

The New Beacon

Second Baptist Church, Moorestown, NJ

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"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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Reverend Thomas N. Holmes,
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Reverend Jeffrey Demby,
Associate Minister

Reverend Wenda Clark, Ministerial
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



look inside!



Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE: New this Year.
The Friends and Family Church Picnic
Saturday, July 14th this year. Mark your
calendars!

SAVE THE DATE: Second
Baptist will celebrate its 125th
Anniversary on Sunday, December 9th
at The Marion. Tickets on sale now.

Please also visit us online at www.sbcmoorestown.church. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Facebook. See addresses inside on SBC Tech News.

Easter Worship Service, 2018

Easter service at Second Baptist was such a joyful time. We spent the week in thoughtful prayer and celebration. Palm Sunday, March 25th, Maundy Thursday, March 29th and Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 1st brought us together and allowed us to be thankful for our Risen Saviour. Many thanks to the Pastor and Mrs. Holmes, The Ministerial staff, Deacons, Deaconesses, the Altar Guild, the Church Sunday School and all others who helped make this week so special.

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Deaconess Ruth Johnson - Christian Living Legend Award

Deaconess Ruth Johnson was awarded the prestigious **Christian Living Legend Award** in March, 2018 after 64 years of dedicated service at Second Baptist Church. She has served as church secretary for the last 15 years, through three pastor administrations. She is also a deaconess, serving the deacons and the pastorate as duty calls. When asked her fondest remembrance, she sited working with Reverend Wallace, Reverend Haynes and now Reverend Holmes. When asked about her most trying remembrance, she said, " Nothing has ever occurred that would make me want to leave my church family. I am here to worship God". She is very fond of answering the phone in the office and praying with people on the other end of the line as the Lord leads her. Mrs. Johnson's favorite scripture is Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strenghtens me." Her daily thought is, "Get up with a prayer. Go to bed with a prayer." In April she miraculously survived a car crash that could have been her last drive. No doubt, we all are happy that she remains alive and well. Mr. James Johnson, her loving husband and extended family are there to love and support her. Many blessings.

Deacon and Deaconess Day

On April 22nd Second Baptist celebrated Deacon and Deaconess Day. The guest speaker was the Reverend Dr. Frederick Thompson. He came to us from the Word of Life Christian Center in Wrightstown, NJ. and gave a powerful godly message about service. We thank the men and women of Second Baptist who are serving for the Lord to minister to all in the congregation. Deacons and Deaconesses are our counselors, prayer warriors, logistics managers, and most of all, friends. They are on call at all times. Please take a moment to send a note or call to thank them for their service in the Lord.



"Gratitude Is the New Attitude"

We would like to involve all the ministries of the church! Each Board, Auxiliary, Ministry, Committee, and Choir is asked to nominate one member of your group that you feel is worthy of our church's Christian Gratitude! Please submit the name of your nominee to **Sister Anell Wheeler** on or before the **deadline of August 5, 2018**. We will be honoring all organizations' nominees during our 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill, NJ. Pastor Shawna Adams of Word of Life Christian Center will be our speaker! Tickets are available from any **Education Committee** member.

Article by Brother E. Moore

Hello Second Baptist! Have you logged on to our website lately? No password is needed, just accept a few terms and conditions and you are ready to go. The first page is our website. From there you may visit the many other sections that tell about our church. You could create a blog, or submit a prayer request, or learn more about our ministries. Want to post on our social media account? Just send an email to social@sbcmoorestown.church. Here are some other links to check out:

<https://www.sbcmoorestown.church>;

<https://www.facebook.com/sbcmoorestown.church>;

<https://www.instagram.com/sbcmoorestown.church>;<https://twitter.com/sbcmoorestown> and https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0HE4eCOYC4KWU_VUS5llw

Black History All Year Long Article by Sister Y. Bentley

Founded February 12, 1909, the **NAACP** formed as a bi-racial organization to advance justice for African Americans. Included with the original founders were **Ida B. Wells**, an African American woman, and another person of color, the renowned **W.E.B. DuBois**.

In Chicago, **Ida B. Wells** helped develop numerous African American reform organizations. She became a tireless worker for women's suffrage and happened to march in the famous 1913 march for universal suffrage in Washington, DC. Truly **Ida B. Wells-Barnett** was a crusader for justice!

Youth sections of the NAACP were established in 1936. **The NAACP Youth & College Division** is a branch of that organization in which youth are actively involved. Fast forward to the present time; **Tiffany Dena Loftin** is the director of said division. She had to coordinate and manage 1,000 young, Black student leaders from over 24 cities on 17 buses in the name of gun reform and safety. The destination again was Washington, DC. They joined with crowds of people on Pennsylvania Avenue at the "**March for Our Lives**" rally in support of gun control, on **March 24, 2018**.

Tiffany Dena Loftin wrote a compelling article in the South Jersey Journal, (a free monthly publication) **From Rally to Power: The Civic Obligation of Young, Black Leaders**. The following is an excerpt that should entice everyone to read it in full:

"Because a rally won't end gun violence, I want my peers and young adults to make the clear connection from this issue to who should be held accountable for systemic and legislative change at the ballot box. That way, we know we showed up in numbers not just for a great rally, but for the start of a great revolution.

It is my belief, that if all the young folks from this march, the women's march, the immigration movement and Black Lives Matter joined together for a strategic effort, we could change this country literally overnight.

We must use this as a moment to help young Black folks see that if we want real gun reform, if we want community policing then we **MUST** show up to the ballot box. This demonstration, for the NAACP Youth and College Division is not a free trip to a rally. It is the moment that we are using to build real power that will impact the political navigation of this country."

Joy Night



(Joy Night continued)

God's Chosen Children presented a wonderful selection of Christian expression on April 27th at Second Baptist Church. On a Friday night, participants and audience members could have been anywhere, but chose to come to the sanctuary to honor God. The youngest was about five years old and the oldest performer was 70. There were praise dancers, a talented, young ventriloquist, rappers, spoken word artists, singers, drummers, and pianists from throughout the community. Each one was so focused and authentically spirited. Many thanks to organizer Sister Carly Calhoun and Master of Ceremony Deacon James Hayes. The next Joy Night is scheduled for the fall, but so many wished for more at the end of the night that there may be additional times to gather to praise the Lord like this. Amen.

Burlington County Leadership Classes



April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th Second Baptist hosted the Burlington County Leadership Program, conducted through the **Sunday School Ministry** under the direction of Dr. Kathryn Malvern, Superintendent. What an outstanding job she did of making everyone feel welcome and comfortable. Our very own Reverend Harris presented and led the discussion on the book of Ecclesiastes. All the classes were presented and led by prepared teachers. This event was sponsored by the **Bethany Baptist Association of Southern New Jersey**. Sister Linda Randolph is president of the Burlington County Leadership School. Many thanks to all who participated. Classes were full and lively!

Article and photos by Sister Gladys Wilson



Mother's Day Breakfast

Photos by Sister G. Wilson



On May 13th, the **Men's Ministry** of Second Baptist showed their culinary skills by treating the women of the church to a fabulous meal! Diets out the window today! Bring on the food fit for queens! Thanks to all who served. The worship leader was Deacon Carlton Clark and the Women's Day message came from none other than First Lady Regina Holmes, who gave us a Mother's Day history and inspired us to continue to be our best selves. Sister Wilson took candid shots of mothers and children. Here are some of those shots.



Memorial Day Remembrance Service

Article by Sister Odette Miller

On May 27th, the **Senior Missionary Circle (SMC)** took time to pay tribute to our parishioners who have served in the armed forces in defense of our country. The SMC also called the names of our members who have died between May 2017 and May 2018. They are Deacon James Malvern 8/17, Brother Calvin Watkins, 9/17 and Dr. Ewaugh Fields 2/18. Sister Odette Miller read a poem in their honor entitled, "Missing You Always". We were so blessed to have had them with us for so long.

Moorestown Day and SBC

On Saturday, June 2nd Second Baptist Church (SBC) showed their presence at the Annual Moorestown Day on Main Street. Several church members manned the booth during the day. Passers-by were able to be greeted by members and were shown and told about our church on Mill Street. A large tri-fold poster gave a pictorial overview of some of our events and services. The church is eager to evangelize and bring in new members. Invite someone to attend Wednesday night bible sessions at 7pm, or the Sunday service at 10am. It is our duty.

Altar Guild Annual Day, June 10th

Article by Sister Audrey Jones; Photos by Brother John Bish; See p. 7 for photos

Second Baptist Altar Guild celebrated their 73rd Anniversary this past June. Our featured speaker was Reverend Chris Hill, Associate Minister of Calvary Baptist Church in Morristown, NJ. She spoke on the beatitudes. First Lady Regina Holmes, our worship leader, inspired everyone as they each kept alive the theme "Our Passion for Service". Sister Sheila Brooks was honored for her talented floral arrangements and other adornments she created over the years. A beautiful lunch followed in our Fellowship Hall. We thank God for his grace and

Father's Day Breakfast

Photos by Dr. J. Williams



Just like on Mother's Day, Father's Day began with the opposite gender group working hard in the kitchen! The women of Second Baptist cooked up a storm for their men and sang as well! Sister Pam King served as worship leader and Sister Carol Jones and First Lady Regina Holmes sang a spirit-filled duet after the delicious breakfast. Deacon Noel Gibson of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Burlington gave the Father's Day message. Deacon Gibson reminded attendees of the power of God's love and the special love that fathers and father figures bring. Many thanks to the **Women's Ministry** and all men who attended.





Happy Birthday, Y'all

JULY

Mary Carter 7/20
 Alice Chinn 7/6
 Deaconess Joyce Freeman Ways 7/13
 Barbara Green 7/14
 Marie Harris 7/31
 Dr. Delano Heard 7/25
 Sienna Holmes 7/29
 Carol Kelly 7/15
 Dante Key 7/17
 Kira Key 7/16
 Roxanne Lewis-Reubel 7/20
 Deaconess Rhunette Lovelace 7/2
 Shirlee Marsh 7/1
 Nerlande Moore 7/7
 Lana Murray 7/3
 Jeanette Phillips 7/26
 Danielle Rhodes 7/18
 June Robinson 7/13
 Diane Simpson 7/15
 Kevin Smith 7/12
 Garrick Stafford, Sr. 7/22
 Khalil Stewart 7/16
 Alana Turner 7/14
 Rebecca Villanueva 7/1
 Mary Watson 7/18

AUGUST

Jean Bedward 8/26
 Timothy Clark 8/3
 Reverend Jeffrey Demby 8/21
 Cecelia Dobbins 8/24
 Candice Garrett 8/25
 Wyndolyn Garrett 8/25
 Jonathan Hall 8/22
 Lisa Hayes 8/16
 James Johnson 8/14
 Danielle Jones 8/13
 Gabrielle Jones 8/13
 Naomi Jones 8/14
 Queen Jones 8/19
 Mary King 8/1
 Richard Lovelace, Jr. 8/17
 Deacon James Young, Sr. 8/20
 Veronica Young 8/20

SEPTEMBER

Destiny Hayes 9/17
 Deacon James Hayes 9/21
 Delores Holden 9/7
 Michael Nash 9/4
 William Parchment 9/11
 Janice Plummer 9/1
 Michael Rhodes 9/20
 Christine Smith 9/6
 Claudia Williams 9/10
 Jennifer Winchester 9/22

Omitted Birthdays:

**Gail Bish, December
 31st and Maxine
 Carter, February
 24th**

The **Missionary Ministry** is asking for travel sized toiletry items to take on their monthly mission to our brothers and sisters in Camden. Hand sanitizers, soaps, lotions, deoderants, manicure sets, sewing kits, tissues, etc. Please use the collection barrel in the lower lobby or see **Reverend Marsha Harris**.



The article about the Pre-Women's Day Panel held on March 17th did not include everyone who participated. Here is the complete list: Pastor Shana Adams, Dr. Andreanna Gibson, Donna Glover, Angela Mathis-Rhodes, Michele Love, Dr. Angelle E. Richardson, Tanya Rodriquez Dawson and Lucy Olivia Smith



Six members of Second Baptist joined four additional friends on a fabulous ten day trip to Hawaii, M. Robinson, P. Hall-King, D. Holden, D. Mims, G. Hayes and J. Phillips (not pictured).

In Memory of

**Brother Allen Jones ;
 May 23, 1938 - June 15, 2018**

Community Forum- Blended/Step Families

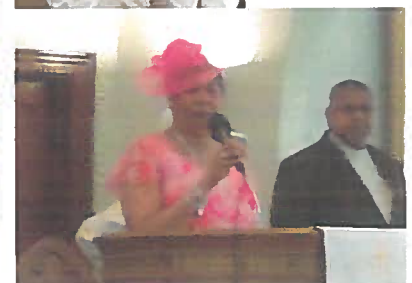
Photo provided by Reverend Holmes and article facts



Second Baptist Church hosted a Community Forum on Wednesday, June 20th at 7pm. The topic was **Blended Families** and included a panel discussion about problems when combining families into one, and strategies to cope with those challenges. The Reverend Thomas Holmes served as moderator. Guest panelists included Charles Muorah, Nancy Denis, Titus S. Mc Millan, Sharea Farmer and Danita Thompson, all specialists in a variety of counseling and therapy fields. Sponsored by **Second Baptist Men's Fellowship Ministry**, the theme came from Proverbs 11:14, "Where there is no counsel, the people fail; But in the multitude of counsel there is safety".

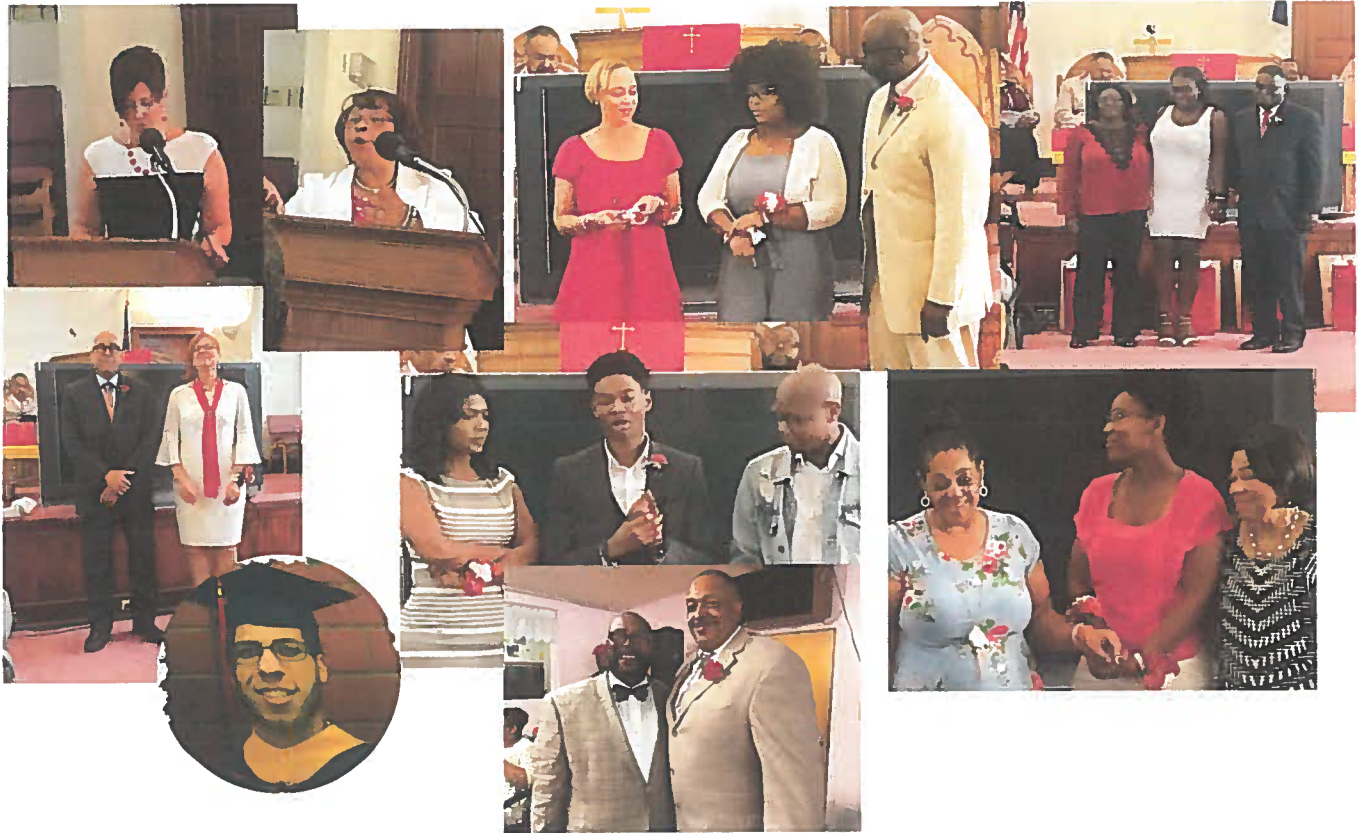
The panelists made their opening statements, then opened the floor to questions from the audience. Several questions related to men raising their children in a Christian household, and the dynamics between the biological and blended family children. Dr. McMillan told the audience that "the truth is the source of healing and transparency is the antidote that cures our craziness." "Demonstrating the love of God seemed to be the common thread that weaved through the dialogue" said Reverend Holmes. To see and hear more of this discussion please visit **Second Baptist Church on YouTube, The Sights and Sounds of SBC.**

Altar Guild Photos from p.7



Photos by Brother J. Bish

Student/Parent Recognition Day, June 24th



"To Serve God Is To Love God" was the theme for the **Education Committee's Student/Parent Recognition Day.** Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider the great things he hath done for you" : 1 Samuel 12:24, was the scripture lesson which permeated the service. Sister Kat Key and Sister Queen Jones and the Committee honored Lenape High School graduates of 2018: Sienna Holmes, Kaela Moore, Michael Nash, and Brianna Valentin. Also honored was Rutgers University graduate Tariq Murray. They and their parents stood to receive accolades and gifts from the congregation. But the real treat was a slideshow presentation of the teens active work and play in the church over the years. Many thanks to the committee and Brother Edward Moore and Sister Gwen Williams for the production. Tariq Murray, who was not able to attend, wrote a heart-felt gratitude letter to the congregation, which was read. Minister Braheem Gunter from Union Baptist Temple of Bridgeton, NJ delivered the message to the graduates. He asked, "Are you in spiritual shape for service for God?" Go to our YouTube page to catch a dynamic, full message!

Upcoming Events: July, August, September

July	9-13	Vacation Bible School 9am
	13	Vacation Bible School Closing Program 6pm
	14	Friends and Family Day Church Picnic 11-5pm
	26	Second Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm
	27	Family Night 6pm
August	11	New Member's Fellowship Luncheon 1pm
	19	Sunday School Back to School Book Bag Day 12 noon
September	27-28	Fall Revival Services 7:30pm