

# SECOND CHRONICLES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION

Welcome to “Second Chronicles”, the official newsletter for Second Baptist Church.

The mission of Second Chronicles is to invite people of all ages to know Christ, provide resources to serve as disciples of Christ, create an environment where the believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit and motivate them to do God’s will, through acts of love and service, in both the local and global communities.

We hear so much tragic news nearly every day so that when the news is good, we almost cannot hear it. However, the proclamation of our publication is that all is well!

We openly invite all who wish to participate in our newsletter to contact a team member of Second Chronicles. This edition is accessible on the church’s website, [secondac.org](http://secondac.org). The next publication of Second Chronicles is June, 2015. *The deadline for all submissions is May 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*From our newsletter team,*

*Philip \* Betty\* Donald\* Waine\* James\* Craig\* Brenhilda\*  
Rick and Deacon George Nelson*

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

#### Sunday

- 8:00 am - Early Worship Service
- 9:30 am – Preaching in the Park (Brown’s Park)
- 9:30 am - S.W.A.G.G.A.R. Service (ages 12 and up)
- 11:00 am - Children’s Church (ages 3 to 11)
- 11:00 am - Morning Worship
- 7:00 pm - Hour of Power

#### Wednesday

- 12:00 pm - Power Lunch Service
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study

# Christians in Recovery

Christians in Recovery is a Christ centered addictions overcomers ministry that was birthed in the heart of Pastor Days in 1995. After being called to pastor at Second Baptist Church, Pastor Days began to see the ravaging effects that drug and alcohol addiction was having on the community. It was then that he formed the ministry with the expressed intent of giving individuals the opportunity of breaking free from the deadly grip of addiction through the delivering power of the Word of God.

This ministry has been blessed to have compassionate facilitators such as Reverend Jodi Burroughs, Minister Madeline Williams, Deacon Charles Myrick, Sister Maria as well as myself, Rev. Stadi Reaves. I must also give special mention to Sister Joyce Dyitt who has blessed this ministry throughout the years, and God knows your works. We have all been able to lend our experience of having struggled with various addictions along with their damaging effects. However, we and many others can also testify that the only true and lasting solution to this deadly dilemma is a change of nature brought about by the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. We not only address the issue of drug and alcohol addictions, but any and all matters that have someone bound and unable to live in true freedom.

For those situations where an individual desires to enter a long term rehabilitation program, we are able to assist with this, as well. To the glory of God, we have access to Christian rehabilitation ministries throughout the country. The length of stay in these programs is normally six to nine months. While there, the individual undergoes an intense schedule which includes Bible classes, chapel services, group and individual counseling sessions, assigned chores, as well as work readiness programs.

These ministries are supported by private donations and are available at no cost to our church. However, we do furnish the cost of transportation, if the individual or their family is unable to, which is most often the case. At the time of writing this letter, there are four individuals whose lives are being transformed in various rehabilitation centers. This great work is possible due in large part to the generous support of those who give financially to the aiding of ministry in our church. Our meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm-6pm at Second Baptist Church in the upper classrooms.

Graciously submitted ,  
Reverend Stadi Reaves

## *The Holiness in Being Broken*

*The Christian faith has plenty to offer for people who want to break the shackles of addiction. Reconciliation with our Savior Jesus Christ has helped to empower millions of people to recover from addictions. You may find that faith based addiction recovery can work for you, too.*

### Proverbs 17:22

*“A merry heart does good,  
like medicine”*

### Men's Ministry “Facing Your Giant”

*Brother Craig Burke*

The Men's Breakfast had a great turn out! The Word was given by Minister Ron Smith, teaching from Ephesians 1:1. Minister Smith taught that, having been chosen in Him before the foundation of the world, we should be Holy and without blame before Him, in love. The Word was given and the men enjoyed a hearty breakfast amidst meaningful conversation and heartfelt laughter.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

God's continued blessings to those celebrating a birthday in May. A special “Happy Birthday” to Mother Bostic.

# Pastor's Pen



**Dear Church Family:**

**I am pleased to welcome back the publication of the Church's monthly newsletter, "Second Chronicles"!**

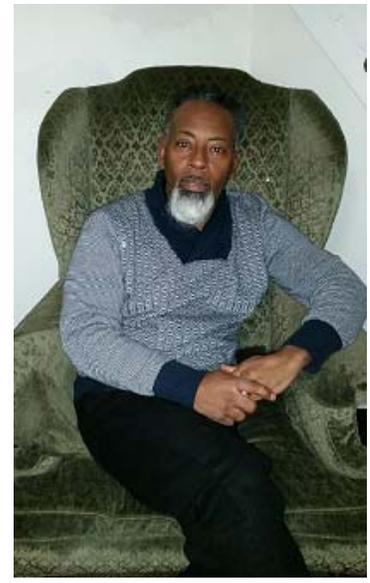
**First, I would like to thank the participants of the 2014/2015 Leadership Class for selecting the Newsletter as a class project. The enthusiasm in planning and executing the first edition has been both superb and a blessing.**

**Like the former publication, Second Chronicles will serve our Church Family as a useful resource in disseminating valuable information and highlighting events and activities in our Christian community.**

**As believers, we must continue to trust in the Lord and give thanks to God for His many blessings. Only prayer can combat the daily challenges that we face. Whether it's finding a job in a region where the economy is depressed and jobs are few, or perhaps the stress of keeping a roof over your head and food on the table is a daily concern, whatever you're confronting, God is the answer!**

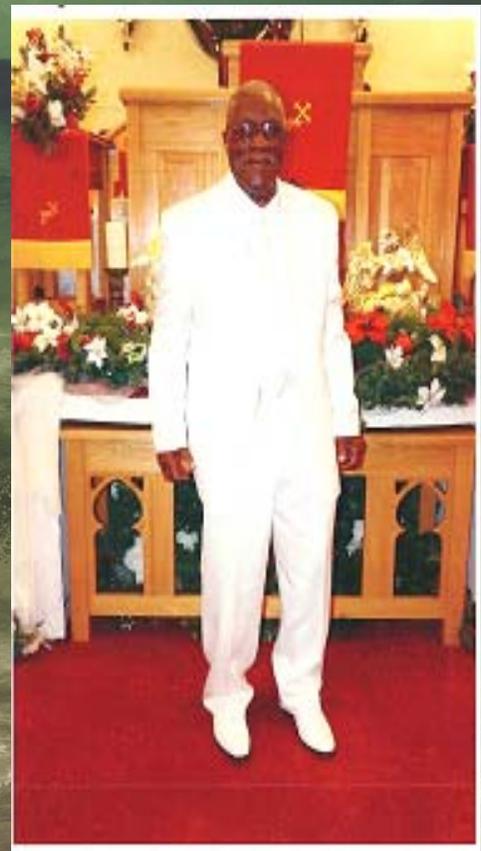
**Again, my congratulations and thanks to our Newsletter team for their efforts!**

**Pastor Collins A. Days, Sr.**



**Reverend Collins A. Days, Sr.  
Pastor**

## **THIS MONTH'S INTERVIEW Deacon George Nelson**



**The full video interview is accessible on the Church web site at [secondac.org](http://secondac.org)**

## Junior Ushers' Ministry "On the Move"



*"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."*

*Psalms 84:10*

In the last year, the Jr. Usher Ministry has grown from five members to nineteen members. For years, the age limit was eight years old to join the ministry. Last year Mandy Days approached us and stated her son, "Maj" was interested in being a junior usher. While he did meet the age requirement, we had already allowed Dontae Atkins (who was under eight) to join and he had worked out well. We officially lowered the age requirement and Praise the Lord our numbers tripled.

Our Executive Advisor, Deloris Rowell, has been a tremendous help and with her patience and love, she has taken our ministry to a higher level of service. I have had the pleasure of being a Senior Advisor for the past twenty-two years. There were times in our Ministry we only had three junior ushers but we were able to sustain. Senior Advisor Carla Watts joined us a few years ago and our two newest advisors, Andrew Davis and Warren Merrick, have been great additions to our advisory staff.

Our officers for this year are Ronnie Lawson II, President, David Reeves, Vice President, Dontae Aikens, Secretary, Kareem Davis, Treasurer and Warren Merrick, Chaplain. We rehearse on the fourth Saturday of the month from 11am to 12 noon at the Church. If your child is interested in becoming a doorkeeper for the Lord, registration forms are available in the rear of the Church or you can contact me at (609) 204-2183.

Requirements to join are as follows: Must be five (5) to 17 years old; Uniform – Girls white blouse, black skirt, stockings and black shoes, Boys - black pants, white shirt, black tie and black shoes. A black vest, name badge and gloves are provided. Dues are \$3.00 per month.

Shermaine Gunter-Gary  
Advisor

### Upcoming Articles In June's Edition

- *Hope for Liberia*
- *Interview Video with Mother Bostic (By Deacon Nelson, Waine and Donald)*
- *Children's Bible Stories (Brenhilda)*
- *Our Children's Church (Joey Gaynor)*
- *Business Directory (Betty Lewis)*
- *Healthy Recipes (James Bostic)*
- *Job & Interview Skills Class (Jason Dare)*

### Woodbury Ministers' Conference Revival

Pastor Days will be preaching at the Woodbury Ministers' Conference Revival from May 20 to 22 at 7:00 the First Baptist Church of Jericho located at 981 Mail Ave., Deptford, NJ 08096 at 7:00 p.m. Let's support our Pastor and revive our souls! Save the dates!