

Experience the Past

Learn about this important time in American history. The Second Baptist Church of Detroit was the last stop on the Underground Railroad for Slaves on the way to Canada. It served as a safe haven from 1836 to 1865, when the slaves were freed.

The Second Baptist Church of Detroit helped more than 5000 fugitives escape safely to Canada. Learn about the different routes Slaves used to escape detection.

25 DOLLARS REWARD.

The subscribers will give for the apprehension and neturn of a colored man, named THORNTON, who absconded from our employ on the 3d or 4th of July, inst. Said Thornton is about 5 feet, 9 or 10 inches high; stout made, and of a yellow complexion; light eyes,

and of good address; had on when he left, a blue cloth coat and pantaloons, boots, and a black hat.

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WURTS & REINHARD.

Thornton & his wife escaped slavery in Kentucky and were the beginning of the Underground Railroad at Second Baptist Church.

Tour Information

Take a ride on the train that traveled without tracks. Sit in the Croghan Street Station and hear the stories of runaways who, escaping slavery, rested in secret at Second Baptist Church before crossing the Detroit River into Canada and "Freedom."

Lecture Tours: begins with participants seated in the Sanctuary for a lecture that converts to a walking tour. Tour takes an hour or more.

Building Tours: walking tours though the church's three sections; the original building, annex building and educational building. Tour takes an hour or less.

Worship Tours: offered on Sundays, by prior arrangement, for visitors who plan to worship at Second Baptist Church. Tours are immediately after morning service and last approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

All tours include church history, the viewing of murals and exhibits, and a stop in a basement room known as the "Croghan Street Station" on the Underground Railroad.

Tour Schedule:

Call for an appointment

To Schedule a Tour:

Contact DURHS Office

