

# BMRC

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**Institution:** Shorefront Legacy Center

**Collection Title:** Second Baptist Church records

**Date Span:** 1875-2008

**Extent:** .45 Linear feet

**Processors:** Processed by CLIR funded Black Metropolis Research Consortium "Color Curtain Processing Project." By Dustin Witsman. June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Restrictions:** None

**Related Collections:** Mt. Zion Baptist Church records, Shorefront Legacy Center, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church records, Shorefront Legacy Center

## **Abstract:**

Second Baptist Church was the first African-American Baptist church formed in Evanston, Illinois. Founded in 1882, the church still functions today. The Second Baptist Church records span from 1875 to 2008. The Second Baptist Church records concern the social history of the church rather than the organizational.

## **Historical Note:**

Evanston, Illinois' Second Baptist Church, an African American organization, was founded in 1882. Formed after ten members of the First Baptist Church were granted dismissals from its congregation, Second Baptist Church was Evanston's first African-American Baptist church. The church went through several moves before finally settling into its current location on Benson Avenue. In 1883, several members broke from Second Baptist and formed Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

## **Scope and Content Note:**

The Second Baptist Church records are arranged into three series: "History," "Publications," and "Activities" and span from 1875 to 2008. The collection includes photographs, event programs and bulletins, material relating to Reverend Hycel B. Taylor, and Second Baptist Church's men's and women's clubs. Most material pre-1920 consists of photocopies.

## **Access Headings:**

African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

African American churches.

African Americans--Religion--Illinois--Evanston.

Second Baptist Church (Evanston, Ill.)

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## Container List:

### Series I. History, 1875-2006

This series contains files relating to the history of Second Baptist Church. It includes personal histories, articles, photographs, and notes.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Second Baptist Church History	1883-2006
	2	Copies from First Baptist (now Lake Street Church)	1875-1997
	3	Reverend Hycel B. Taylor	1972-2002
	4	Photographs	1948

### Series II. Publications, 1915-2005

This series is comprised of in-house publications and programs from Second Baptist Church. It includes programs, newsletters, and memos.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	5	Programs	1915-2005
	6	Anniversary Programs	1974-2002

### Series III. Activities, 2002-2005

This series is comprised of information related to Second Baptist Church's Men's and Women's Clubs. It includes publications, programs, and flyers.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	7	Men's and Women's Clubs	2002-2005