration of our First Lady’s 18 years of service to SBC.
- September 23 – Pastor Nathaniel Edmond officiated the Ordination Service of four new deacons and seven new ministers. **Deacons:** Corey Dixon, Michael Montgomery, William Rorer, and Freddie Walker **Ministers:** Roshawn Adams, Ratisha Bolin, Kenneth Blanchard, Shimon Blanchard, Byron Furdge, Randall Hodges and Marvin Thompson.
- November 11 – The S-Step drill team for boys aged 6 and up had been inactive for several years. Under the leadership of Dante Leveritte, S-Step was reactivated and reintroduced to the congregation at the Music Ministry’s annual program. S-Step creates routines based on precision dance and marching to visually articulate the word of God.

## 2019

- January - The Youth Ministry has been revamped under the directorship of Marisha Telemaque. 2019 kicked off with a new name, logo, theme, and calendar. The Youth Ministry is now ELEVATE SBC Youth. Upcoming events and activities can be found on Facebook, Snap Chat and Instagram. There will be a quarterly digital newsletter and text messaging over a private platform.
- January - Pastor Edmond announced his retirement would be in June 2020. A transition team was working on a hiring timeline for the future pastoral search committee and a training schedule to help them with interviewing techniques.
- January - The Elgin Police Department conducted an active shooter training session for the trustees, deacons and Pastor Edmond.
- February - The congregation met to discuss the qualifications wanted in a new pastor. Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to give their suggestions; all were discussed and a list of qualifications was established.
- February - Illinois 8<sup>th</sup> District Congressman, Raja Krishnamoorthi, read into the United States House of Representatives Congressional Record a proclamation honoring the faith, determination and good works of Second Baptist Church of Elgin. Congressman Krishnamoorthi presented the proclamation to Pastor Edmond at a Unity Breakfast held at SBC.
- February - A pastoral search committee was needed to find qualified candidates to present to the congregation for voting. Several church members volunteered and the congregation voted. In March, the committee was announced. Elected members were Diana Sweeny, David Bailey, Joyce Fountain, Nicole Lewis and alternates Marilyn Leveritte and Vernon Joy. Seated members were Deacon Mitch McCutchen, Trustee John Johnson and Church Treasurer Mike Walker. In April, the job ad for the new minister was posted.
- April - The Singles Ministry presented a Family Resources Life Series I event. Information was presented on Budgeting, Saving and Investments; Healthcare Power of Attorney; Medicare and Healthcare; Fraud and Identity Theft; Insurance-Life, Health & Long-Term Care; Men's Health
- May - The women of SBC hosted the last luncheon honoring First Lady Christine D. Edmond. "An All White Affair" was held at Villa Olivia, Bartlett, IL.
- August - Children's Church announced that they would give a scholarship to a graduating high school senior in June 2020. To finance the scholarship, a fund raiser was held selling Double Good Popcorn. The congregation was invited to help by purchasing their favorite popcorn.
- October - The Pastoral Search Committee gave an update. It was stated that the job ad closed on July 8. There were 91 applicants but only 65 had completed the whole application. At this time, 21 applicants remained to be further evaluated.
- October - The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Conference was held off site for the first time at the Westin Hotel, Itasca, IL. The weekend began with dinner and a fashion show featuring the ladies of SBC as models. A movie and game night followed. Saturday was filled with praise and worship, exercise and several outstanding speakers, including the Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton. On Sunday the conference returned to SBC for two uplifting sermons.
- November was the one month "Thanksgiving Maintenance Campaign". The campaign was launched to cover the unexpected cost of replacing 8 heating and air conditioning units in the sanctuary building.