

"One thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five shall ye flee: til ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill. Isaiah 30:17.

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The New Beacon

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Staff

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Staff

Sunday Praise Schedule:

1st Sunday Gospel Choir

2nd Sunday Male Choir and
Praise Dancers

3rd Sunday Angel Choir and
Jesus Joy Choir

4th Sunday Senior Choir

5th Sunday Combined
Choirs

9am Sunday School

10am Sunday Worship Service



Reverend Thomas and Regina Holmes become Interim Pastor
and First Lady at Second Baptist Church

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Holy Communion

Brother Jeff Fisher and Deacon Robert Williamson shared their expertise on the topic of "Holy Communion" in Adult Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Study this fall. This sacred tradition is performed in our church on the first Sunday of each month, although there is nothing in the bible that says how often it should be done. It is performed in remembrance of Jesus, The Christ, who shed his blood and whose body was broken for each one of us. He was sacrificed, so we could be saved. So symbolically, we eat the bread and drink the wine or juice in his honor. In bible study, we focused on how each person should prepare before participating. You should examine your actions, and thoughts and decide if you are worthy of this honor. If you are, partake. If you are not, do what you need to do to prepare for the next time. If you partake and you are unworthy, then you bring damnation to yourself. This tradition is an announcement of the Lord's death, until He comes again. Please reference 1 Corinthians 11:23.

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY



Thanks Trustee Lucy Smith for taking pictures at the birthday celebration on October 27th, 2017. All the months were represented. There were some tasty, sugary treats and entertainment as well. Thanks to all for the fellowship and fun.

Sunday School Promotion Luncheon, October 28th

Deaconess Dr. K. Malvern and Sister Elaine Joy officiated the honors at the Sunday School Promotion Luncheon on October 28th. Each student was named and stood to be recognized for their attendance and accomplishments. Our dedicated teachers were also noted. Where would we be if not for educating our youth about the goodness of God?



Halleluiah Harvest Family Festival

The Sunday School Council held the 4th Annual Trunk-A-Treat Harvest Festival at our church campus. Activities began in our new church parking lot and continued in Fellowship Hall. So many people came together to make this a great event, too many to name individually. Worship leaders, Brother Greg Malvern, Sisters Kaela Moore and Christine Smith served as worship leaders for the Sunday School event.



Harvest Event continued...



Line dances, bible games, food, a talent show, costume parade and judging rounded out the fun. The whole community was involved. We had a safe and worship led day and evening.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2017.

Sister Gladys Wilson officiated at our celebration on Veterans Day, the official day to honor all our women and men who served in any of the armed forces. Dr. Joseph Williams, MD, a former naval commander, explained that on the 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month, an Armistice was formed between the Allied forces and Germany after World War I in 1918. That Armistice Day was later moved to coincide with Remembrance Day or Veterans Day after World War II. Memorial Day, he further explained is the day we honor those fallen in all wars. Reverend Wenda Clark gave the worship service message and we adjourned to light refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Thank you Veterans and all who helped make this day possible.



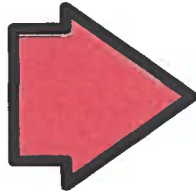
Our Veterans, Trustee Lawrence Watkins, Brother Albert Young, Brother John Bish, Brother Lionel King, Deacon Robert Williamson, Dr. Joseph Williams, and Sister Gladys Wilson.

Meals on Wheels

Sister Cecelia Dobbins, head of the Missionary Circle, and a host of committee and church volunteers, gathered on Thanksgiving morning to service others. Hot meals were prepared, boxed up and delivered to the sick and shut in and those in need in our community. Everyone was so helpful. This represents part of our heartfelt love for doing God's work.



**"HOW BLESSED
AM I":** a poem
by Sister
Yvonne L.
Bentley from
Prayers,
Prescriptions
and
Perspectives,
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To have a portion of my health,
Means more to me than gold or wealth.
To have my mind and sanity,
Exceeds all other vanity.
To have my senses with me still,
Is evidence of my Maker's real.
To join my hands in solemn prayer,
Defeats the pain in them I bear.
Your providential care for me,
Dear Lord I ask of only Thee!
I thank Thee God for blessing me,
With life and love of family!

Mens Fellowship

Under the direction of Deacon Carlton Clark, the Second Baptist men gathered for food of the spirit, food for physical nourishment and food for thought. Reverend Mims was the guest speaker for the morning 7:30am breakfast on November 26th. He inspired others to speak about their own life challenges and how to still walk the Christian walk. Brother Jeffrey Fisher gave his salient testimony to that important charge. We thank each male member for participating.

Senior Missionary Circle Annual Day



On Sunday, November 26th, 2017 the Senior Missionary Circle presented reflections from Sister Dobbins, a choir celebration, and a message from Reverend Marsha Harris. Sister Dobbins spoke about "Outreach", at home, in our neighborhood and abroad. Our Senior Choir rendered the songs, "Every Day, Every Way, Blessing Me" and "Your Grace and Mercy Have Brought Me Through". Reverend Harris told us "We all have been given the gift of service. So what are we doing about it?" "We should be a living sacrifice and share the love of Christ to all wherever we are or wherever we go." See James 2:14-26.



Women's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Here's hoping you were blessed on Saturday, December 16th at Second Baptist Church by participating in the spirit filled prayer breakfast held by the Women's Ministry. The Reverend Deanna Freeman, the First Lady of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Camden, NJ was the guest speaker.



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Thank you Deaconess R. Lovelace for the photos.

50 Years of Service

"I remember when I came to Second Baptist about thirty-five years ago. I looked to find a place in church that matched my skill set, and met Mrs. Ruth Baylor. From then on, I knew I wanted to be part of the Education Committee," remembers Dr. G. Williams. How can it be that this committee has been in full operation now for 50 Years? Sisters Baylor, Hattie Green, Estelle Rice, Ethel Johnson and Ann Richardson helped create this formidable group as they first grappled with what to do with a \$100 youth donation in 1963.

And now, fifty years later, at the helm of great committee leaders, (**Sister Anell Wheeler**, the current chairperson), they hosted another luncheon named after the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, November 25th. Under the leadership of Sister Blake Carter Sias, a campaign began in January 2016 to gather together at least 50 alumni from Second Baptist who had benefited from the Education Committee's support. Thus, **#50for50** was launched. It all came together at the Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Below are photos from a Friday gathering of the alumni, and photos from the luncheon. Many thanks Sister Wheeler and committee members for such an historic and awesome weekend.



Thanks Sister L. Williams for photos from the Friday event.



Sister Delores Holden presided over the lunch event with great poise.



'LIGHTING THE WAY: 50 YEARS OF SERVICE was the scripture theme for the Scholarship Luncheon. The **48th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon** including alumni speakers Dr. Danielle Jones, Mr. Geoffrey Bennett and the Reverend John H. West, III. Brother Jordan King was the 2017 Christian Service Award Recipient. Each presentation moved us all deeply, gave us food for thought and allowed us insight into the kind of adults these home ground people had become. Reverend West, the keynote speaker, challenged us to press forward in our quest to be more like Jesus. Sister Maxine Carter received a special award for her many years of devoted service to the Education Committee. It was a surprise!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

Wayne Bentley 1/20
De'Shawn Dixon 1/20
Malinda Gross 1/13
Derrick Harris 1/24
Rev. Marsha Harris 1/19
Erica Johnson 1/26
Edith Jones 1/29
Robert Jones, Sr. 1/9
Shirley Lang 1/24
LeRoy Marshall 1/14
Louise Marshall 1/13
Kaela Moore 1/30
Jennifer Morris 1/22
Geraldine Reid 1/20
Cheryl Robinson 1/2
Deaconess Odears Smith 1/28
Garrick Stafford, Jr. 1/30
Kelli Turner 1/18
Brianna Valentin 1/16
Nathaniel Walden 1/27
Norma Wallace 1/18
Malcolm Youcoms 1/15

FEBRUARY

Natalie Collins 2/18
Deborah Dixon 2/20
Doris Emerson 2/26
Deaconess Roseann Hayes 2/21
Alexis James 2/28
Audrey Jones 2/27
Jordan King 2/2
Lionel King 2/14
Dr. Patricia Stafford 2/20
Brandon Wells 2/28
Deacon Robert Williamson 2/1

MARCH

Kurtis Banks 3/3
Carla Booker 3/27
Archie Demby 3/2
Joyce Dixon 3/5
Warren Jones, Sr. 3/22
Ronald King 3/15
Edward D. Moore, 3/14
Aliyah Murray 3/9
Deborah Robinson 3/8
Virginia Winchester 3/23

Sunday School Gospel Christmas Cantata



Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on Earth. Good Will to all Men! On Saturday, December 23, 2017 the Sunday School under the direction of Superintendent Dr. K. Malvern, Associate Minister Reverend J. Demby, Assistant Superintendent Elaine Joy, and Program Director, Carol Jones presented a Gospel Cantata. If you attended you know that each person involved help to make this spirit filled program a huge success. There were recitations, gospel songs, rapping, dancing, soloists, a drum solo, narrations and of course, the Christmas Story of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Check out the church website to see video. As Brother J. King said, "You will not be disappointed!"

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018

- January** 14 Installation of Officers @10am
 14 Dr. King Remembrance Service @10am
 25 Annual Church Meeting @ 7:30pm
- February** 04 Men's Fellowship - Super Bowl Celebration @ 6pm
 10 Sunday School Bible Bowl @ TBA
 14 Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent
- 18 Black History Celebration & Dinner @ 12pm
- March** 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 17 New Members Fellowship Luncheon @ 1pm
 18 Deadline for New Beacon Newsletter
 18 Women's Day @ 10am
 25 100 Deacons in Black @ 3pm
 29 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm
 30 Good Friday - Sr. Missionary Meals on Wheels @ 9am

The Holmes New Home!

We welcome Reverend and Mrs. Holmes to our church family. They bring a new set of God given talents to our congregation, including, but not only, the gift of music, technology, and understanding of the scriptures. We look forward to a God led, spirit filled relationship. AMEN.

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Any Sunday, non-perishable food may be donated to our Food Bank barrel in the lower lobby. Please remember to give.