



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

Memorial and Historical Commission

To preserve and enhance our historic legacy so that our contributions will be maintained and enriched for both present and future generations.

From the Archives

In the 1985 publication for the 90th Anniversary of Second Baptist Church, Ola Mae Dalley wrote: *"It is not known how long resolutions have been used in funeral services for SBC. However, it is known that the Memorial Committee has been in existence for more than a half century."* The duties of the committee are to prepare and read tributes (resolutions) in memory of deceased members.

During the renovation of Griffith Hall in 1966, space was allocated for an Archives Room. In 1967, an Archives and Historical Committee was selected for the purpose of gathering and displaying the church's historical materials and artifacts. Rev. U. S. Donaldson was Chairman. The committee has had many Chairpersons through the years and several locations, but the goal of the committee has remained the same, that is to document and capture our church history for display and sharing in our Archives.

Today, under the chairmanship of Cathy Woodruff, not only is church history exhibited, but Black History and Social Justice topics are shared. Before the pandemic the Historical Commission would research the latest topics and prepare an exhibit of books and posters to share the researched information in the most informative way. An Invitation from the pulpit would be shared and the ARCHIVES would be opened on Sundays for our congregation viewing pleasure. If you had questions or concerns that certain information or individuals were not addressed, we would receive the information and continue further research. Also, if members had magazines, pictures, books or any paraphernalia to share they were welcome to bring them in as a contribution to the exhibit or on long term loan to the ARCHIVES.

Well, here we are today researching, documenting and sharing our history via the virtual world to support a true picture of our legacy as a people. We have chosen Californian African American Women and we plan to share one with you every week. If you can't visit the ARCHIVES, we will visit you!