

## Second Baptist Church Arkadelphia, Arkansas

**Our Mission statement:** We, the people of Second Baptist Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are committed to encountering God in worship, effectively sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, equipping believers, and engaging in servant-hearted ministry.

For more than a century, Second Baptist Church has ministered to the community of Arkadelphia and beyond. Second Baptist Church (originally Sweet Hill Mission) was originally founded in 1905 and began with roughly 40 members. As of 2016, Second Baptist Church's membership has grown to approximately 780 members with an average Sunday attendance of 320. Second Baptist Church offers Sunday School/Small Group programs with an average attendance of 250 and has active youth and children's ministries which include approximately 150 children and teenagers.

As part of its children's ministry, SBC regularly conducts Vacation Bible School each summer. In 2016 the enrollment in SBC's VBS was 277 and included 4 professions of faith. SBC also operates a separate weekday preschool with an enrollment of more than 40 children as well as both full and part-time teachers and staff.

Additionally, Second Baptist Church has an active college ministry which includes students from both Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University. The college ministry includes regular college Sunday School classes as well as Crossroads—SBC's weekly college small group program.

Second Baptist Church has an active on-going missions ministry which includes international mission trips to Belize, Honduras, and Paraguay, as well as numerous domestic mission trips. During 2016 more than 100 SBC members participated in missions projects. In 2016 Second Baptist Church also began a partnership with The Mountain Church, a recent church plant in the Seattle, Washington area.