

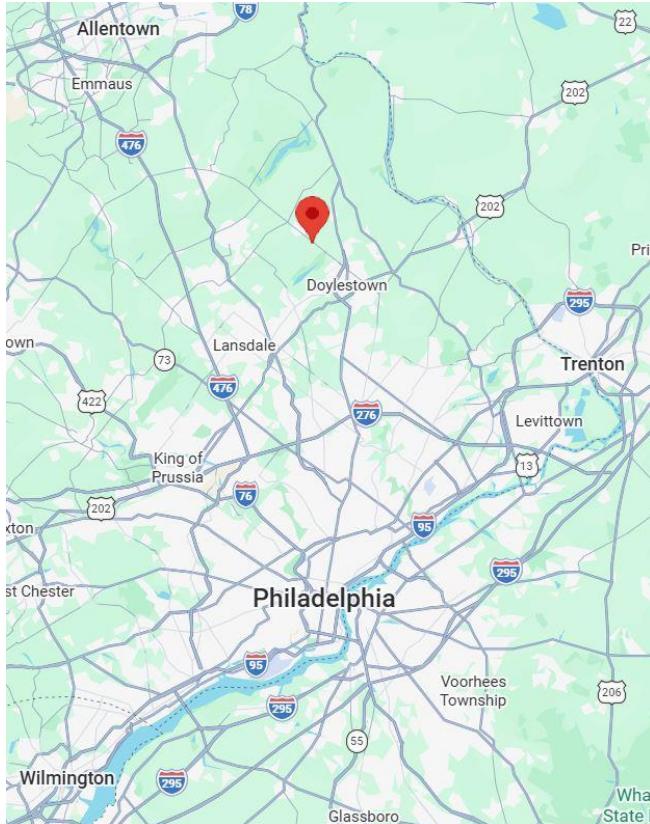
# Second Baptist Church of Doylestown Church Profile



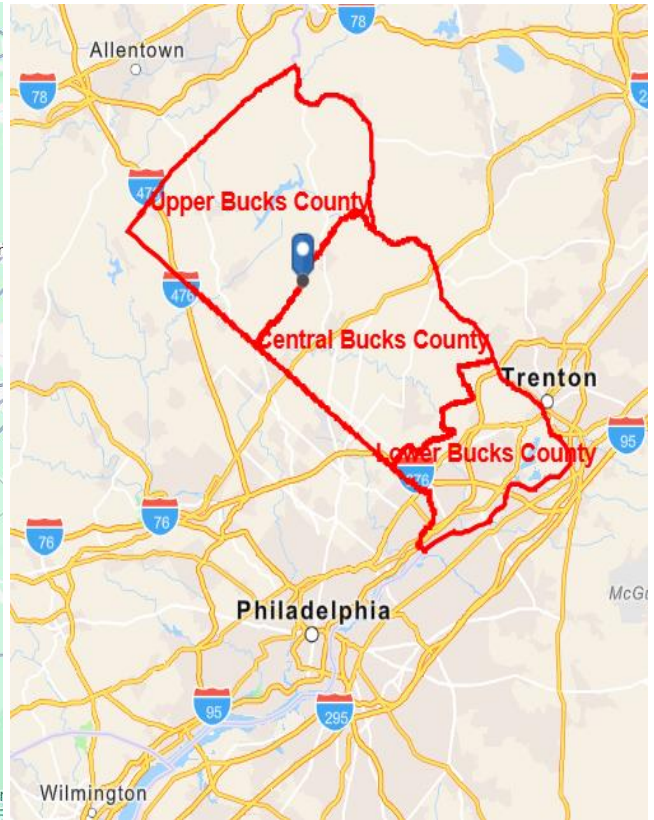
Church Address: 6055 Swamp Rd  
Fountainville, PA 18923

Website: <https://www.sbcod.org>

**LOCATION:**



*Located 30 Miles north of Philadelphia*



*Located in Central Bucks County, PA*



SBCOD Acreage

## OUR CHURCH INFORMATION (Who We Are)



We seek to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We seek to attain this end through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor and Christian education through the accepted doctrines of the missionary Baptist denomination and through affiliation with the Philadelphia Baptist Association, American Baptist Association and the Suburban Baptist Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

### CONGREGATION SNAPSHOT

#### Membership

- 152 members
- Historically African-American; currently multi-ethnic
- The parishioners reside in Chester and Philadelphia Counties, with the majority living in Bucks & Montgomery Counties.
- Members possess the full range of educational backgrounds from Trade School Certifications to Post Graduate degrees
- Online following includes California, Canada, Colorado, Georgia and London

#### Generations & Family Structure

- 118 years of ministry
- Families represented by up to four generations
- ~40% married couples
- ~25% singles
- ~20% widowed
- ~15% divorced
- 10 couples married 40+ years

#### Age Distribution

- 55+ – majority
- 21–55 – ~20%
- Under 21 – ~15%

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & MISSIONS SUPPORTED**

Some of the local community groups and missions we have supported are:

- Africa Missionary
- African American Museum of Bucks County
- America for Christ
- Benevolent Fund
- Bethana. Inc.
- Bucks County Branch of NAACP
- Chosen 300 Feeding Ministry
- Dominican Republic Mission (Haiti)
- Doylestown/Sellersville Fish Organization: Food Pantry & Clothing
- Interfaith Missions Presbyterian Church: Homeless & Housing
- Maasai Girls Education (Africa)
- Mustard Seed Communities of Jamaica
- Plumstead Township Police Department
- Suburban Baptist Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania
- The Synergy Street Outreach Program
- United Way
- Women's Shelter: Hannah's House

## **WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP**

### **Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM**

- Livestream via Church Website & Facebook
- Children's Church & Teen Church (3x/month during school year)

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

- 11:00 AM (virtual)
- 7:00 PM (virtual)

### **Year-Round Ministries**

Activities promoting spiritual growth, fellowship, and service

## **WHY WE VALUE DOYLESTOWN**

- Doylestown is often described as quaint, historic, and full of character, blending a small-town feel with cultural amenities like museums, galleries, historic architecture, and festivals Museums, galleries, festivals
- Approximately 30 miles from Philadelphia
- Abundant access to nature

- The church's annual Family and Friends Day is celebrated on the grounds of the county's Peace Valley Park. The park surrounds Lake Galena and is just a few miles from the church
- We have a strong local hospital and healthcare system with affiliation to Penn Medicine
- We have a strong relationship with our friends at Doylestown Presbyterian Church

## CHURCH HISTORY



Second Baptist Church of Doylestown celebrated its 118th anniversary on September 26, 2025. The church's official beginning dates to September 26, 1907, when it changed its denominational affiliation and name to Second Baptist Church of Doylestown. Originally chartered on April 29, 1874, as St. Mark C.M.E. Church (also known as the People's Colored Church of Doylestown), it first worshiped in a building purchased on Ashland Street in 1887.

In 1924, the church relocated to Lafayette and Beck Avenues, where it remained for 49 years. In 1973, it purchased the property at 1109 N. Easton Road, later selling it in 2003 to acquire a 7½-acre site at Route 313 and Stump Road in Plumsteadville. After worshiping temporarily at Christ Community Church, Second Baptist broke ground in 2005 and moved into its new facility in May 2007.

After many years served by itinerant ministers, the first recorded pastor was Rev. C. D. Manley (1930–1933). The church has since been led by several pastors, with Rev. Robert E. Hamlin Sr. served since 1995.

Pastor Hamlin and the Church Officers realized that with the growth of the Church, there was a need for a new facility. In September 2001 Second Baptist Church kicked off the Building God's Way Stewardship Campaign. In December 2003, Second Baptist Church sold the building at 1109 N. Easton Road in Doylestown, and purchased a property of 7½ acres at the corner of Route 313 and Stump Road in Plumsteadville, PA. God's great love was demonstrated again as Christ Community Church of Plumsteadville, PA. opened their doors to share their worship facility with Second Baptist while the new Second Baptist Church was being built.

The congregation of Second Baptist began worshiping at Christ Community Church on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004. After a lengthy process with the township of Plumsteadville to obtain the necessary building approvals, the ground breaking ceremony for the new Second

Baptist Church facility was held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 with construction beginning on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

Through faith, obedience and guidance of the Holy Spirit, Second Baptist moved into the new edifice with a grand opening celebration on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The first Sunday worship service in the new facility was held the next day on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Today, Second Baptist honors its rich history and the continued involvement of descendants of its founders.

## **MISSION & VISION**

As a church family we have identified a mission statement and five critical purposes for our existence:

- Glorify God through worship
- Reach the world with God's Truth
- Affirm the Bible's authority
- Care for each other in love
- Equip believers for ministry

These help us keep in mind why we are here and what God has called us to. Our prayer is that we will consider these purposes for our own lives and that they will help us maintain priorities and balance. Our goal is to train followers of Jesus to love God, to love people, and to share Christ's message with the world.

## **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

**Anointed Dance Ministry** - The Anointed Dancers for Christ consists of a group of committed believers, which presents the Gospel and Biblical Principles in Dance. Dance is a vehicle, which vividly portrays the application of God's Word to situations that are tangible and contemporary as well as displaying biblical accounts and stories.

**Audio/Video Ministry** - The Audio/Video Ministry is responsible for making sure the message of the Gospel can be heard (and seen) during our services.

**Christ and Cultural Humility Ministry** - We strive to be a church that demonstrates cultural humility in each walk of life; recognizing that every one of us comes from a variety of cultural backgrounds, we propose to welcome, value, and celebrate these differences as we strengthen our relationships with God, within the church family, and the community. We strive to raise an awareness of practicing cultural humility in our church as evidenced in the ministry of Jesus. We recognize and celebrate the cultural diversity in our church and community.

**Deacon Ministry** - The deacons serve as servant-leaders whose primary responsibility is to support the pastor and care for the needs of the congregation. Their role is rooted in the biblical example found in Acts 6, where leaders were appointed to attend to the practical and spiritual needs of the church so that the ministry of the Word could continue without distraction. Deacons assist with worship services, including the administration of communion and baptism, provide pastoral care through visitation and prayer, support church unity, and help meet the physical and emotional needs of members, particularly the sick, elderly, and those in crisis.

**Deaconesses Ministry** - The Deaconess serve alongside deacons in a complementary role that emphasizes compassion, support, and service, particularly in ministries involving women and families. Their work often includes assisting with the baptism, providing care and encouragement during illness or difficult times, extending hospitality during worship services and special events, and supporting the pastor through prayer and personal ministry.

**Feeding Ministry** - Second Baptist provides 350 meals and a worship service on the second Wednesday of every other month at the Chosen 300 Homeless feeding ministry in Philadelphia, Pa. Volunteers have found they have been a blessing to those less fortunate than themselves. Volunteers help with cooking the meals, driving the van, serving at the facility and helping to lead in the time of worship. Families are encouraged to get involved and bring their children.

**Garden Ministry** - The Garden Ministry is dedicated to keeping our church grounds beautiful. We plant and maintain the flowers and trees around the Church.

**Greeters Ministry** - The greeter is responsible to ensure that every person entering the church is greeted and that visitors are offered assistance as appropriate so that everyone feels important and welcome.

**Married Couples Ministry** - The Married Couples Ministry of Second Baptist Church recognizes the difficulties of modern married life. Activities have included; parenting programs, conferences, marriage enrichment seminars, social gatherings, and retreats and Bible study programs. Our mission is to provide opportunities where husbands and wives can learn to love one another as Christ loves them, intimately, unconditionally and with full forgiveness as they demonstrate through their daily walk that two have become one.

**Men's Ministry** - The Men's Ministry exists to enhance the social, emotional, and spiritual development of men within and without our congregation. The group meets monthly to provide men with training and encouragement to become more like Christ, personal accountability to achieve the goal of godliness and integrity in their daily lives, and fellowship to build strong, lasting relationships with men like you.

**Missions Ministry** - Second Baptist Church is involved in an ongoing process of building a mission program that is far-reaching and powerful on a global level. Second

Baptist Church has collaborated its resources, gifts, and finances with several local and international organizations to aid in the fulfillment of the "Great Commission".

**Music Ministry** - Learning to worship God through praise and adoration is one key to a victorious Christian life. Leading others to do the same is also a great blessing. Involvement in the Music Ministry gives the opportunity to do both! All ages are welcome regardless of musical background, the Music Ministry has something to offer. Choirs: Sanctuary Choir – Genesis Youth Choir – Back Bench Boys – Praise Team.

**Nursing Home Ministry** - The elderly are often forgotten in society. This ministry puts legs to our faith by ministering to the spiritual needs of senior citizens. Members of the Nursing Home Ministry visit people in Doylestown nursing homes and share the Good News of Jesus with them.

**Pastor's Aide Ministry** - The role of the Pastor's Aide Ministry is to show love and personal support to the Pastor and his family as he provides spiritual leadership to the members of Second Baptist Church of Doylestown. Such support ensures that the pastor is freed up to concentrate on his call to shepherd the Second Baptist flock.

**Physical Care Ministry** - The Physical Care Ministry (PCM) is here to care for and help with the "physical care" needs of the church family. Educating the church families, keeping a watchful eye on the physical needs of the congregation and assisting in maintaining safety within the church building is an important ministry goal. The PCM members are passionate in their desire to care for the church family's physical needs while they are being spiritually fed.

**Prison Ministry** - The Prison Ministry is composed of men and women who visit the Bucks County Jail and provide aftercare to ex-offenders and their families. We believe applying God's Word to a person's life can effect a change in behavior and this ministry demonstrates God's love to prisoners.

**Scholarship Ministry** - A Church ministry whose purpose is to encourage and support undergraduate attendees from our congregation to enroll at Institutes of Higher Learning. This program raises funds through designated giving. The ministry also provides encouragement to SBCOD college students through the outreach of the College Care Package Program and the awarding of scholarships through the College Scholarship Fund. Since both of these programs are self-supported the committee coordinates fundraising through creating an awareness of these ministries within the Second Baptist Church congregation.

**Trustee Ministry** - The trustees serve as the official, legal servants in matters of business for the church and are designated to regulate and administer church funds.

**Ushers Ministry** - Ushers demonstrate the love and spirit of Jesus Christ by providing assistance with a smile. The usher's role in the church service is to maintain an atmosphere of reverence and order before, during and after the service. Usher

activities include welcoming and seating visitors and the congregation, handing out literature, assisting in the giving part of the service and offering assistance to the Pastor, ministerial staff and the congregation whenever needed. Ushers also travel with the Pastor when he preaches at other locations to represent SBCOD and to serve the entire congregation.

**Women's Ministry** - The Women's Ministry exists at SBCOD to nurture the spiritual growth, unity, and service of women within the congregation and the community. The primary function is to provide opportunities for women to grow in their faith through prayer, Bible study, fellowship, service, and discipleship, while also offering encouragement and support across different stages of life. In addition, the ministry may lead outreach efforts, missions, and acts of service that reflect Christ's love, helping women use their gifts and talents to support the overall mission of the church.

**Worship Warriors Prayer Ministry** - The great privilege of Worship Warriors is mobilizing Intercessors and Prayer Warriors to pray a covering over the Worship Services, and to usher in the Holy Spirit's presence. They take on the role of Pray-ers, before Service and while Service is taking place. Praying before the Service allows the Holy Spirit to prepare us spiritually to receive from Him. Our prayers make a difference in the Spiritual atmosphere. Some Worship Warriors pray before Worship Services, while others pray as the Service is taking place. A Deacon will be assigned each week to help facilitate the time of prayer.

**Youth Ministry** - Children are precious at Second Baptist Church of Doylestown. Taking to heart Jesus' own love for children, SBCOD seeks to provide a comprehensive, caring ministry to children and their parents. Through a broad range of programming, children experience acceptance, engage in learning, enjoy themselves, and express their faith. SBCOD is committed to partnering with you as a parent, helping your children discover the bright future that is ours through Jesus Christ. We understand the unlimited potential in each and every child, and we seek to provide the kind of love, acceptance, example, and teaching that will help your child be all that God wants him or her to be. A well-rounded program that includes Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, and specialized activities for children.

## **CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP**

The church shall be guided by, adhere to, and be led by the Articles of Faith as recorded in the Hiscox Directory. Leadership is clearly defined yet deeply rooted in a shared, communal approach shaped by history, faith, and culture.

**Pastoral Leadership** - The Pastor serves as the spiritual leader and primary visionary of the church, responsible for preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and setting the overall direction of the ministries at SBCOD. The pastor provides spiritual oversight. In the Pastor's absence the chairman of the Deacons may call meetings and oversee all organizations.

**The Church Council** - shall seek to correlate and coordinate the activities and organizations of the church, yet with advisory powers only. The Council shall compose of the Pastor, staff members, clerk, treasurer, the presidents of each organization, and the chair of all standing committees when required. All matters agreed upon by the council, calling action not already provided for, shall be referred to the church for approval or disapproval.

**The Joint Board** - composed of Deacons and Trustees. They shall meet after each Board has had its regular meeting and before each membership meeting. It shall meet to transact its business and review all matters coming before it from any member or organization of the church. It shall make recommendations to the church on matters pertaining to the church at the church membership meeting. A Joint Board Meeting shall be called by the Pastor or in his absence, the chairman of the Board of Deacons. Should the church be without a Pastor, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons must be present at Joint Board meetings for that meeting to be official. All books and records kept by the Joint Board shall be considered the property of the church.

Leadership also includes trustees, who are responsible for the stewardship of church property and finances, ensuring that the physical and financial assets of the church are protected and managed responsibly. This structure reflects a balance of strong pastoral leadership, servant leadership, and collective responsibility, all grounded in faith, tradition, and community.

## PHOTO GALLERY



*Church Service  
Christ Cultural Humility Session  
Heavenly Brews Staff*



Vacation Bible School  
Church Activities





African-American Museum Trip