

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel L. Edmond, Pastor Emeritus of Second Baptist Church of Elgin, IL, has an impressive educational background. He earned his bachelor's degree from Xavier University in Louisiana and completed the Executive Management Program at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. In 2010, Judson University of Elgin, IL, honored him with an Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Theology.

He is a certified family counselor with expertise in family, marriage, and teen counseling and extensive training in theology, religion, and philosophy. Rev. Edmond was licensed into the Gospel Ministry at the Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 2, 1993. He joined Second Baptist Church in November of 1993, was ordained in the ministry on April 30, 1995, installed as Pastor on February 20, 2000, and retired on October 8, 2020. Additionally, he retired from Alcoa Aluminum as Vice President of National Accounts in 2000.

During his Pastoral tenure, Second Baptist Church experienced significant growth in various aspects. New programs introduced under Pastor Edmond's leadership included the "Wonderful Wednesday" midweek service, a young adult ministry, a public relations ministry, a prison ministry with a 12-step drug program, a bus ministry, an Evangelism ministry, a Theater Arts ministry, and a Kinship Care Educational Symposium. The church also started a partnership with Sheridan Elementary School in 2006, which expanded to include Larsen Middle School and was renamed the SBC School Partnerships. To accommodate the growing membership, a second Sunday morning worship began in June 2002, and the church added a multi-purpose and educational center in 2006.

Beyond his role at the church, Pastor Edmond held leadership positions in various community organizations and served on multiple boards, including those of Xavier University, Judson University, United Way of Elgin, National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, among others. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board at Advocate Healthcare Corporate Board and Advocate Sherman Hospital.

As a member of the Board of Directors at Sherman Advocate Hospital, Pastor Edmond oversaw the construction and completion of a 255-bed "Green" hospital with a 15-acre geothermal lake, which has saved the hospital \$1 million annually in heating and cooling costs.

Throughout his career, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel L. Edmond has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award for the City of Elgin and the Golden Eagle Award from Judson University.

However, he considers his 50-year marriage to Christine D. Edmond and his relationship with his two daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren his most significant accomplishments.