

Second Baptist Church Southwest Profile

Second Baptist Church Southwest (SBCSW) is a Missionary Baptist Church located at 1200 Canal Street in Southwest Washington DC. The church began in 1925 and will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary in 2010. Second Baptist Church belongs to the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) and the Missionary Baptist Convention of D.C. and vicinity. Since its inception the church has been blessed enough to have had five ordained Pastors.

The church is situated in a two story building which is approximately 7,400 square feet and is handicap accessible via elevator. The first level includes a main sanctuary which seats approximately 300 people, includes an audio visual room, a pastor's study, the clerk's office and a mother's room. The lower level includes a kitchen, a multi-purpose room, the baptismal pool and an office.

SBCSW has approximately 500 members and more than 25 ministries and auxiliaries conducting two services on each Sunday. Some of the Ministries include the Usher Board, Sunday school, the Youth Department and several music ministries to name a few.

The pastoral position of the church has been vacant since December 2008, when Reverend Doctor, H. Joseph Franklin Sr., retired after 34 years of dedicated service. To honor him for his faithful service the Church bestowed upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus. God has blessed the church with several dedicated ministers which have allowed the church to operate while the pastoral position is vacant.