

2025



Where Believing and Doing Are One.

The **Annual Reports** of
Second Baptist Church
100 North Main Street
Suffield, Connecticut

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Minutes of Second Baptist Church Annual Meeting January 26, 2025

- I. Call the meeting to order 11:03 am. Quorum check, names recorded and have reached >20 quorum requirement. Attendance records in main copy of annual report in the office.**
- II. Opening prayer – Melissa Bednarz**
- III. Announcements & Other Important Information – Scott Schneider**
 - A. The Annual Meeting is being recorded, but NOT streamed. To ensure that we capture all comments, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you
 - B. Simplify Going Forward - Tasks, Structure & Annual Report, etc.
 - C. New SBC Organizational Structure for 2025 – reviewed handout.
 - D. Pastor Transition Status – Bev Sikes: worked with group with support from Harry Riggs of ABCCONN, an offer will be made with hopes they start in March.
- IV. Review of minutes:**
 - A. Review & Vote on Approval of SBC 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes (p. 2 - 4). Motion by Jamie Guilmette, second by David Jones, no discussion, unanimous approval.
 - B. Review & Vote on Approval of June 2024 Proposed Membership SBC Constitution & By-Law Revision Meeting Minutes (p. 5). Motion by Jamie Guilmette, second by Molly Drenzek, no discussion, unanimous approval.
 - C. Review & Vote on Approval of Oct 2024 Suspended SBC Constitution & By-Laws Regarding SBC Organizational Trial Period of 18 months (p. 6) Motion by David Jones second by Melissa Bednarz, no discussion, unanimous approval.
- V. Financials, Nominations & 2024 Annual Report Review & Approval**
 - A. Review & Approval Vote of Treasurer's Report in 2024 Annual Report (p.46) – **Howard Beal**
 - 1. Overall Review & Discussion of Treasurer's Report by Treasurer.
 - 2. Approval|Vote on Treasurer's Report. Motion by David Jones, second by Becky Fuller, no discussion, unanimous approval.
 - B. Audit – Discuss, Understand & Approve – **Dave Jones** (p. 40). Motion by Jamie Guilmette, second by June Hodges, no discussion, unanimous approval.
 - C. Review & Approval Vote of 2025 Nominations in the 2024 Annual Report (p.50) – **Nancy Drenzek**
 - 1. Overall Review Discussion & Questions with Congregation
 - 2. Approval Vote on 2023 Nominations. Motion by Ernie Begin, second by David Jones, discussion: Evelyn asked if there is succession requirement and answer was no, it means the other person is a back-up; Molly what are blanks? They are open positions, unanimous approval.

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- D. Review & Approval Vote of Overall 2024 Annual Report (rest of report) – **Scott Schneider**
 - 1. Overall Review Discussion & Questions with Congregation
 - 2. Approval Vote on 2024 Annual Report. Motion by Becky Fuller, second by David Battle, no discussion, unanimous approval.

VI. Resolution Adoptions

A. Resolution #1

- 1. Motion to approve resolution #1: read by Howard Beal
Resolved that the treasurer of the church is authorized to sell immediately upon receipt any securities given to the church.
- 2. Discussion & Vote to accept resolution #1. Motion by Howard Beal, second by Mark O'Hara, no discussion, unanimous approval.

B. Resolution #2

- 1. Motion to approve resolution #2 Gloria Magliozzi
Resolved that the trustees shall have general supervision of the funds, securities and investments of the church now owned or held or which shall be owned or held by the church, and any two trustees shall have the power to sell, assign or transfer to any person or party, any stocks, bonds or other securities which may become the property of the church upon such terms and for such prices as they deem expedient and may sign and execute all instruments or documents necessary to effectuate any such sale, assignment or conveyance.
- 2. Discussion & Vote to accept resolution #2. Second by Barry Sisk, no discussion , unanimous approval.

C. Resolution #3

- 1. Motion to approve resolution #3
Resolved that the Treasurer of the Church, with the approval of one other member of the financial sub-committee, shall be authorized to borrow up to \$20,000 for operating expenses, if necessary.
- 2. Discussion & Vote to accept resolution #3. Motion by David Jones, second by Evelyn Battle, no discussion, unanimous approval.

VII. Reading of deceased church members & friends names who passed in 2024 (End of report). – David Jones

X. Benediction & Close of Meeting – David Jones Done 11:42am

2025 Annual Report

Rev. James Leavitt, Interim Pastor

These reports for a church's annual reports have always been a bit of a challenge for me, especially the first one and the more so depending on when my time with the church started. I have been with Second Baptist for just over 10 months now, starting just before Lent last March. As I look back on those first 10 months, I will share briefly some of the work that we've done and a few observations.

I have met regularly with the Deacons as they work to implement the new structure that was approved at last year's annual meeting. One of the challenges of this change has been working to find a balance between the business/operations of the church and addressing the spiritual life of the church. Another challenge is developing a new way of building a team structure for the various ministries versus the "committee" structure running each of the various ministries. Like many other congregations, one of the challenges in this regard is recruiting people. On the one hand, some folks have been doing a role for many years and are feeling tired and needing to step back and take a break. On the other hand, parents with young families have many more activities that their children are involved in, demanding more of their time, so they don't feel they have the bandwidth to take on additional responsibilities, but they are willing to help where and when they can. This is a challenge that the Deacons are working on addressing.

Another area of focus has been addressing the spiritual life and spiritual growth of the congregation, through the Sunday morning message, starting a weekly Bible Study, and my sharing through the Wednesday Write-Up. We also have access to a video series, that could be lay led on a weekday evening for people that work during the day. One of the difficulties is finding times that work for people with so many differing demands on individuals' time. This is why having one study during the day, another in the evening, and a time on Sunday morning gives people options. But the congregation should not expect the pastor to lead most of these, and the vibrancy of the current Sunday morning group shows that lay led groups work.

A couple of strengths that I have seen in Second Baptist are the fellowship and that this is a multi-generational congregation. That people enjoy talking with one another and spending time together is very much a positive. It shows that people care for one another. My one caution is to make sure that fellowship time doesn't devolve into the same small groups, that can give off a closed to others atmosphere and leave a negative impression on visitors.

It is a joy having children in the congregation and in the church. The children add joy to the service and remind us of Jesus' words in the opening of Matthew 18. *"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'"*² *He called a child, whom he put among them,*³ *and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'*⁴ *Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'*⁵ *Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."* (Mt. 18:1-5) During the year ahead, I hope to find additional opportunities for our older children to participate in worship and become larger contributors to our time together.

In closing, I would just remind us that the church is the people, not the building, and that the church needs the varied gifts of all its people to thrive and do the work of Christ in the community and beyond.



Lay Leadership of Second Baptist Church (Presidents/Moderators/Diaconate Chairs)

1950-51	A. Ward Spaulding	1987	Franklin A. Fuller
1951-52	Marjorie Graham	1988	Allan G. Seibert
1952-53	Hermiona U. Spaulding	1989	Arthur Brennan
1953-54	Ernest A. Warner	1990	Samuel Wolcott
1954-55	William S. Fuller	1991	Henry Windsor
1955-56	William S. Fuller	1992	Laurie Gokey
1956-57	Bernhard J. Ahrens	1993	Rebecca M. Fuller
1957-58	Bernhard J. Ahrens	1994	Stephen L. Smith
1958-59	Clifford A. Babb	1995	Barry N. Sisk
1959-60	Ernest A. Warner	1996	B. Sisk/R. Johnson
1960-61	Samuel S. Fuller	1997	Robert Johnson
1961-62	Frederick C. Dill	1998	Gilbert P. Ahrens
1962-63	Thomas Orr, Jr.	1999	Howard Beal
1963-64	David H. Johnson	2000	Rebecca M. Fuller
1964-65	A. Raymond Taberman	2001	James Wood
1965-66	Sumner F. Bissell	2002	Winston Senter
1966-67	William H. Connelly	2003	Lucile Loiseau/Richard Knapps/Becki Fuller
1967-68	Everett A. Bartlett		
1968-69	Everett A. Bartlett	2004	Russell S. Campbell, Jr.
1969-70	Leavitt B. Ahrens	2005	Arthur M. Sikes Jr.
1970-71	Erskine A. Harvey	2006	Claudia Hepner
1971-72	Sydney F. Fuller	2007	Ernest J. Begin
1972-73	Rayford R. Parker	2008	Joseph P. Harry
1973-74	Rockwood N. Berry	2009	Lena Calvo Blake
1974-75	Harold A. Stewart	2010	Barry N. Sisk
1975-76	Roger L. Dalgleish	2011	Barry N. Sisk
1976-77	Nathana H. Fuller	2012	Richard Hubbard
1977-78	Cecil P. Chase	2013	Richard Hubbard/Karen Santi
1978-79	Dorothy G. Kent	2014	Karen Santi
1979-80	Joseph P. Harry	2015	Lucille Miller
1980-81	Raymond L. Crosier	2016 -18	Scott Schneider
1981-82	David H. Johnson	2018-22	Becky Tobiasz
1982-83	Charles H. Linke	2023	Scott Schneider
1983-84	Rockwood N. Berry		(Interim Moderator)
1985	Gregory A. Haggett	2024	Scott Schneider
1986	Richard L. Carmon	2025	Scott Schneider (Moderator)
			Melissa Bednarz (Diaconate Chair)

*"Remember your leaders,
those who spoke the word
of God to you; consider
the outcome of their way of
life, and imitate their
faith." - Hebrews 13:7*

Life Diaconate

Cynthia Hill
David Jones
Barry Sisk
Signe Wright

Moderator Report

This has been a transition year. Our previous pastor announced he was leaving at the beginning of December 2024 and left by the end of the month. Pulpit support for January and February was immediately obtained while we created an interim pastor search team. The interim pastor search team fortunately found Jim Leavitt who joined us on March 1. The settled pastor search team was created and is busy working toward finding an outstanding settled pastor for us.

Evolving the church leadership/ministry organization to accommodate a smaller church and require less people over an 18-month trial period started at last year's annual meeting. The previous organization required more positions than the number of people attending Sunday services, and filling all the positions, especially leadership positions, was very difficult.

A starting-point organization was set up (see last year's annual report Moderator section). In short, this organization was led by the Deacons to provide more spiritual leadership. "Steward" positions were created for volunteers to commit for shorter time periods or a one-time event, allowing for smaller ministry groups. The moderator position was initially merged with the Deacon chair to unify spiritual and administrative functions. Melissa Bednarz and I teamed up together to run that position. And that's what happened, sort of.

During our trial period during 2025, we realized several things:

- Deacons as the head of administrative and spiritual was too overwhelming not allowing time for spiritual pursuits. And having only 4 Council of Ministries (COM) meetings a year was not enough for coordination of church activities and communication.
- Stewards were not being utilized effectively.
- Mostly, Melissa led the Deacons while I conducted Moderator activities. We decided the combined Moderator/Deacon Chair position was too much for a single person.

Evolution Modifications:

- COM now meets every other month and will coordinate administrative activities allowing the Deacons to concentrate on spiritual activities.
- Ministries will only require a minimum core of people (more can commit if desired), but Stewards will fill the short-term needs of each ministry.
- The Deacon Chair and the Moderator will be separate positions but will work closely together to assure spiritual coordination for all the ministries.

In the remaining trial period, the organizational structure will continue to evolve as required. Also, I want to thank everyone who volunteered this year to make the church run so smoothly without a settled pastor, especially Melissa, who was great to work with and worked so efficiently & hard.

Scott Schneider
Moderator

Council of Ministries

Initially during the SBC reorganization 18-month trial period, the Council of Ministries (COM) role was reduced and only met quarterly. However, it was quickly realized that the COM structure, consisting of the chairs of each ministry, was vital to assure churchwide, coordination, leadership and communication. Currently, the COM structure is as shown below:



The Church Clerk's Report

114 Resident men	46 Non-resident men
<u>156 Resident women</u>	<u>64 Non-resident women</u>
270 Resident members	110 Non-resident members
134 Active resident members	
136 Inactive resident members	
380 Total Members	

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyne Battle

Interim Pastoral Search Committee Report

The Interim Pastoral Search Committee (IPSC) was formed by Diaconate leadership and began meeting in early January 2025 after the resignation of Pastor Justin Cox in early December 2024. Members of the committee were David Burnaford, Caroline d'Otreppe, Jean Rinaldi, Bev Sikes, and Barry Sisk.

The IPSC met nearly each week as a committee. We were fortunate to have consulted with Rev. Dr. Harry Riggs, Executive Minister of The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut. Dr. Riggs supported our search in part with providing interim pastoral search reference materials, as well as with discussion of interim pastoral candidates and consultation guidance where needed.

After prayerful consideration, we felt fortunate to have called Rev. James Leavitt to our congregation to serve as our Interim Pastor. Pastor Jim has served in prior interim American Baptist pastorates and various other ministry roles in Eastern Massachusetts in addition to a previous career in the business world. Pastor Jim began serving as interim pastor on a part-time basis at Second Baptist Church on March 1, was introduced to the congregation on March 2, and began leading worship services and preaching on March 9.

We thank Pastor Jim for his continued service and pastoral leadership at Second Baptist Church during this interim period as we prayerfully discern and prepare for the call of the next settled pastor. We feel fortunate to have Pastor Jim and his wife, Emily, be part of our congregation.

Most members of the IPSC have continued as part of the Interim Pastoral Relations Committee as well. I want to thank all those who served on the IPSC for their dedication and service on behalf of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
David Burnaford, Interim Pastoral Search Committee Member



Pastoral Search Committee Report

The Pastoral Search Committee comprised of Libby Begin, Michele Brown-Quinn (co-chair), David Burnaford, Molly Drenzek, Corey Haynes, and David Jones (co-chair) began meeting in April and continues to meet weekly or biweekly as we faithfully move forward in the pastoral search process. Over the past year, our primary focus has been the development of the Church Profile, a vital document that communicates who we are as a congregation and what we are seeking in our next settled pastor.

Central to this work has been our commitment to hearing the heart and voice of the entire church family. We are deeply grateful for the thoughtful feedback shared during the church-wide potluck co-hosted with the Diaconate, as well as through the Pastoral Priorities Forms. Your participation and insights have been invaluable, and every perspective truly matters.

As we near completion of the Church Profile, the next step will be a leadership retreat on January 31st. This retreat will focus on discerning the vision of the church by reflecting on four guiding questions. Other congregants will be given an opportunity to provide written input prior to the retreat as well.

Following the retreat, the Church Profile will be finalized and sent to ABCCONN Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Riggs who will assist in identifying pastoral candidates whose strengths and calling align with the needs and vision of Second Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Riggs has provided invaluable support thus far in part by providing pastoral search reference materials and consultation guidance.

The Search Committee is grateful for the continued prayers, support, and trust of the congregation. Please continue to keep this process in prayer as we seek God's guidance and move forward together in faith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Brown-Quinn, Co-Chair
David Jones, Co-Chair

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." - Matthew 7:7-8



Annual Report of the Diaconate

Currently, we have positions available, if you would like to join our committee or be a Diaconate steward.

Our committee gave financial assistance and support to those who were in need from our congregation.

We continue to have conversations about the spirit of our services and how we can be present in our community.

We were blessed when the interim search committee brought Pastor James Leavitt to Second Baptist Church. With his experience and understanding, he is able to support and answer many questions of the new permanent search committee. This new committee has been working extremely hard to make sure the entire process of hiring a new pastor is thorough. We truly appreciate their countless hours of time while doing this.

We are very hopeful for a year of new beginnings.

We look forward to continuing our ministries in this upcoming year!

Chair of Diaconate,
Melissa Bednarz

Diaconate Fellowship Fund

The Diaconate has met monthly in 2025 under the leadership of Melissa Bednarz, under the direction of the head of Second Baptist Church, Scott Schneider, and in the presence of the Interim Pastor, James Leavitt.

The balance of the Diaconate Fellowship Fund as of December 31, 2025, is \$31,589.77. Over the course of the year, withdrawals were made to cover expenses of Christian Education, Fellowship involving special supplies or food, and in response to special needs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline d'Otreppe
Treasurer



So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry at Second Baptist Church experienced a year of meaningful music-making, adaptation, and growth across worship, community events, and special programs. Under the leadership of Anthony, Director of Music, and Jean, Organist and Bell Choir Director, the ministry continued to support worship while expanding opportunities for music participation and outreach.

Throughout the year, music was offered regularly through the Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir, guest musicians, and instrumentalists. Seasonal planning focused on accessible and flexible repertoire, including two- and three-part music, to reflect current choir size while maintaining musical quality.

Several special events marked the year. A Hymn Sing event brought together singers and is being considered as an annual February tradition. A Spring Community Concert featured collaborating choirs including the Cetto Chamber Singers. In October, an Open Mic Night offered a welcoming space for musical expression and received positive feedback from participants and attendees including students from the high school. A Community Christmas Concert brought together multiple choirs and musicians and included carols shared between groups to encourage full community engagement.

Summer worship relied on guest musicians and members offering special music, allowing the choir a planned seasonal break while maintaining vibrant worship. Planning also included inter-church collaboration during shared summer services.

Attention was also given to instrument care: the organ and all church pianos were tuned, and long-term organ maintenance planning was discussed to ensure continued stewardship of these instruments.

The Bell Choir, though small, continued to contribute regularly to worship and seasonal services. A new Children's Choir debuted the first week of advent. This very talented group of young music makers is excited to sing again next year.

Looking ahead, plans include continued community concerts, expanded collaboration, careful budgeting for musicians, and exploration of larger musical works for future seasons. The Music Ministry remains committed to enriching worship and strengthening Second Baptist Church's connection to the wider community through music.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Music Ministry,
Molly Drenzek, Chairperson

¹*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!*

²*Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

³*Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!*

⁴*Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

⁵*Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! - Psalm 150:1-5*



Second Baptist Streaming and Audio-Video Operations

This is the fourth annual report on streaming and audio-visual operations at Second Baptist Church. We continued to stream almost all the services. Our Channel has grown in viewership during 2025 to a current total of 210 subscribers, an increase of 37 new subscribers during 2025. We typically have 7-9 viewers of the live stream and then during the next several weeks there are additional viewers. The table below shows the number of views of our stream from the last few services in 2025 and first week of 2026:

Date	# of views
Dec 21	73
Dec 24 10 PM	45
Jan 4	31

Here is a breakdown of the devices/mediums through which our content was viewed during 2025:

Medium	% of Views
TV	57.1
Mobile Phone	26.7
Tablet	14.4
Computer	1.8

There were also several challenges during 2025, most notably in late July when two of our cameras failed. In late August we replaced all three cameras and everything has been working properly since then. We have been working with the church's computer consultant and the equipment manufacturer to find a solution. As of early January 2025 a buffering problem that had plagued the system during the fall was finally resolved with a software patch from the manufacturer.

The hearing assist system for the Sanctuary was upgraded to a digital system in late 2023. The new system has been functioning well during services, providing an enhanced level of hearing assistance to congregants.

Michele Brown-Quinn has been a tremendous asset as co-operator of the streaming system. Her contributions have enabled us to keep the services streaming when illness occurs.

Preparation for each week's service begins on Tuesday or Wednesday with editing the opening and closing video clips, periodically changing both the music and graphic elements to reflect the various seasons of the church year. Then, as the bulletin is filled in, PowerPoint slides are created for the various elements in the service including words to each hymn, responsive & scripture readings, music references, and participant information. When all this is completed, a script is created showing each camera change as well as any change in the view being streamed. This includes a separate sheet listing each camera and the view for each of the nine camera pre-sets. Everything is then transferred to a flash drive and copied to the computer in the balcony. We have become more efficient at creating the weekly material for the stream, now 4-6 hours for most weeks.

Michele and I are always looking for additional people who would like to learn the streaming operation. Please speak to either one of us if you would like to join our team. The view from the balcony is fantastic.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Jones

Growth and Outreach

The 2025 year for Growth and Outreach was very productive. We had several new events and also included some of our regular favorites. The reason we host and continue to do these activities is so that the welcoming spirit of our church can continue to be seen by the local community. Going forward we will continue to do the activities listed below, but maybe tweak them in some way so that they can be better attended by, not just members of Second Baptist, but the community as well. For 2026 we will also try several new events which we will begin planning at our January meeting.

For our Spring Event for children, we focused more on the season instead of doing an event related to Easter because when we held our Easter event several years ago it was not as well attended because of conflicting events in the surrounding communities. We had about 15 children attend with their parents; they made and decorated Springtime cards that could be sent to a loved one. We repurposed tin food cans to use as planters for bulbs; the kids were able to decorate their own container. Next year we will try to do another craft instead of card making. Sue Schneller created a scavenger hunt that was done beforehand; the kids brought the completed form to the event and received a prize for their efforts.

We started a Craft Group for adults; it was held five times in 2025 where between 5 and 11 people attended. The money donated either goes to help support Growth and Outreach events or local charities including Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Shriners, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Our next meeting is already planned for January 2026. A Church cookbook was organized and for sale in 2025. We have sold 69 copies (5 were donated to the Suffield Community Aid Families that the church sponsors). As in any good Baptist Church we have a surplus of dessert recipes in our cookbook, but it has been nicely balanced out with entrees, bread, appetizers, and other delicious recipes. All of the committees were asked to organize their supplies for a church wide purge. We managed to go through our supplies and weed them down, we also took over the closet in the Prior Wing so that more of our items can be consolidated in one area instead of scattered throughout the church. Our school supply collection for Suffield Community Aid went from June through the end of July this year and was a great success. All of the items were dropped off at the beginning of August.

Suffield on the Green was not as big of a success this year because of the weather, our booth had to be closed early on Saturday and completely dismantled. We made the decision not to set up on Sunday because of the dampness on the green. We have discussed for 2026 trying to do an activity or craft in the Common Room instead of purchasing a booth and setting up on the Green. This will allow us to set up earlier than the night before and day of and also will help in case of inclement weather. This will also be a way to showcase our church building to the local community.

The Prayer Shawl group has picked up speed this fall and is being co-led by Jean Rinaldi and Dee Haggett. Instead of just doing it during church service on Sunday they have started a small group that meets on Fridays, and is being well attended by about 5-6 people. They have completed several shawls, two of which have been handed out to people in need.

This year we hosted a Halloween party for the children; Sue Schneller did an educational talk about bats and how they are integral to the ecosystem. Every family that attended was able to assemble and decorate their very own bat house. A big Thank You to Walt Malec, Ray Schneller, and Ernie Begin who did a lot of the prep work for the houses including gathering the supplies, partially assembling the houses before the children arrived, and painting them.

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The 2025 November Craft Fair was a great success; we made \$2719.46 between our white elephant tag sale, our tables downstairs in Fellowship Hall, which included our usual plants, jewelry, and bake sale. This year we tried something a little different, by inviting young entrepreneurs who sold their creations. We also did a gift basket raffle which did very well for its first year. We had 19 baskets, some were pet themed, others were activities and crafts that young and old would like. Some of the funds from the Fair were used to support Light of Hope Mission to the Dominican Republic and Suffield Community Aid.

During Suffield Alight we only had about a dozen people visit the Common Room where we handed out hot chocolate and played "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on the projector. Both First Church and Suffield Academy were also handing out hot chocolate, so next year we will try to do something new, possibly a craft or activity.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corey Haynes

Growth and Outreach 2025 Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance as of January 1, 2025	\$ 2,422.13
Deposits for Exploratory Group	+ 498.00
Deposits for Growth and Outreach	+ 2,973.46
Deposits for Craft Group	+ 456.00
Transfers from Main Checking (both Exploratory and Growth and Outreach)	+ 2,300.00
Donations to LOH and SCA	- 1,650.00
Donations from Craft Group	- 294.00
Expenses for Exploratory Group	- 691.12
Expenses for Growth and Outreach	- 1,993.86
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025	\$ 4,020.61



Christian Education

Here, at Second Baptist, we feel the most important thing our Christian Education Ministry can do is to help kids understand that the God of all creation is their personal God, as well as to help them see themselves as part of God's people. We share Bible verses with them, and this year we concentrated on the people of the Bible and their stories. It is our hope that kids will come to know the Bible, as well as how to live and deepen their relationships with God, others, and all of creation. As the kids learn these things they begin to understand how God related to his people through the ages. Each week, as we teach the Bible stories, we model and promote prayer. This practice builds a foundation for children to know that God is real, a living God, with whom they can have an intimate relationship.

Spiritual formation is happening anywhere that we are given the opportunity to guide someone closer to Jesus. I am so grateful for our parents, for Jean Rinaldi and for their dedication. Spiritual formation does not happen quickly. Spiritual formation is not something that we do once as children and then we're done. Spiritual formation is a lifelong process of learning, believing, growing, and serving.

When we dedicate a young child and his or her parents, the pastor asks the congregation if we will help to raise that child in a Christian environment – and we respond, “Yes!” That is our promise that we will always be there for the child.

Spiritual formation involves almost 50 different activities and groups here at Second Baptist. I have listed a few below:

Great Opportunities For Our Children

- Sunday School each Sunday
- Singing & scripture reading during services
- Opportunities for your child to share their musical gifts
- International mission trips for grades 10-12
- Mission opportunities for all ages- soup kitchen, canned goods and coat & book drives, care packages
- Helping Hands - an ongoing group willing to help where needed
- Senior High opportunities for community service and so much more
- Camping- Camp Wightman
- Suffield on the Green - volunteering at church booth
- Christmas Eve Pageant - all are welcome to participate
- Craft workshops
- Parents Night Out
- Special holiday activities (shared with Growth & Outreach)
- Intergenerational activities
- VBS - Vacation Bible School

All of these activities and so much more are available with the hope that by working together our children will develop a closer relationship with Jesus and grow to understand their own personal gifts. Our mission statement is, “Learn it, Love it, Live it”! Join us.

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HOPES FOR 2026

Our hopes for 2026 are that we continue to grow our Sunday School by reaching out to the kids who attend VBS or who stop and visit our booth at Suffield on the Green and by encouraging them to attend different activities during the year.

As the Christian Education Director, I am so thankful for the children, funding, volunteers, creativity, and prayers each activity receives.

NEEDS FOR 2026

We Need You! Each person's spiritual development is dependent on his or her interactions with others. One important aspect of how people view themselves has to do with how others treat them and how they, in turn, treat others. This is an integral part of the process of spiritual formation. As a congregation, we are called to treat each other as Jesus would: to show what it means to be loved and cared for as God loves and cares for us, and to model and encourage each other in the way God calls us to treat each other.

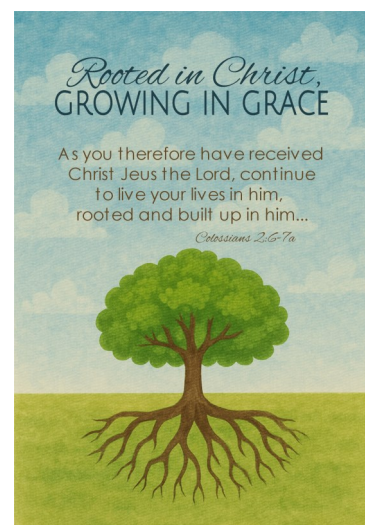
These intergenerational relationships will help us all on our path of spiritual formation. And may we always remember that our church is one of the few places in our culture where children have opportunities to regularly interact with adult Christians. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Maybe Spiritual Formation is where God is calling you to serve. Join us!

God Bless,
Sue Schneller

Christian Education 2025 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$1,200.56
Deposits	\$3,000.00
Disbursements	\$ 3,470.09
Areas of Disbursements:	
Sunday School	
Ladies Luncheon	
Children's Sunday Vacation Bible School	
Christmas Advent	
Suffield on the Green	
Ending Balance 2025	\$ 730.47

Respectfully Submitted,



Adult Education/Small Groups

Second Baptist Church continues to look for ways to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Early in the year, former Pastor Tom Carr offered to facilitate a group Spiritual Direction course. There was enough interest to form two small groups that met with Pastor Tom for 5 sessions. Through guided questions and comments, each participant was invited to share their faith journey and contemplate where their own unique journey was taking them.

In November Pastor Jim began to lead a mid-week Bible study. The initial study was the book of Philippians and then in December the group spent time discussing the differing Christmas stories as presented in the Bible.

The Sunday morning Reflection, Study, and Prayer group continue to have vibrant discussions on a regular basis. This past year we have taken the time to study many Women of the Bible, the passage Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and, during Advent, daily devotions using scripture and passages from the writer CS Lewis.

If you are searching for an opportunity to participate and/or start a small group please contact Pastor Jim, a member of the Diaconate, or the church office. As Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20 *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Burnaford



Missions Services and Justice Ministries

The Missions Committee this year decided to continue the giving program in response to diverse needs much as we have in recent years. We have given to charitable organizations that are local (e.g., Suffield Community Aid), regional (e.g., The Rescue Mission in Springfield), national (through the American Baptist Church), and international (e.g., Rick Gutierrez, who promotes improved agricultural practices in South Africa). We have also responded to acute needs such as an emergent need for a child seat. In addition, we have been aware of the increasing needs for food aid other than during the holidays by giving to the Connecticut Foodshare and to the Suffield Housing Authority earlier in the year. When there was an emergency this fall due to the cut off of SNAP benefits we sent further aid to the latter two groups and Foodshare.

Larry Peters
Chair

Soup Kitchen

Luke 3:10

“Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

At Second Baptist, we are blessed with the opportunity to live out this calling each month through our partnership with the **Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen**, located at South Congregational Church in Springfield, MA.

When We Serve

From **September through June**, our volunteers gather on the **second Saturday of each month** to deliver and serve a warm meal to individuals and families in need. Helpers either meet at a designated carpool location or go directly to the soup kitchen by **11:30 a.m.**, returning to Suffield by approximately **1:00 p.m.**

Who Can Participate

Everyone is welcome—adults, youth, families, and community groups. This is a meaningful opportunity for Scouts, clubs, neighbors, and friends to serve together. Many who participate for the first time find it to be a truly **life-changing and heart-opening experience**, both for those we serve and for those who answer the call to serve.

What We Provide

Each month, our team brings:

- **9 party pizzas** (ordered a week prior and picked up from Big Y)
- **12–15 bunches of bananas** (usually purchased from Costco or BJ's)
- **Pre-packaged cookies** (usually purchased from Costco or BJ's)

The **Missions Committee** generously funds all meal supplies. Volunteers may submit receipts to the **Benevolence Treasurer** for reimbursement.

Join Us

If you feel called to lend a hand, offer a smile, or simply be a presence of kindness, we warmly invite you to participate. Serving at the soup kitchen is a powerful reminder of God's love in action.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Brown-Quinn



Suffield Community Aid

Suffield Community Aid is a great organization that offers many opportunities for the local community to help their fellow neighbor. One of their biggest programs is the Holiday Basket drive where families request food and presents. In 2025 our Church was asked to support five local families by providing food and paper goods for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets and gifts for the Holiday Season. Members of Second Baptist always show the spirit of generosity by working together to provide both food and gifts to local families and are always eager to make sure that the families that are assigned to our church have a wonderful holiday season. This year donations were made by the parishioners so that we could give each family one of our new cookbooks- "Feeding the Flock: Treasured Recipes from Suffield 2nd Baptist".

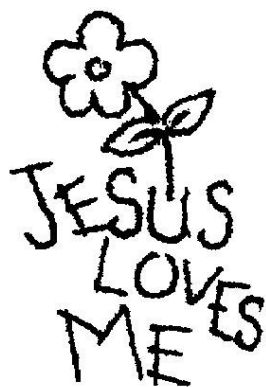
Respectfully Submitted,
Corey Haynes

Fellowship for People with Special Needs/Disabilities (Now called Fellowship Time)

Fellowship for People with Special Needs/Disabilities met every second Monday of the month (except July, August and September) during 2025. As usual we had a wonderful time. All participants really enjoyed our monthly singing, seasonal crafts and snacks. We have partnered with Donna Carney-Bastrzycki from Suffield Parks and Recreation, who sent out our monthly invitations to all those involved in her program letting them know when we were hosting our monthly meetings. A highlight of the year was our Annual December Christmas gift giving. This year our guests each received a six-inch tall crocheted snowman complete with colorful hat and scarf. These were made by a young woman who had a table at our Holiday Fair and delivered by Santa himself who brought a lot of joy to our party.

Those involved included Tina Berrien, Jean Aldrich-Jones, Scott Miller, Caroline d'Otreppe, Kathryn Roberts, Laura Vindigni, and Sue Schneller. In addition, Donna Carney-Bastrzycki from Suffield Parks and Recreation and various parents of our guests assisted at our gatherings.

Jean Aldrich-Jones



*Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Treasurer of Benevolences (Missions) - 2025

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 2025	\$	6,576.92
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RECEIPTS

Missions Support from SBC Treasurer	\$	10,514.61
Trust Funds - Missions	\$	28,126.80
Trust Funds - Third Baptist Church	\$	5,603.25
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Communion Offerings and Special Collections	\$	2,598.25
Light of Hope Dominican Republic Mission	\$	541.00
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	\$	660.00
America for Christ Offering	\$	559.00
World Mission Offering	\$	578.00
Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering	\$	571.00
UNICEF Fundraiser	\$	58.00
	\$	49,809.91
	\$	56,386.83

DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH ABC-

American Baptist Churches USA		
Unified Budget	\$	12,000.00
America for Christ Offering	\$	1,000.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	1,250.00
World Mission Offering	\$	1,000.00
International Ministries Missionary Support	\$	6,750.00
RMMO	\$	1,250.00
	\$	23,250.00

DISBURSEMENTS AS DIRECT PAYMENTS

Third Baptist Church of Suffield	\$	5,700.00
Reimburse Soup Kitchen Supplies	\$	2,593.82
Camp Wightman	\$	1,000.00
Gift Cards (food/gas/personal/household)	\$	500.00
Suffield Community Aid	\$	3,000.00
Suffield Housing Authority	\$	1,000.00
Special Needs	\$	117.62
American Red Cross - Los Angeles Fires	\$	2,000.00
CT Foodshare	\$	2,052.39
Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center for the Homeless	\$	3,000.00
Springfield Rescue Mission	\$	1,000.00
It Takes a Village	\$	219.99
Church World Service - w/1st Church	\$	500.00
UNICEF	\$	200.00
People's Bank: Bank Fee New Checks	\$	35.50
Mission Envelopes	\$	31.06
	\$	22,950.38
Total Disbursements	\$	46,200.38

Balance on Hand, December 31, 2025	\$	10,186.45
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Respectfully Submitted,
 Laura L. Burnaford, Treasurer of Benevolences

NOTE: \$2500.00 of balance has been earmarked for Light of Hope Mission Support

Light of Hope Mission

We were all very saddened that we couldn't visit the Dominican Republic during the year. Health reasons kept me from going back in January and then again in August, but I do have high hopes for 2026. I just wanted to share with you some of the great things that God is doing in the Dominican. We are in constant contact with Joel, Elizabeth, and Wilson, encouraging them as they do great things, letting them know we pray for them regularly.

Below are some photos that they have shared throughout the year.

"LA GRAN FAMILIA DE EL REDIL DE SALVACIÓN" (The great family of the Flock of Salvation)

Pastor Joel and Elizabeth wanted me to share a special thanks to all those who, year after year, give us their unconditional support.

Thanks to their help we continue carrying Gods word to many.

"We want our church to be a place of refuge for your life"

Our work in the Dominican Republic has come so far. I think the scripture that says it all is from Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Humbly Submitted by Sue Schneller



Light of Hope -Dominican Republic Account

Deposits & Starting Balance

Beginning Balance	\$128.13
Support from Church funds	\$1,150.00
	\$1,278.13

Disbursements

No trips or disbursement	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Deposits & Starting Balance	\$1,278.13
Disbursements	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,278.13



Greater Suffield Interfaith Council

In 2025, Second Baptist Church has had more limited involvement with the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council.

Because of the resignation of Pastor Justin Cox, the resignation of Pastor Dian Bailey at First Congregational Church, and the part-time status of Interim Pastor Jim Leavitt, the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council has undergone significant personnel changes. Second Baptist continues to be on the distribution for meetings and upcoming events, but has had limited participation in 2025.

Calling and Caring Ministry

This year we continued to reach out to members and friends of Second Baptist with cards and notes, email, phone calls, and visits. We let Pastor Jim know of those that might enjoy a visit from him. The ministry is to reach out and what we hear doesn't leave the ministry and only goes to the pastor so he can help. If you would like a visit or talk to a member of Calling and Caring just let us know.

Members of our ministry gave rides to church services and doctor visits. The Calling and Caring Ministry worked with Suffield Community Aid's social worker for a better life for one of our members. Many thanks to all the hours that ministry members spent visiting and contacting members and friends to brighten their day.

Calling and Caring members - Gail Davis, Diane Ruckdeschel, Barry Sisk, & Bev Sikes.

Bev Sikes Chair



Flower Ministry

This year the Flower Task Group maintained a rotation of our artificial flower arrangements in the sanctuary and, thanks to Sue Schneller's creativity, we have enjoyed seasonal displays under the cross. In certain instances, fresh flowers were donated in memory or honor of loved ones, and those were either taken home by the donor, or distributed to the homebound by the members of the committee.

We are very grateful for those who set up the beautiful giant Christmas tree in the sanctuary, and for Jenn Sikes who hangs the wreaths, sets up the Advent wreath, puts all the window candles up and sets up the pew candles. We organized the ordering and purchasing of memorial flowers and poinsettias by members of the congregation for our Easter Sunday and Christmas Sunday services.

Thank you to all who donated flowers this year and contributed to the flower fund. They add so much to our services and are further enjoyed by the homebound.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyne Battle on behalf of Flower Ministry

Food/Kitchen Ministry

In 2025, through partnership with other ministries at SBC, the Kitchen Ministry was able to provide fellowship and nurture relationships within our congregation and the community.

Some of the functions that went on from the church kitchen in 2025 were Funeral and Memorial receptions, Coffee House Services, Lenten Breakfasts and Fellowship Time after church throughout the year.

Some other events that took place throughout the year were the Thanksgiving Dinner, Church Picnic, Search Committee Pot Luck Dinner, Community Christmas Concert Reception, Birthday Dinner, Hymn Sing, and Cetto Chamber Singers Concert Reception

As we look forward to 2026, we hope to be able to build fellowship through food and support members of our congregation in their time of need following the death of a loved one.

Thank you to all the members of the Kitchen Ministry and those who are always there to help when we have an event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Drenzek,
Food/Kitchen Ministry



Building Use Ministry

The Building Use Ministry (BUM) task force, consisting of Evelyne Battle, Tina Berrien, Laurie Gokey, and Jenn Sikes continued its work this year reviewing and approving Room Use Applications and managing outside-user events.

We have ongoing weekly activities at the church which include the Boy Scouts, Ping-Pong club, the two AA group meetings, two yoga classes, and the Friends of Kent Memorial Library who sort and store the donated books for their annual book sale in the Prior wing. We also have monthly events including Embroidery Guild and Garden Club meetings, Suffield Land Conservancy meetings, Cetto Chamber Singers rehearsals, American Red Cross Blood Drives, and one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions. Venturing Crew 261 meets in the library monthly, and we hosted several one-off events during the year including birthday parties, Kent Memorial Library author program, memorial services, a Hindu Durga Puja celebration, a Boy Scout fundraising event and Suffield Academy's Baccalaureate ceremony. All of this is in addition to the various church committee meetings which are held in person at the church.

We are very grateful for our wonderful custodian, Jenn Sikes, who does a wonderful job maintaining the calendar of events, meeting with prospective users, and keeping the building clean and safe for us all.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyne Battle
Chair, Building Use Ministry

Exploratory Team

In 2025, the Exploratory Team consisted of: Melissa Bednarz, Laura Burnaford, Jim Leavitt, David Jones, Jean Rinaldi, Scott Schneider and Sue Schneller.

During our transition year between settled pastors, the exploratory team concentrated on helping with the transition and assisting the pastoral search committee when possible. Like 2024, in January 2025 we held the Birthday celebration dinner after church. From surveys and questionnaires that had been filled out, we saw that there was a strong desire for more church fellowship. We planned and coordinated events such as the church picnic at Ernie's house among other fellowship events.

We have found that the best things that happen for Second Baptist Church often come from someone or a group of folks who have a passion for a particular pursuit. Such was the case when the prayer shawl ministry was started again this year. In its short existence so far, it has been well received and very successful. Our team is happy to assist with such efforts.

I would like to thank all of the members of the exploratory team for their creative efforts this past year as we continue to transition and discover what God has in store for us going forward.

If anyone has any ideas or passions they would like explored by our church, please contact one of the members of the exploratory team. We're thrilled to get feedback and improve further.

Respectively Submitted,

Scott Schneider



Faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
the conviction
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



2025 Collector's Report

Offering Towards 2025 Pledges	\$ 62,606.63
Additional Donations from Members and Friends	\$ 13,151.86
Cash (Plate) Offering	\$ 6,257.10
Offering Towards 2026 Pre-Pledges	<u>\$ 7,225.00</u>
Total	\$ 89,240.59

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyne Battle and David Burnaford
Co-Collectors

Financial Discipleship Report of the 2026 Stewardship Campaign

The number of pledges declined to 33 pledges for 2026 from 36 pledges for 2025. The total amount pledged towards 2026 is \$70,798.00, a decrease of \$3,586 which is a decrease of 4.8% from 2025 (note: there were actually 36 pledges made for 2025 for a total of \$74,384.00 as there was an additional pledge made after the 2024 Annual Report was published).

Church Staff Relations

No report was submitted as there was no activity within this ministry in 2025.

House Committee

The SBC House Committee continues to support the church by trying to deal with the effects of time and use on our properties. 2025 could be deemed the Year of the Parsonage for the House Committee. With the exit of the Cox's from our community, we determined the parsonage needed some work and while it was empty we decided to complete some upgrades.

2025 Parsonage projects included:

- Initial clean out and clean up
- Repair and painting of interior ceilings and walls
- Painting of the deck
- Installation of a new oil tank
- Re-paving of the driveway

2026 Planned Parsonage projects:

- Remodeling of two of the bathrooms (in progress)
- Installation of mini splits for air conditioning
- Deep cleaning after contractors are complete including refreshing of the hardwood floors
- New appliances
- Exterior lighting updates (in progress)
- Mailbox replacement including a snowplow guard

At the Church:

- Battled a persistent leak in the library
- Repaired and/or replaced multiple exit signs
- Replaced the basement stairs access.

We are forever indebted to Walt for taking the lead overseeing and managing the majority of this work

To the members of the House Committee, thank you for your dedication and support of our church – you make a difference.

There are many items on our punch list. Overseeing of the Church properties is done on an all-volunteer basis – we are tired, our plates are full and our to-do list is long. Any friend of SBC or member that would like to help us maintain our spaces please reach out to Walt, Jamie, Richard or me. We ask members of the church to be understanding of our time – if you see something say something and understand we will get to it as time and budget allows.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cliff Barron, Chairperson



Church History 2025

The year 2025 was a year of transition, reflection, and faithful continuity for Second Baptist Church of Suffield. As a smaller but deeply committed congregation, we continued to seek ways to live out our mission with flexibility, compassion, and spiritual focus while responding to changing needs within both our church family and the wider Suffield community. Average Sunday worship attendance during the year was approximately 55 in person and 43 views online, reflecting a close-knit congregation that values connection, service, and shared worship.

A significant development in 2025 was the congregation's decision to adopt a temporary, streamlined leadership structure. In response to our size and a desire for a more spiritually focused and less business-like approach, the church began operating under a Deacon-led model on January 26, 2025. Certain portions of the bylaws were suspended for an 18-month trial period, allowing all ministries to report directly to the Deacons and former committees to be reorganized in ways that better support ministry, flexibility, and community engagement. At the conclusion of the trial period, the congregation will vote on whether to formally adopt this new structure and revise the bylaws accordingly.

The year also marked a pastoral transition. Pastor Justin Cox concluded his ministry at the end of 2024. After a period of discernment, the church welcomed the Rev. James Leavitt as Interim Pastor in March 2025. A Settled Pastoral Search Committee was formed in April and began meeting regularly to compile information for a new church profile, articulating who we are and our vision for the future.

Throughout the year, the dedicated work of staff and volunteers sustained the life of the church. Staff serving in 2025 included Laura Burnaford, Office Manager; Anthony Ferreira, Director of Music Ministry; Jean Aldrich-Jones, Organist and Hand Bell Choir Director; Sue Schneller, Christian Education and Youth Coordinator; and Jennifer Sikes, Facilities Manager and Custodian. Scott Schneider and Melissa Bednarz continued to serve in key leadership roles, offering guidance and support during this transitional year.

Second Baptist Church continued to serve as an active hub for worship, fellowship, learning, and community outreach throughout 2025. Regularly scheduled activities formed the backbone of church life.

Weekly activities included Sunday worship services, with occasional alternative formats such as Coffee House Worship held in the Fellowship Hall, featuring coffee and light breakfast items in place of traditional sanctuary worship. Choir rehearsals, Bell Choir rehearsals, and music preparation were held weekly under the leadership of the music staff.

Community groups made regular use of church facilities, including Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held twice weekly, Boy Scouts, Venturing Crew 261, Yoga classes, and Ping Pong provided fellowship and recreation.

These ongoing partnerships reinforced the church's role as a welcoming space for the wider community.

Monthly and periodic activities included Women's Lunch Bunch gatherings, Crafting group, Soup Kitchen ministry, Special Needs Fellowship, Garden Club meetings, and meetings of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Pioneer Valley chapter. The Suffield Land Conservancy and the Suffield Historical Society held meetings. Additional programs included American Red Cross Blood Drives, Kent Memorial Library programs, and Cetto Chamber Singers rehearsals or performances.

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Seasonal traditions continued, including the Lenten Breakfast on Sundays from March 9 through April 6, and the Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 22, which served 135 people. Music and Christian education also marked the year, with the Hot Cat Jazz Band joining worship on three occasions, a Spring Concert held in March, Vacation Bible School with a theme of kindness, and the annual Community Christmas Concert.

Activities and Events

January–February

- Several Sunday services were canceled due to weather conditions
- Hymn Sing Potluck

March–April

- March 9–April 6: Lenten Breakfasts held on Sunday mornings

May

- May 4: Ready, Set, Bloom Sunday event
- Spring Has Sprung Growth and Outreach event

June

- Children's Day Picnic
- Academy Baccalaureate service

Summer (June–August)

- Vacation Bible School
- Building Bat Houses activity for families
- Invitations extended to West Suffield Congregational and First Church of Christ to attend July services at Second Baptist Church

September–October

- Women's Lunch Bunch resumed
- Prayer Shawl Ministry continued
- Potluck gathering used as a congregational survey, with over 50 participants
- Community Open Mic event
- Trick or Treat community event

November

- Thanksgiving Dinner

December

- Christmas Workshop
- Suffield Alight hot cocoa
- Cookie Swap
- Holiday Community Concert

Services Held During the Year

- Baby dedication of Weston James Bednarz, son of Kaitlyn and Zachary Bednarz, during Sunday worship April 27
- Shirley Edmunds-Van Allen Memorial Service
- Daisy Wilkins Saunders Funeral
- Mark L. Stewart Funeral
- Claudia Hepner Memorial Service
- Natalie Das Funeral
- No weddings were held this year

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The following is shared by Barry Sisk, who concludes his service as church historian at the end of this year. After many years of faithful dedication to preserving and interpreting the history of Second Baptist Church, and hours spent working alongside Molly to pass on that knowledge, Barry offers this final note highlighting a meaningful archival project and expressing gratitude as the role transitions to new leadership.

This year, from the SBC archives, I (Barry) have inventoried a box of historical material which belonged to Rev Jesse Fowler Smith. The purpose is to send material to Myanmar Baptists (Burma), the American Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Committee of ABCCONN. Rev. Smith served as a missionary to Burma in the first two decades of the 20th Century. He returned to Suffield where he served as the last settled pastor of the First Baptist Church of Suffield until 1922. Also, he taught for 38 years at the Suffield School which became Suffield Academy. He was an active member of SBC until his death in 1962. As a final word, I wish to thank Molly for becoming the new SBC historian. She will do a great job.

The story of Second Baptist Church in 2025 is one of faithful adaptation. Faced with leadership transitions, evolving community needs, and the realities of a smaller congregation, the church chose flexibility, trust, and spiritual focus.

Significant care was given to the physical church during the year, including extensive work on the parsonage and ongoing house and facility updates. Financial stewardship continued with care, supporting ministry while addressing maintenance and operational needs.

Perhaps most importantly, the church remained present in the life of the community, responding to increased need, opening its doors to partner organizations, and welcoming neighbors through worship, meals, music, and service. As 2025 concluded, Second Baptist Church stood poised for continued discernment, strengthened by tradition, sustained by commitment, and hopeful for the future God is unfolding.

Sincerely,
Molly Drenzek

Sources consulted for this report include weekly Sunday bulletins, Wednesday information emails from the Office Manager, the church calendar on the website, special mailings and announcements, and the historian's ongoing notes and observations throughout the year.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. - Romans 15:4



2025 Annual Report to Second Baptist Church BSA Troop 260 (Boys), Troop 262 (Girls) and Venturing Crew 261 (Co-ed)

Troops 260 and 262, along with Venturing Crew 261, remain deeply grateful for the sponsorship and unwavering support of Second Baptist Church. We are proud to call Second Baptist our home and truly appreciate the church's hospitality in hosting us.

Troop 260, established in 1991, and Troop 262, established in 2020, continue to offer strong, year-round programs that foster character, leadership, and community spirit. Venturing Crew 261, launched in 2023, is centered on high adventure, mentorship, leadership development, and community service.

Leadership Updates

Troops 260 and 262 are guided by dedicated and hardworking leaders who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our youth. Troop 262 welcomed a new Assistant Scoutmaster, Jeanette Tanner, who has brought valuable experience and enthusiasm to the program.

Jacob LaValley and Krystal Holmes have continued their dedicated service as Scoutmasters for Troops 260 and 262, respectively. Cliff Barron remains steadfast as Committee Chair for Troops 260, 262, and Venturing Crew 261, and Walter Malec continues to serve as the Charter Organization Representative for all units.

Membership Highlights

- Troop 260: Membership currently stands at 16 Scouts. The Troop welcomed 2 AOLs through crossover in 2025.
- Troop 262: Membership has grown to 13 Scouts. The Troop celebrated its first AOL crossover with 2 Scouts joining, marking an important milestone and reinforcing a steady pipeline of crossovers in the years ahead.
- Venturing Crew 261: Membership currently stands at 9 Scouts. The Crew continues to offer a unique program focused on high adventure, personal development, and community service. Crew President Jack Ryan was selected to serve as the Territory Venturing Vice President, where he helps oversee the program across the 10 councils of Territory 13. Crew Vice President Drew Carmon was elected to serve as the Lodge Chief, the highest leadership role of the Order of the Arrow in the Connecticut Rivers Council.

In 2025, one Scout from Troop 260 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting: Hayden Gibson. In addition, one Scout from Venturing Crew 261 achieved the rank of Summit, the highest honor in Venturing: Drew Carmon.

Program Highlights

Inspired by our Scouts, our 2025 programs reflected an active and diverse range of adventures:

- January: Skiing in New Hampshire, braving temperatures as low as -18 degrees
- February: Klondike Derby, where the combined units' team earned second place
- March: Orienteering at Mohawk Mountain in Mohawk State Forest
- April: Crossover Campout at Sunrise Park
- May: Venturing Crew orienteering trip to White's Memorial; Troops' Farmington River canoe trip
- June: Hiking around Breakneck Pond at Bigelow Hollow State Park
- July: Iceland Adventure (8 days); Summer Camp for 3 Scouts
- August: Water skiing on the Oxbow
- September: Caving in Clarksville, NY
- October: Bike trip along the CT Rail Trail
- November: Urban Navigation in Philadelphia
- December: Holiday in the Woods at Jesse Fowler Smith; Venturing Crew urban navigation and snow shelter building in Montreal

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Iceland Adventure

In 2025, both Troops and Venturing Crew 261 embarked on an extraordinary eight-day adventure to Iceland. This high-adventure international trip brought Scouts together for a challenging and unforgettable journey through one of the world's most dramatic landscapes. The expedition included hiking active volcanoes and glaciers, snorkeling between tectonic plates in crystal-clear waters, and observing diverse wildlife from whales to puffins. Scouts navigated the vibrant city of Reykjavik and experienced the thrill of white water rafting through icy Icelandic waters.

The adventure was a testament to the resilience, adaptability, and camaraderie of our Scouts, creating memories and bonds that will last a lifetime. The trip showcased the unique opportunities our programs provide for personal growth, cultural exploration, and pushing beyond comfort zones in pursuit of extraordinary experiences.

Gratitude to Second Baptist Church

We remain conscious of the vital role Second Baptist Church plays in enabling us to positively impact young people. Your support helps us nurture responsible, capable, and compassionate individuals who are ready to make meaningful contributions to society.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cliff Barron Committee Chair, Troop 260, Troop 262 & Venturing Crew 261
Krystal Holmes Scoutmaster, Troop 262
Jacob LaValley Advisor, Venturing Crew 261 Scoutmaster, Troop 260

2025 Audit Report

Below is the reconciliation of the Second Baptist Church accounts at People's Bank in Suffield as of 12/31/2025 compared to the 2025 Second Baptist Church Annual Report

Below is a summary of the findings:

Account Name	Type	People's Bank 12/31/25 Balance	SBC Annual Report 12/31/25	Difference	Interest ¹
SBC Main	Checking	\$84,216.08	\$84,216.08	\$0.00	No
SBC Savings Account Inv	Savings	\$67,565.78	\$67,565.78	\$0.00	Yes
Diaconate Fellowship Fund	Checking	\$31,589.77	\$31,589.77	\$0.00	No
Missions	Checking	\$10,386.45	\$10,186.45	\$200.00	No
Christian Ed/ Spiritual Formation	Checking	\$730.47	\$730.47	\$0.00	No
Growth & Outreach	Checking	\$4,040.61	\$4,020.61	\$20.00	No
Memorial Fund ²	Savings	\$9,391.42	\$9,391.42	\$0.00	Yes
Memorial Fund	Checking	\$1,647.05	\$1,647.05	\$0.00	No
Dominican Mission Trip	Checking	\$1,278.13	\$1,278.13	\$0.00	No
Parsonage Oil ⁴	Checking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No
Account Totals		\$210,845.76	\$210,625.76	\$220.00	

¹All checking accounts are non-interest-bearing accounts.

²Amount designated as Memorial Funds are withing the General Savings Account

³Parsonage Oil account was closed during the year as other methods of paying for delivery are now being used.

Explanation of differences:

- Missions: One outstanding check: Check #2161 (\$200.00) not included in 12/31 bank balance
- Growth & Outreach: One outstanding check: Check #1410 (\$20.00) not included in the 12/31 bank balance

Respectfully submitted,
David Jones

Second Baptist Church Memorial Fund 2025

Memorial Fund Activity

Memorial Fund Total as of January 1, 2025	10,954.32
Memorial Fund - Investment Savings Account as of 01-01-2025	9,307.27
Transferred to Checking	-
Interest Earned	84.15
Memorial Fund - Investment Savings Account as of 12-31-2025	9,391.42
Checking Account Balance as of 01-01-2025	1,647.05
Donations	-
Transferred from Savings	-
Withdrawals	-
Checking Account Balance as of 12-31-2025	1,647.05
Memorial Fund Total as of December 31, 2025	11,038.47

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca M. Fuller
Memorial Gifts Treasurer

Parsonage Checking Account

The Second Baptist Church Parsonage Checking Account was created Aug 21, 2022 to provide Cash on delivery payments for spot delivery of heating oil to the Parsonage. In 2025 we changed suppliers and now use the more conventional "Bill Pay upon Invoice Received" payment system. This change eliminated the need for a special checking account to pay fuel oil bills.

On Nov 18, 2025 I formally closed the above checking account at PeoplesBank, internally transferring the residual to the SBC Main Checking Account. Since originally supplying funds from Main checking to the Parsonage Account was considered an Operating Expense, returning the leftover funds to Main Checking is considered a reduction in Operating Expenses.

Parsonage Checking Account transactions for the year were as follows

<u>Opening Balance</u> JAN 01 2025	\$ 899.83
Transfer Funds to Main checking to pay Oil Fill Up Invoice JUL 07 2025	\$ - 677.91
Formally close account, funds transfer to Main Checking NOV 18 2025	<u>\$ - 221.92</u>
<u>Final Balance</u> DEC 31 2025	\$ 00.00

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Beal, Treasurer

Trustees Report

It has been the policy of the Trustees to contribute to the financial support of Second Baptist Church from the Trust endowment fund on a quarterly basis. Annual distributions are based on 5% of the 3-year rolling average. The endowment average is taken on November 30th of each year. Therefore, the trust fiscal year runs from Dec 1st through Nov 30th. The endowment value on November 30, 2025 was \$5,563,786.84. This total value includes \$105,467 of non-trust money that is being held in the trust account to increase the return when compared with the bank savings account. Over the past year SBC has realized approximately \$12,200 of additional income compared with what we would have earned in a savings account. The endowment is managed by two institutions, Bank of America, balance of \$2,140,861.92, and Bach Investment, balance of \$3,422,924.92. There were no new contributions to the Trusts this year.

For the period from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025 the SBC Trusts experienced positive growth, gaining \$406,908.79 or 7.89% after trust distributions of \$226,848.02. In addition, the Trustees voted to withdraw \$52,500 to cover needed renovations to the parsonage in preparation for a new settled pastor. The withdrawal amount calculated for 2026 is \$247,983.12. Funds will be disbursed quarterly and allocated as follows: 70% to Operations (half of this is earmarked for Pastor Salary), 15% to Missions (including Third Baptist, Baptist Home Missions and Baptist Foreign Missions), 7% to Diaconate (approximately 60% of that is restricted to assisting congregants with financial need), 6% to House and 2% to Music. These allocations are based on designated funding by donor or by Trustee allocation. Full details of the Trust fund allocations are shown on the following pages by donor and category.

Trustees calculate the amount to be distributed during the following year from the Trusts, including any new contributions, at the end of November. The amount of the planned distributions is then used during the church budgeting process which starts in December. This enables budgets to be finalized by annual report publication in January.

In December 2025, the Trustees held their annual investment reviews separately with Bank of America and Bach Investments. These formal reviews include investment results for the past year, economic forecasts, plans for the upcoming year, and potential investment changes to the Trusts.

Respectfully submitted,
David Jones, Chair

*"In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you
delivered them."*
Psalm 22:4



Second Baptist Church Endowment Funds for the Year 2025, pg 1/3

Grantor Restrictions		Market Value 11/30/2025	Proration 11/30/2025
Funds for General Purpose			
Purpose	Name of Fund		
U	Leavitt B. Ahrens	\$15,628.71	0.00286328
R	Loomis Hatheway Ahrens	\$25,740.17	0.00471577
R	Mary B. Ahrens	\$23,026.25	0.00421856
U	Polly Baker, added Nov 2020	\$12,122.96	0.00222101
R	Alice Bartlett	\$86,718.04	0.01588731
R	Charles S. Bissell	\$34,009.34	0.00623074
R	Dorothy F. Bissell	\$30,306.46	0.00555234
U	Shirley Brown	\$570,008.61	0.10442932
R	George L Creelman	\$4,770.31	0.00087395
R	E. Scott Farley Memorial	\$1,439.14	0.00026366
U	Frankie Connelly	\$104,038.04	0.01906045
R	Edward A. Fuller Fund (3/5)	\$197,044.90	0.03609992
R	Edward A. Fuller Fund #2	\$227,082.30	0.04160297
U	Emma J. Fuller	\$8,228.93	0.00150759
R	Franklin Fuller	\$97,317.86	0.01782927
U	Nathana Fuller	\$517,413.82	0.09479361
U	Samuel Fuller	\$6,789.77	0.00124393
U	Summner F. Fuller	\$36,324.05	0.00665480
U	Susan Fuller, added Sep 2020	\$50,285.10	0.00921256
U	Valyn Galvin	\$142,036.03	0.02602193
R	Alberta P. Greer	\$5,471.41	0.00100240
R	Erwin Grimmeisen	\$36,257.42	0.00664260
R	Cora E. Halladay	\$318,268.12	0.05830881
U	Astrid Hanzaleck, added Apr 2020 & Nov 2020	\$36,933.64	0.00676649
R	Ernest A. Hathaway	\$52,953.00	0.00970134
R	Louise E. Hatheway	\$4,619.35	0.00084630
U	Dorothy Kent	\$109,680.57	0.02009420
R	Helen M. King Church Expenses	\$15,615.84	0.00286092
R	Helen M. King Residuary	\$40,363.05	0.00739478
R	Land Sale Fund	\$81,662.00	0.01496101
R	Marian Lamont Maintenance Fund	\$89,399.74	0.01637862
R	Howard F. Pease	\$21,546.87	0.00394753
R	Nellie M. Pease	\$34,052.95	0.00623872
R	Bessie F. Perry	\$393,257.85	0.07204742
R	Edwin and Caroline Pomroy	\$23,026.25	0.00421856
R	George L. and Mary L. Pomeroy	\$16,756.42	0.00306989
R	Clifford H. and Helen F. Prior	\$56,606.21	0.01037063
R	Agnes Hatheway Senter	\$4,226.85	0.00077439
R	Charles L. Spencer	\$13,596.35	0.00249094
R	I. Luther Spencer Memorial	\$117,526.46	0.02153162
R	Louise P. Spencer	\$2,277.81	0.00041731
U	Harriet Wing Estate (3/4)	\$67,596.28	0.01238408
U	Miscellaneous Gifts, added to Nov 2020	\$97,960.53	0.01794701
	Total General Purposes	\$3,829,985.77	0.70167852

Second Baptist Church Endowment Funds for the Year 2025, pg 2/3

Grantor Restrictions		Market Value 11/30/2025	Proration 11/30/2025
Funds for Property Upkeep			
U	Frankie Connelly Property Upkeep Fund	\$138,717.38	0.02541393
U	Nathena Fuller Property Upkeep Fund	\$142,082.38	0.02603042
U	Samuel Fuller Property Upkeep Fund	\$4,526.52	0.00082929
U	Susan Fuller, added Sep 2020	\$12,024.70	0.00220300
U	Fred Hanzalek Property Upkeep Fund	\$14,391.70	0.00263665
U	Astrid Hanzaleck, added Apr 2020 & Nov 2020	\$8,832.30	0.00161814
	Total Property Upkeep	\$320,574.97	0.05873144
Name of Fund		Market Value 11/30/2025	Proration 11/30/2025
Funds for Music			
U	Samuel Fuller Music Fund	\$2,263.26	0.00041464
R	Marian Lamont Choir and Music Fund	\$89,399.71	0.01637861
U	Miscellaneous Gifts, added to Nov 2020	\$9,698.37	0.00177680
	Total Music	\$101,361.33	0.01857006
Funds for Fellowship Assistance			
R	Zebrine Adams & Emily Sheldon	\$52,057.31	0.00953724
U	Frankie Connelly	\$52,019.02	0.00953023
U	Nathena Fuller	\$97,294.05	0.01782491
U	Samuel Fuller	\$3,394.89	0.00062197
U	Susan Fuller, added Sep 2020	\$12,024.70	0.00220300
U	Astrid Hanzaleck, added Apr 2020 & Nov 2020	\$8,832.30	0.00161814
U	Mary J. Hatheway (1/2)	\$376.96	0.00006906
R	Helen M. King	\$55,079.86	0.01009099
R	Marion Lamont Fund for Poor Members	\$89,399.71	0.01637861
R	Geneve E. Last Poor Fund	\$12,304.81	0.00225432
R	Betsy Loomis	\$7,564.72	0.00138591
R	Chauncey Sheldon	\$4,451.60	0.00081556
	Total for Fellowship Assistance	\$394,799.92	0.07232994
Funds for Missions			
U	Frankie Connelly	\$52,019.02	0.00953023
R	Edward A. Fuller #2 (Curr. Expense 1/2)	\$227,102.44	0.04160666
U	Nathena Fuller	\$169,748.50	0.03109904
U	Samuel Fuller	\$5,658.14	0.00103661
U	Susan Fuller, added Sep 2020	\$12,024.70	0.00220300
U	Astrid Hanzaleck, added Apr 2020 & Nov 2020	\$8,832.30	0.00161814
U	Mary J. Hatheway (1/2)	\$620.61	0.00011370
U	Harriett Wing Estate (1/4)	\$22,532.09	0.00412803
R	Mission Outreach (formerly Poor Fund #2)	\$117,918.16	0.02160338
	Total for Missions	\$616,455.97	0.11293878

Second Baptist Church Endowment Funds for the Year 2025, pg 3/3

Grantor Restrictions		Market Value 11/30/2025	Proration 11/30/2025
Funds for Women's Bapt Home Mission Soc.			
R	Hattie A. Fuller	\$7,839.80	0.00143630
U	Nathena Fuller	\$3,691.32	0.00067627
R	Sarah L. Fuller	\$6,856.89	0.00125623
R	Emily A. Spencer	\$11,771.43	0.00215660
	Total WBHMS	\$30,159.44	0.00552541
Funds for Women's Baptist Foreign Mis- sions			
R	Hattie A. Fuller	\$7,839.80	0.00143630
U	Nathena Fuller	\$3,691.32	0.00067627
R	Sarah L. Fuller	\$6,856.89	0.00125623
R	Emily A. Spencer	\$11,771.43	0.00215660
	Total WBFMS	\$30,159.44	0.00552541
Funds for Third Bap- tist Church Suffield			
R	Cora A. Cone	\$3,438.51	0.00062996
R	Edward A. Fuller (2/5)	\$131,384.47	0.02407050
	Total Third Baptist Church	\$134,822.98	0.02470045
	Total Trust Funds:	\$5,458,319.84	1.00000000
Non-Trust	Investments	\$105,467.00	
	Total Consolidated Endowment Fund:	\$5,563,786.84	
As of November 30, 2025 funds were invested as Follows:			
	BOA Trusts	\$2,140,861.92	2025 return 1.73%
	American Funds	\$3,422,924.92	12.14%
	Total Consolidated Investment Funds	\$5,563,786.84	7.89%

2025 Treasurer Report for Second Baptist Church (SBC)

Page 41 presents SBC Investment Report summarizing our Main Checking Account and Investment Account activity for 2025. Pages 42 and 43 present year SBC 2025 Financial Statements for Budget vs. Actual Expenditures for 2025 plus the 2026 Proposed Budget. We had one American Funds Contributed Investment Sell activity event this year. Funds held in the Investment Account resides both in our bank Savings Account and SBC Trust Accounts and are earmarked for future designated purposes.

For JAN 01, 2025 Investment Account starting balance was \$125,695.36 with closing balance on DEC 31, 2025 of \$173,032.78. We benefitted from positive stock market performance during the year, giving us a net increase of \$47,337.42. SBC Trustees withdrew \$ 52,500 of investment gains to fund Parsonage renovations in years 2025 and 2026. \$33,000 of that quantity was inserted as Sinking Funds into the Major Repair Fund to help cover costs to complete Parsonage work in 2026.

Besides the Trust Funds, SBC Treasurer funds Missions Support (Treasurer of Benevolences) through a percentage of Pledges and Plate Offerings. In 2026 we will continue the 10% amount we have been using in 2023 through 2025.

Of total SBC 2025 Income, the Collections of Pledge, Plate, and Future Pays was 19.1% of total; Building Use Fees were 10.5%; Trust Fund Distributions 52.4%, and fund raising plus the Trust Draw above was 11.6%. For total SBC 2026 Predicted Income, the Collections of Pledge & Plate is 22.1% (we can't predict 2027 Future Pays); Building Use Fees 12.2%, Trust Fund Distributions 65.7%. Note that SBC operations are heavily supported thanks to the generosity of our forebears (Trust Funds), plus our policy of offering expanded SBC building use for benefit of our community.

2026 continues to see all SBC Part-time Staff positions filled 100% which helps enormously in getting a multitude of tasks done in the church. Total Payroll expense was 38.1% of Total Income received in 2025 (which includes the special Trust Draw), while total Payroll expense is projected to be 50.3% of predicted Total Income based on raises planned for 2026. It goes without saying Pastor Search will be a major challenge in 2026. The Pastor Hire Date and contract provisions are unknown, repair/maintenance projects at the SBC facility are only partially predictable, making the 2026 budget a forecast, not a guarantee of future results. This is why we are showing a deficit of 0.6 % of estimated 2026 Income.

I extend thanks to other contributors to our Treasury Team: Laura Burnaford - Assistant Treasurer; Evelyne Battle and David Burnaford Co-Collectors; and the Grace of The LORD – assisting us in our financial responsibilities in Treasury and Payroll functions.

Our System of Record is QuickBooks, recording deposits, bank reconciliation, expenses, and financial reporting. SBC holds checking and savings accounts at Peoples' Bank of Holyoke MA.

Respectfully Submitted, Howard R. Beal, Treasurer

“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6:33

Investment and Checking Account 2025

All Starting Balances as of 1/1/2025

All Ending Balances as of 12/31/2025

Checking Account, Peoples Bank	2025	Starting Balance	\$	76,746.84
Checking	2025	Ending Balance	\$	84,216.08

Savings Account and Trust				
Investment	savings	2025	Total Investments starting:	\$ 125,695.36

Major Repair Fund		Starting Balance	\$	46,198.44
For major repairs Church & Parsonage		Interest + Investment Gain	\$	8,756.96
		Withdraw	\$	-

Repair funds direct to repair expenses in 2025		Money Added	\$	33,000.00
		Ending Balance	\$	87,955.40

Organ Repair Fund		Starting Balance	\$	46,953.58
Used for organ service required every		Investment Gain	\$	3,320.04
25 years, last done in 2001.		Ending Balance	\$	50,273.62

Van Rental Fund		Starting Balance	\$	794.56
Used for Van Rental for Church		Interest	\$	7.18
Functions and/or events.		Ending Balance	\$	801.74

Pastor Sabbatical Fund		Starting Balance	\$	4,846.54
sabbatical for pastor every seven years.		Investment Gain	\$	1,328.01
		Ending Balance	\$	6,174.55

Continuing Education Fund		Starting Balance	\$	1,796.95
		Interest	\$	16.25
		Ending Balance	\$	1,813.20

Kitchen Upkeep/ Food Ministry Fund		Starting Balance	\$	2,149.55
keep equipment up to date and maintained		Interest	\$	701.43
		Ending Balance	\$	2,850.98

Food Ministry Fund		Starting Balance	\$	2,820.08
		Contributions & Interest	\$	25.50
		Ending Balance	\$	2,845.58

Music Fund		Starting Balance	\$	10,828.39
		Interest	\$	97.90
		Net Withdrew	\$	-
		Money Added	\$	-
Used by Music Ministry		Ending Balance	\$	10,926.29

Memorial Fund		Starting Balance	\$	9,307.27
Memorial Gifts to SBC Used for Special purpose		Money Withdrawn	\$	-
		Interest	\$	84.15
		Ending Balance	\$	9,391.42

As of 12/31/2025		Total Investments ending:	\$	173,032.78
		TRUST	\$	105,467.00
		SAVINGS ACCT	\$	67,565.78

\$ 173,032.78

Second Baptist Church of Suffield
2025 Statement of Income, Expenses, and Proposed 2026 Budget

FINAL JAN [04] 2026	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
1100 OFFERING			
1110 Pledges	72,704	62,607	70,798
1120 Non Pledge & Plate	17,000	19,409	19,000
Subtotal Pledges	89,704	82,016	89,798
1130 Pledge prepayments	0	7,225	0
Total 1100 OFFERING	89,704	89,241	89,798
1200 BUILDING USE AND LEASES			
1230 Bldg Use Fees	7,400	5,067	6,000
1240 EAB Preschool	12,000	12,000	12,000
1250 T-Mobile Lease	33,691	32,021	31,590
Total 1200 DONATIONS BLDG USE AND LEASES	53,091	49,088	49,590
1300 TRUST FUND RECEIVED			
1310 Second Baptist Church	159,174	159,174	173,904
1320 Fellowship Assist./Diaconate	16,408	16,408	14,937
1330 Missions	28,127	28,127	30,747
1340 Third Baptist Church	5,603	5,603	6,125
1350 Lamont Trust	17,967	18,079	18,950
1370 Property Upkeep	13,323	13,323	14,664
1380 Music	4,219	4,241	4,605
1390 Christian Ed (Diaconate)			3,000
Total 1300 TRUST FUND RECEIVED	244,821	244,955	266,933
1500 INTEREST INCOME	0	0	0
3300 Non-Budgeted Income		0	
3000 Other Income (Includes Trust Investment Gains)	35	54,468	35
Total 3300 Non-Budgeted Income	35	54,468	35
Total Income	387,651	437,752	406,356
EXPENSE			
2100 CHURCH PROPERTY			
2110 Ins: Assume Insurance = 15% increase ?	23,000	23,540	26,450
2120 Maintenance	34,278	36,014	34,278
2130 Utilities	35,000	38,006	36,000
2140 EAB property Expenses	12,000	13,524	14,500
2150 Major Repairs	0	0	
2160 Property Upkeep		2,997	
2170 Parsonage Upgrade		19,468	
Total 2100 CHURCH PROPERTY	104,278	133,549	111,228
2200 CHURCH EXPENSE			
2210 Christian Ed (Diaconat reimb \$ 3000 in 2025)	0	0	3,000
2251 IT Streaming and CCB	5,300	6,248	5,300
2220 Music	2,600	1,470	2,600
2230 Paid Musicians	4,000	4,100	4,000
2240 Office and Printing	6,000	5,717	6,000
2250 Program & Outreach (diaconate reimb \$ 1500)	3,980	2,550	3,980
2260 Paid Substitutes [Jan & Feb '25]	2,000	3,250	0
2270 Food Ministry	1,000	391	1,000
2280 Staff Continuing Education	250	0	250
2281 Flowers	550	228	550
2285 Search Committee	3,000	301	3,000

Second Baptist Church of Suffield
2025 Statement of Income, Expenses, and Proposed 2026 Budget

FINAL JAN [04] 2026	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
2290 Banking Expenses	400	751	750
Total 2200 CHURCH EXPENSE	29,080	25,005	30,430
2300 MISSION SUPPORT			
2310 Treasurer of Missions	9,070	10,515	10,700
2320 Fellowship Assist./Diacon	16,407	16,408	14,937
2330 Treasurer of Benevolence	28,127	28,127	30,747
2340 Third Baptist Church	5,603	5,603	6,125
Total 2300 MISSION SUPPORT	59,207	60,652	62,509
2400 PASTOR (Interim 8 mo Settled 4 mo)			
2410 Salary [Blend Interim/Settled in 2026]	59,375	37,266	66,077
2412 FICA Offset (included above)	0	5,335	0
2414 Retirement, MMBB (included above)	0	6,443	0
2416 Reimbursement Health Ins. (included)	0	35	0
2418 Professional Expenses	0	35	0
2420 Continuing Education	0	0	0
2422 Mileage	360	59	360
Total 2400 PASTOR	59,735	49,173	66,437
2500 PAYROLL EXPENSE/SALARY			
2520 Choir Director	16,050	16,051	16,532
2530 Christian Ed. Coord.	28,747	28,747	29,609
2540 Custodian/Bld Use Mgt	30,427	26,118	31,340
2570 Organist	16,454	16,454	16,948
2580 Office Manager	28,976	28,976	29,845
Total 2500 PAYROLL EXPENSE/SALARY	120,655	116,347	124,274
Payroll vs. < 50% recommended	vs. pledge & plate	vs. pledge & plate	vs. pledge & plate
2600 PAYROLL EXPENSE & FICA	135%	142%	138%
2610 Staff FICA	10,859	8,900	10,100
2620 Workman Compensation	1,964	1,722	1,775
2630 Payroll Expense/PayChex	1,866	1,937	1,937
Total 2600 PAYROLL EXPENSE & FICA	14,690	12,560	13,812
2700 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
2703 Organ Repair Fund	0	0	0
2710 Music Fund	0	0	0
2760 Property Upkeep Fund	0	33,000	0
Total 2700 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	0	33,000	-
4000 Other Expense		7,874	0
Total 2024 EXPENSE	387,645	438,159	408,690
Net Income	0	(408)	(2,334)
Less: 2026 Prepayment of Pledges		7,225	
Net Loss 2025		-7,633	

Nominations

Nomination Ministries – Positions to be Nominated and Voted (per Reorganized Structure)

Diaconate	Diaconate – Chair	Melissa Bednarz
Diaconate	Diaconate – Moderator	Scott Schneider
Diaconate	Diaconate Vice-Chair	David Jones
Diaconate	Treasurer – Diaconate/Benevolences	Laura Burnaford
Diaconate	Diaconate	Caroline d’Otreppe
Diaconate	Diaconate	Jamie Guilmette
Diaconate	Diaconate	Mark O’Hara
Diaconate	Diaconate	Bev Sikes
Diaconate	Diaconate	Barry Sisk
Diaconate	Diaconate	
Diaconate	Diaconate	
Ministry	Clerk	Nancy Drenzek
Ministry	Treasurer	Howard Beal
Ministry	Assistant Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Laura Burnaford
Ministry	Co-Collector	Evelyne Battle
Ministry	Co-Collector	David Burnaford
Ministry	Memorial Funds	Art Sikes
Ministry	Memorial Funds Assistant	Becki Fuller
Ministry	Trustee Lead	David Jones
Ministry	Trustee	Howard Beal
Ministry	Trustee	Walt Malec
Ministry	Trustee	Art Sikes
Ministry	Trustee	Becky Tobiasz
Ministry	House Lead	Cliff Barron
Ministry	Music Lead	Molly Drenzek
Ministry	Growth and Outreach Lead	Corey Haynes
Ministry	Christian Education Lead	Jean Rinaldi
Ministry	Food Lead	Nancy Drenzek
Ministry	Missions Lead	Larry Peters
Ministry	Calling Lead	Bev Sikes
Ministry	Church Staff Relations Lead	

This flexible organizational structure may expand, contract, and evolve as congregation desires (especially in the 18 month trial period).

Non-Nominated Volunteer Positions

Deacon Ministries	Missions	Larry Peters
Deacon Ministries	Missions	
Deacon Ministries	Missions	
Deacon Ministries	Missions	
Deacon Ministries	Missions – Soup Kitchen	Michele Brown-Quinn
Deacon Ministries	Missions – Special Needs	Jean Aldrich-Jones
Deacon Ministries	Missions – Special Needs	Tina Berrien
Deacon Ministries	Christian Education	Molly Drenzek
Deacon Ministries	Christian Education	Heather Hagen
Deacon Ministries	Christian Education	Jessica Lisk
Deacon Ministries	Christian Education	Jean Rinaldi
Deacon Ministries	Christian Education	Laura Woods
Deacon Ministries	Flower	Evelyne Battle
Deacon Ministries	Flower	Molly Drenzek
Deacon Ministries	Flower	Sue Schneller
Deacon Ministries	Flower	Jenn Sikes
Deacon Ministries	Flower	Kathy Sylvia
Deacon Ministries	Calling	Gail Davis
Deacon Ministries	Calling	Diane Ruckdeschel
Deacon Ministries	Calling	Bev Sikes
Deacon Ministries	Calling	Barry Sisk
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Ernie Begin
Church Ministries	Stewards*	David Burnaford
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Laura Burnaford
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Jean Rinaldi
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Diane Ruckdeschel
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Donna Ryder
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Lee Ryder
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Scott Schneider
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Nancy Smith
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Becky Tobiasz
Church Ministries	Stewards*	Lois Vormstein-Schneider
Church Ministries	Music	Tina Berrien
Church Ministries	Music	Gail Davis
Church Ministries	Music	Molly Drenzek
Church Ministries	Music	Lois Vormstein-Schneider
Church Ministries	Growth and Outreach	Corey Haynes
Church Ministries	Growth and Outreach	Jean Rinaldi
Church Ministries	Growth and Outreach	Sue Schneller
Church Ministries	Growth and Outreach	Bev Sikes
Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	Melissa Bednarz
Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	Laura Burnaford
Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	David Jones

*The Stewards list will be expanding throughout the upcoming year and will be updated and sent out when appropriate.

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Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	Jean Rinaldi
Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	Scott Schneider
Church Ministries	Exploratory Team	Sue Schneller
Church Ministries	Food	Cliff Barron
Church Ministries	Food	Nancy Drenzek
Church Ministries	Food	Jamie Guilmette
Church Ministries	Food	Art Sikes
Church Ministries	Food Support	Sue Barron
Church Ministries	Food Support	Bev Sikes
Church Ministries	Building Use Ministry	Evelyne Battle
Church Ministries	Building Use Ministry	Tina Berrien
Church Ministries	Building Use Ministry	Jenn Sikes
Church Ministries	House	Cliff Barron
Church Ministries	House	Richard Binns
Church Ministries	House	Walt Malec
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team A	Howard Beal
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team A	Judy Ahrens
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team A	
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team A	
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team B	Art Sikes
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team B	Stacey or Jessica Christie
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team B	Steve Damon
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team B	June Hodges
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team C	Tucker Killam
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team C	David Burnaford
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team C	Scott Schneider
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team C	Barry Sisk
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team D	Richard Rinaldi
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team D	Derek Burnaford
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team D	Jean Rinaldi
Church Ministries	Ushers – Team D	
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This flexible organizational structure may expand, contract, and evolve as congregation desires (especially in the 18-month trial period).

IN MEMORIAM

Second Baptist Church Members

Sumner Bissell

Joined Second Baptist on May 9, 1943

Died on February 11, 2025

Natalie Das

Joined Second Baptist on April 19, 1981

Died on December 5, 2025

Shirley Edmonds-Van Allen

Joined Second Baptist on December 11, 1994

Died on January 9, 2025

Claudia Hepner

Joined Second Baptist on January 13, 2002

Died on July 10, 2025

Lynette Martin

Joined Second Baptist on January 26, 1997

Died on January 31, 2025

Daisy Wilkins Saunders

Joined Second Baptist on March 31, 1991

Died on January 27, 2025