

Second Baptist Church History

In 1953 a small group of 6 Baptist believers who later became some of the first members of Second Baptist Church, constituted the Christian body of our founding organization. As the Lord anointed, on January 25, 1953, a small group of Baptist believers (our founders) met at 115 S. Murray Street under the supervision of Reverend Theodore Lovelace and organized the Second Baptist Mission.

The motion was moved by Sister Maggie Davis and seconded by Mother Mattie Hodges, that they be called the Baptist Mission. The elected officers were:

- Sunday School Superintendent-Brother Carle Satterfield
- Church Clerk-Sister Marjorie Johnson
- Church Treasurer-Brother J.E. Guy

Our Founders:

- Deacon John H. Davis
- Sister Maggie Davis
- Sister Ola Jordan
- Brother Carl Satterfield
- Deacon J.E. Guy
- Sister Eunice Guy

Our Beginning:

On May 3, 1953, the founders met again, this time at 827 Mound Street, where a motion was made to organize a church. Six days later, on Saturday, May 9, 1953, a motion was made to dissolve the Baptist Mission, and form a church with Reverend Theodore Lovelace as moderator.

During the meeting, Reverend R. L. Latham of Milwaukee, who was present, called for three ordained deacons with letters to come forward. Deacon J.H. Davis, Elmer Donaldson, and Albert Hopkins came forward and were appointed the first deacons of the newly formed church. Sister Eunice Guy served as temporary secretary for the church and recorded the historical events. A motion was then made by Deacon J.E. Guy and seconded by Deacon Elmer Donaldson, that the name of the newly organized church would be Second Baptist Church of Madison, Wisconsin. The motion was carried and here we are today 65 years later.

Our Founding Pastor:

A second motion was made by Deacon Elmer Donaldson the Reverend E. J. Ward be elected pastor of the newly formed Second Baptist Church. The motion was seconded by Deacon J.E. Guy, properly moved and voted on. Reverend E. J. Ward was then elected the first pastor of Second Baptist Church and the church went about doing God's business.

On June 29, 1953, just six months after being elected pastor of Second Baptist Church, while returning from a National Baptist Sunday School Congress, Reverend Ward was killed in an automobile accident. This was a great loss for the Second Baptist Church family. The beloved Reverend Ward was best known for his love and compassion for the people, and his ability to win souls for the Lord.

Not to be deterred, Second Baptist Church continued to trust God and five months later on November 18, 1953, were blessed with a new pastor, Reverend Eugen Bailey, who was elected to lead the church. Reverend Bailey came to Second Baptist Church as a state missionary and supervisor on July 15, 1953 and worked diligently helping to build Second Baptist Church.

Our First Home:

Reverend Bailey led the church both spiritually and financially, and on May, 9 1961 just 8 years after being founded, Second Baptist Church paid \$14,000 in cash for its own church building located at 610 West Olin Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. The process of purchasing the church was not as smooth as the church family would have liked, and for a short time, became a nightmare with a lot of barriers. It was not an easy accomplishment and took many fund raising efforts, as well as members agreeing to donate one day's pay per month, so that the vision of our founders could be fulfilled. After all, scripture states in Luke 1:37 'For with God, nothing shall be impossible'. And so, with God, a determined pastor, and a persistent congregation, the dream became a reality and Second Baptist Church had a building to call home.

Pastor Bailey served faithfully at Second Baptist Church for over 34 years until his retirement in 1987. He was a tremendous blessing to the church as well as the community, and has left his mark in Second Baptist Church history.

Leadership:

After Reverend Bailey's retirement in 1987, Second Baptist Church was blessed with our third pastor in Reverend James Ivy, who came to us from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a pastor with a mission. Reverend Ivy felt that God sent him here to help us get a larger church. We were blessed to have him continue the work that Pastor Bailey started. However, it appeared that God had other plans for Second Baptist Church, because after only two years and before he could complete his mission, Reverend Ivy left for another assignment. Upon Reverend Ivy's departure, Reverend John Miller was elected as the fourth pastor of Second Baptist Church. With the election of Reverend Miller the church purchased a parsonage so that he and his family would have a place to live. Reverend Miller served from 1991 to 1993, after which, Reverend Ivy returned to Second Baptist Church to complete his mission.

In 1994, Reverend Ivy was determined to finish the work for which God had sent him, and wonderful things happened. In November of 1995, the small church at 610 West Olin Avenue was sold and the current property 4303 Britta Parkway was purchased as the new home of Second Baptist Church. Members immediately fell in love with the new church. It was larger, had central air and ceiling fans, had its own fellowship hall and all the potential that were needed-but it had no pews! Reverend Ivy heard that a Catholic Church in Oregon, Wisconsin was remodeling and would sell their pews. He negotiated their purchase and church members helped detach the pews from the floor so that the movers could deliver them to the church. They worked hard and long to get the church in order and the pews were delivered, arranged and made ready for services. Second Baptist Church held its dedication service on November 5, 1995. The church had accomplished its goal and Reverend Ivy had fulfilled his mission.

With this mission accomplished, Reverend Ivy left Second Baptist Church in 1996 to pursue another dream to teach. Upon Reverend Ivy leaving, Reverend D.S. Moss served as interim pastor from 1996 to 1998.

Reverend Moss served as a Pastor for 13 years at Second Baptist Church. Throughout his years as a Pastor and servant of God, Reverend Moss was involved in a number of community based programs and organizations that work with social issues and the education of African Americans as a whole. These commitments included seat belt awareness, HIV/AIDS awareness, health related issues for cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, prison ministry at the Columbia Correctional Institution, mentoring and volunteering within and outside of the

schools.

Reverend Moss passion and emphasis was on the need for spiritual growth and development through the teaching and learning of God's Word. He had a passion for working with children within the church and community. He loved talking to people of all ages regardless of their religious affiliation and sharing his knowledge and witnessing about the unconditional love of God. It was from his personal knowledge and experience that God's love is unconditional and that God is a God of another chance. Reverend Moss was a product of God's grace and mercy, as a result it was his desire to share and enlighten those that are walking in darkness or have strayed along the way. Pastor Moss left Second Baptist Church in April of 2008. He passed away on March 14, 2014.

Wonderful things happened with Second Baptist Church. The church Deacon Board was blessed to have had four deacons in training in September 1998. They were Brother Robert Butler, Brother David McCullough, Brother Jeff McGee and Brother Anthony Wade. In October 1999, God blessed us to receive another Deacon in Training, Brother Jeff Green.

Brother Robert Butler went home to glory and Brother Jeff McGee has relocated to Green Bay, Wisconsin. As of March 2000, Brother David McCullough and Brother and Brother Anthony Wade were ordained as Deacons and in August 2007, Deacon Anthony Wade answered the call to Ministry.

In December 2008, God blessed us with the ordination of the following deacons:

- Deacon William Brown
- Deacon Robert Bobby Brunious
- Deacon Nate Seward (who has since been led to ministry in Minnesota)
- Deacon John Quincy Adam Smith

As of 2011 Second Baptist Church Deacon Board is blessed to have three deacons in training. The deacon's in training are: Brother Richard Brown, Brother Tony Williams and Brother Belton Reed.

Pastor Moss left Second Baptist Church in April of 2008 and on November 2, 2008 Minister Anthony Wade give his first public sermon and received his license to further preach the Gospel. As God never leave His flock without a Shepherd, Minister Anthony Wade was elected to serve as interim pastor of Second Baptist Church.

March, 2009, Reverend Anthony Wade met with the President of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. Dr. Hugh Davis, Jr. to get Second Baptist Church back in the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. Second Baptist Church is in good standing with the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. and the National Baptist Convention, USA. Reverend Anthony Wade currently serves as 1st Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. and chairperson of the Rev. H. Matthew Beecham Scholarship Fund.

NEW LEADERSHIP

On November 2, 2008, Minister Anthony Wade (having accepted his calling to preach and teach) gave his 1st public sermon and received his license to further preach the Gospel! As God never leaves His flock without a Shepherd, Minister Anthony Wade was elected to serve as Interim Pastor of Second Baptist Church.

On October 17, 2010 Minister Anthony Wade received his ordination and became Reverend Anthony Wade. As God would have it, Reverend Anthony Wade was elected as permanent pastor of Second Baptist Church on April 3, 2011 after serving as interim pastor for 3 years.

On April 29, 2012 Rev. Anthony Wade was officially installed as the sixth pastor of Second Baptist Church. On February 26, 2012, Rev. Wade conducted his first licensing ceremony where Min. Troy Fuller received his license to preach and teach the Gospel, and gave his 1st public sermon. Obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ (go and make disciples of men), Rev. Wade continued to be led by the Holy Spirit and on August 5, 2012 licensed Min. Daniel Davis III to preach and teach the gospel. On January 14, 2013 Min. Al Nisa Nururdin received her license to preach and teach the gospel. On February 9, 2014 Min. Tracey Bell received her license to preach and teach the gospel.

To date, Reverend Anthony Wade is a diligent and tireless servant of the Lord. He has officiated several wedding ceremonies, visits the sick and shut in, makes home visits, puts in countless hours at the church teaching, ministering, overseeing, and fellowshiping – all while holding down a full time job that he has had for

over 39 years! He sits as Chair of the Rev. H. Matthew Beecham Scholarship Committee for the General Baptist State Convention, and is the 1st Vice President!

He is a great man of God, always illustrating integrity and solid moral character. Reverend Wade continues to teach and encourage us to do things “decent and in order”, and to remember that through it all “God is in control.”

Under the anointed leadership of Reverend Anthony Wade, for the first time in Second Baptist Church history-The General Baptist State Convention of Wisconsin, Inc. held their closeout session here in Madison, Wisconsin at Second Baptist Church on April 14, 2011. The membership is growing and individuals have turned their lives over to Jesus Christ and been baptized!

May God continue to smile upon Reverend Wade and his family-his wife of 31 years, First Lady Lucretia Sullivan-Wade and their beautiful daughter Tricia Butler-Wade who is attending Spellman College in Atlanta GA.

First Ladies of Second Baptist Church:

- First Lady Bette Ivy-best remembered for organizing the Minister’s and Deacon’s wives.
- First Lady Dorothy Miller-best remembered for working with the young adults and children.
- First Lady Betty Moss-who made her mark in the church by teaching Sunday School.
- First Lady Lucretia Sullivan-Wade-who works continuously to give recognition to our youth and adults for their academic accomplishments, as well as bringing vital health and wellness awareness to our church community. First lady Sullivan-Wade also maintains the bereavement ministry and makes sure when our Second Baptist Church family members suffer loss or illness, they know we love them and that they are not alone.