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Church Histories



Valley Stream Baptist Church, Valley Stream, New York

Valley Stream Baptist Church of Valley Stream, New York held its official dedication service on June 4, 1967. The new church was formed by the merger of two churches: Second Baptist Church and Alden Terrace Baptist Church.

The Alden Terrace Church had its beginning with cottage prayer meetings. In 1950, they started meetings in a portable frame chapel as a church extension project of the A. B. C. under the leadership of Rev. L. H. Haas.

The Second German Baptist Church began as the French German Bethlehem Baptist Church in May, 1855. In 1859 it had merged with the Pilgrim Baptist Church and became the Second German Baptist Church of New York. Under the leadership of Walter Rauschenbusch, the church was relocated to 407 W. 43rd Street New York City.

The two churches merged in May 1967. Someone referred to this as “a wonderful marriage between two groups.” It was under the leadership of Rev. D. Kolke that this merger was completed.

An extension to the church building was added about ten years after the merger. At this time the church began its association with the North American Baptist Conference.

One of the more recent pastors of the church is Rev. Reynold Williams, who was born into a Hindu family and surrendered his heart and life to Christ at the age of fourteen. He served as the pastor of Valley Stream Baptist Church from 2001 to 2006.

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