

# Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. Capacity: How many people do I need to make a group?** *The typical group size is 4-40. Individuals or smaller groups are sometimes added to existing tours scheduled. Please, allow for longer stays for groups of more than 50-100 or more. There is “plenty good room in my Father’s Kingdom,” but the “**Croghan Street Station**” only seats 40 at a time.*
- 2. Walking: Is there much walking?** *It depends on which of our three tours you have requested. Second Baptist Church of Detroit is contained in three connected buildings: the **Educational Building**, **German Building**, and **Annex Building**.*

*A) “**Lecture Tours**” require the least amount of walking and can be completed with an elevator ride between first and second floors.*

*B) “**Building Tours**” require the most walking as visitors go on a thorough walk-through all three buildings, two of which include historic staircases.*

*C) “**Worship Tours**” on Sundays only, while the shortest tour still requires visitors to travel up and down the most popular staircase, the “**Croghan Street Station**” on the Underground Railroad. It’s located in the basement of the German building and the steps are steep.*



- 3. Handicap Accessibility?** *The only Elevator is located in newest building known as the “**A.A. Banks Educational Building**” where visitors enter the church, other than on Sundays and near the Bookstore entrance. The Elevator is available to assist Lecture Tour Groups and others who need to travel between the first and second floors.*

*There is NO Elevator access to the Croghan Street Station in the basement. Visitors with an unsteady gait are encouraged to remain in the Original Sanctuary while the rest of your group goes down to the basement. The Original Sanctuary is filled with an array of historic photographs, paintings and exhibits. You can also sit and view a film on the history of Second Baptist Church which was produced in partnership with the Charles H. Wright African American Museum.*

**4. Donations: Should I send my donation in advance?** *Please, don't!! Life happens that sometimes cause group tours to be rescheduled or even cancelled. Donations are non-refundable so bring them when you come.*

**5. Donations: Which payment methods are accepted?** *Cash or Checks Only. Checks are payable to: "Detroit Underground Railroad Historical Society" or "DURHS" (formally known as the Second Baptist Historical Committee). We no longer accept credit cards for tours.*

**6. Parking: Where can I park?** *Greektown Casino has three garages in the area where parking is FREE to those visiting Second Baptist Church. The closest one to the Church is now called **the "Brush Street Garage"** located on the corner of Lafayette and Brush. The ticket machine has been replaced with a Credit/Debit Card machine. All visitors now must insert either of the money cards which will lift the arm to allow your car to enter and park. Once you arrive at Church through the Bookstore entrance, be sure to let the cashier know where you parked. She will give you a "scanning slip."*

*Once the tour is over and you return to the garage, in order to lift the exit arm you must: 1.) Insert the same card again. 2.) Then immediately scan your slip. The arm goes up and your card is not charged. Please make certain all drivers in your group have the above information in order to get the **FREE PARKING**.*

**7.**  **Babies:** *While all are welcome, tiny children too young to read tend to be not as interested in history as the rest in your group and command more attention than the tour guides. So we thank you in advance for helping us limit any distractions little ones may cause others on the tour. So cute but in charge!!*