

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

3310 E. Commerce Street San Antonio, Texas 78220

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor

144th Church Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Theme: "Standing On The Past-Launching Into The Future"
Joshua 4: 19-24

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Theophilus O. Berry, Pastor
Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Houston Texas



“God make this house of worship we have raised to Thee wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and the Father’s care and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth that it may be no stumbling block to childhood weakness or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter’s power. God make this house of worship the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom.”

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December 10, 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

Congratulations! We are celebrating One Hundred and Forty Four years of serving God and ministering to the needs of humankind.

We have dreamed and are DREAMING BIG! We know that DREAMING BIG is not a waste of time if you are committed to putting in the work in and seeing it through.

Members and friends like you and I know the Second Baptist spirit. We were able to embody it as new members, and turn around to help the newer members embrace the Second Baptist Church way too. Every opportunity we have to pass on the determination and willingness to dream to the next generation is a gift from God.

Making a difference, we dare to dream and put the work in to make the dream a reality. We who have been members for years should dare to support the new members and do all we can to ensure their success and increase their faith.

Second Baptist members, we are dreamers who are guided by God to make the dream come to fruition. When our parents dreamed of a church for people of color on the Eastside of San Antonio, Texas, they knew that "all things are possible if you only believe". They built a marvelous edifice on the corner of Center and Chestnut Street. When the city required the land for a highway, they dreamed of a timeless building to be built on the corner of East Commerce and Gay Street.

We Dream! The house built for "Habitat for Humanity" was a dream that came true. "Thanksgiving in the Park" has fed and clothed over thirty thousand. The Second Baptist Church Community Center was a gift from God to the People of San Antonio, Texas. Second Baptist has given over two and a half million dollars to charity. We will keep dreaming, building on the past as we launch into the future.

Thank you Chairperson, Mrs. Bridget Lewis-McKinney and the 144th Church Anniversary committee. Please help me welcome Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus O. Berry and thank God for the message of hope, he shall share with us. Mrs. Jackie Jemerson joins me in praying for you and God Bless You.

The Shepherd Loves the Sheep

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

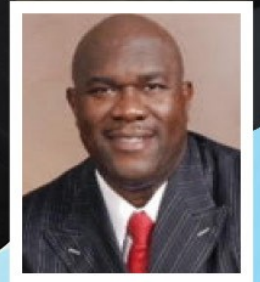
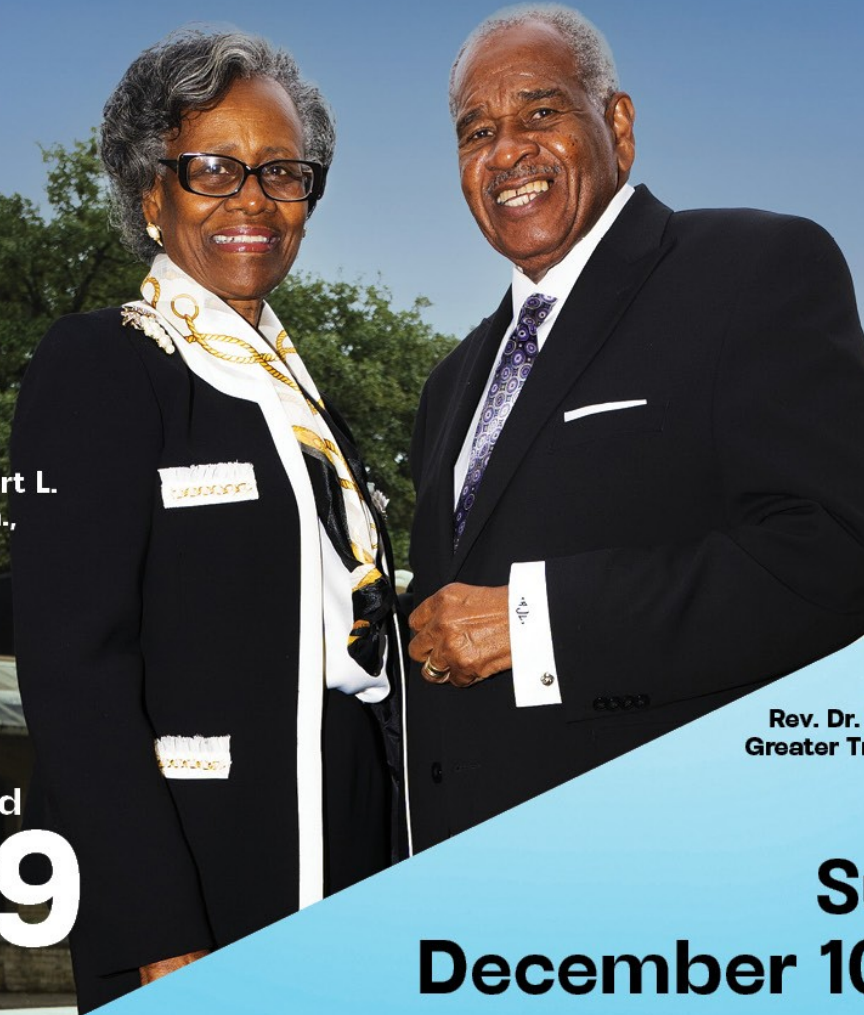


SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IS

Celebrating 144th *Church Anniversary*


PASTOR:
The Rev. Dr. Robert L.
Jemerson, D. Min.,
and First Lady
Jemerson

Established
1879

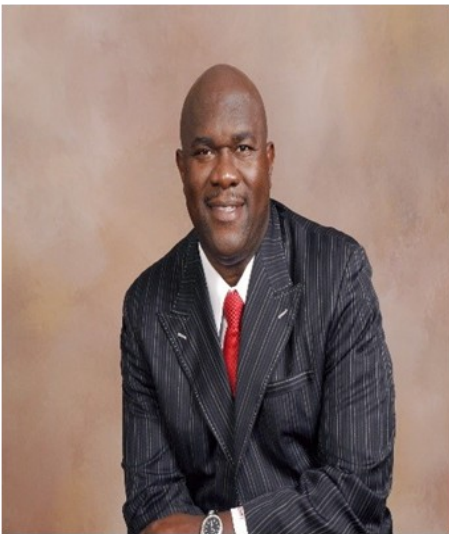


GUEST SPEAKER:
Rev. Dr. Theophilus O. Berry
Greater True Light Missionary
Baptist Church

**Sunday,
December 10, 2023
at 11:00 am**

 **3310 E. Commerce Street
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*STANDING ON THE PAST -
LAUNCHING INTO THE FUTURE*



Rev. Dr. Theophilus O'Brian Berry, Pastor Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church Houston Texas

The Apostle Paul plainly points out in Ephesians 4:7,8 that The Lord, Christ Jesus, gave gifts to men. One of those gifts that HE gave was to Theophilus Berry Jr. and Mable (Hubbard) Berry. They named him Theophilus O'Brian Berry and reared him just beyond the City of Houston Texas borders in the communities of Aldine and Atascocita.

Initially, T. O'Brian was educated in North Forest Independent School District where his mother worked for over 20 years. However, he transferred from Forest Brook High School and completed his High Schooling at Humble High School graduating in the class of 1987. His undergraduate studies were at the illustrious Prairie View A&M University where he obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration and was a member of the Men's Basketball Team. It was also while an Undergraduate student at Prairie View A&M University, that T. O'Brian received his calling to the Preaching Ministry.

All of his life as a youth, T. O'Brian Berry was a member of the Little Union Missionary Baptist Church. He preached his first sermon, was licensed, and ordained under the leadership of the Late Dr. A.G. Roberson. After the passing of Dr. A G. Roberson, Rev. T. O'Brian Berry united with the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Pastor Willie Jones. Serving on Staff, Teaching in Sunday School, Assisting with Multiple Ministries, and Being Personally Nurtured by Pastor Jones for a year, equipped Rev. T. O'Brian Berry to be Gifted by GOD to the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Pastor T. O'Brian Berry served St. Paul faithfully for 8 years.

After being led by GOD to step down from the pastoral position in January of 2004, Pastor T. O'Brian Berry was then gifted to the Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church in March of 2004. Utilizing his gifts to lead GOD'S people has grown the ministry in various ways. Greater things are in the future for Pastor T. O'Brian Berry and Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor T. O'Brian Berry has received two Honorary Doctorate Degree but plans on pursuing and earning a Doctorate of Ministry. Preaching across the United States, teaching in conferences, and serving in the local community take up a lot of his time, but Pastor T. O'Brian Berry takes pride in being a devoted husband to his wife Cynthia and Involved Father to his three children, Darius, Brianca, and Micaiah.

Please take a moment and pray a personal prayer for the gift of Pastor T. O'Brian Berry that GOD has given to the Body of Christ.

THE HISTORY OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Second Baptist Church stands today as a **beacon** guiding and directing **persons** to the **Light of Christ**.

The **pastoral leadership** of **Second Baptist Church** has helped us in the **Lord's** service. We recognize the monumental contribution of these twelve men who labored to provide opportunities and enriched responsibilities for members of an evolving church. Pastors who served were: **Rev. Charles Augustis, Rev. E. M. Wright, Rev. L. G. Jordan, Rev. J. W. Carr, Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. Reuben Anderson, Rev. C. J. Hardy, Rev. A. W. Smith, Rev. I. H. Kelly, Rev. W. S. Brent, Rev. S. H. James, Sr., and Rev. S. H. James, Jr.**

In July of **1879**, **Rev. Charles Augustis** and twelve other **dedicated Christian** men and women met in Worship at a location on Indiana and Goliad Streets. These persons founded and were **charter members** of Macedonia Baptist Church, later **renamed Second Baptist Church in October 1890**. In addition to Rev. Augustis, other **founding members** were: Rev. Reuben Anderson, his wife, Mrs. Elvina Anderson; Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. L. M. Logan, Mrs. Dadie Graham, Mrs. Laura Franklin, Mr. H. T. Harvey, Mr. Benjamin Jones, Mr. Jesse Riddle, Mr. Jesse Winn, and Mr. Alexander Hogan.

Our present pastor, **The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson** began his ministry with the church on September 1, 1993. Since the beginning of his ministry over 850 persons have been added to the church. His programs of Homework at Second Baptist (H.A.S.), Advent and Lenten Devotions, Teddy Bear Christmas Tree, Youth Music/Piano Workshops, Pastor and Family's Christmas Dinner, School Vacation Day Camps, Deacons' Ministry, Upgrading Office Equipment and Computer Systems, Health Fair, Student and Teachers' Rededication Services, Marriage Vows Renewal, Youth Dinner Theaters, Church Library, Thanksgiving In The Park, acquisition of land, funding and building a Habitat for Humanity Home (2005), the addition of administrative and ministerial staff and the construction of the Second Baptist Church Community Center in 2012 have added greatly to the spirituality of the church and enhancement of relations with the community. In collaboration with the "Cactus Pear", he brought for the first time to the Eastside community, members of the San Antonio Symphony, exposing 800 young people to Classical Music. In 2016 and 2018 "Cactus Pear" returned to share with 325 senior citizens. In addition, he led the "Community of Churches" in contributing over \$35,000.00 to Black Churches destroyed by fire, \$9,000.00 was given to three locally flood damaged churches and was instrumental in the organization honoring the first Black Layman in its forty year history. He lead the National Council of Christians and Jews in honoring the first Black couple in its 56th year history. Pastor Jemerson serves as the Clergy Endorser for The Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Several sites have served as locations for the church building during the past **one hundred-thirty-nine** years. Live Oak and Dawson Streets were the second site for the church, and in **1894** a frame building was constructed on the corner of Chestnut and Center Streets. In **1903** Rev. A.W. Smith led the church in a **rebuilding** program to include a **parsonage**. From 1909-1910 under the pastorate of **Rev. I. H. Kelly**, the **beautiful old stone church** was erected at the same Chestnut and Center Street site. Many local, state, and national meetings were held at the church because of its accommodations and its location near the heart of downtown. In 1968, due to the city's expansion and redevelopment, **Second Baptist Church** moved to its present location, 3310 East Commerce Street. Under the **leadership** of **Rev. S. H. James, Jr.**, the church purchased a five acre site for construction of a **new church** and development of a playground to help meet the needs of the **community**. The Second Baptist Church of today has not forgotten her glorious past. The **Narthex Screen** composed of stained glass windows from the **old church** is a **memorial** to this church's past deeds and accomplishments, reflecting **wisdom** for future generations to build upon.

Previous Convention affiliations and District Associations were with The Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas, The General Baptist Convention of America, The National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., and The Guadalupe District Association, Inc. Presently, the church affiliations are with The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., The American Baptist Churches, and The La Grange District Association.

FORMER SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORS



Rev. Andrew Smith - 1890-1904 Between 1879 and 1890, the church relocated to Live Oak and Dawson Streets. Reverend Andrew W. Smith served as pastor from 1890-1904, and led the church in a rebuilding program that included a parsonage that used material from the old church building. On January 30, the church purchased property on Chestnut Street for \$420. Macedonia Baptist Church became Second Baptist Church on October 24. The church continued to prosper and purchased property on the corners of Chestnut and Live Oak Streets and Crockett and Center Streets for \$550. In 1894, Second Baptist Church relocated to a new frame structure on Chestnut and Center Streets. The church did not have a baptistery so it held the sacrament of baptism in the river near Hot Wells.

Rev. I. H. Kelly - 1904 - 1934 In 1904, Reverend I. H. Kelly became the third pastor. On April 19, 1909, a deed was signed releasing the southern half of the property at Chestnut and Center Streets to the church. On May 26th members were so eager to have an adequate church that they paid a dollar for plowing a round to break ground for the foundation of an impressive stone structure that became a San Antonio landmark. The church had a panoramic contour, towering steeple and authentic stained glass windows. These outstanding characteristics warranted the historic edifice to be included as an entry in Dulmann's collections in the Library of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas at the Alamo. Growth brought on division and in 1934, Reverend Kelly organized the Rose of Sharon Church and many of the membership joined him there.

Rev. W. S. Brent - 1934 - 1940 Reverend W.S. Brent, then pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas, answered the call to be the pastor of Second Baptist Church. He brought with him exceptional ministerial skills and experience, all of which would be needed to deal with pending lawsuits against the church and member hostility. He faced three major problems: reuniting the membership, re-spiritualizing the membership and building the church's organization structure. He began by inaugurating a teaching and preaching program where he reunited and re-spiritualized the congregation through regular prayer meetings and inspiring soul-stirring worship services. His leadership resulted in the improvement of the financial status, and the church purchased new pews for the sanctuary and a home for a parsonage, installed a new heating system and redecorated the church. This creation of unity and prosperity resulted in the St. James Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas calling him in 1939.

Rev. S. H. James - 1940 - 1944 In 1940, Reverend S.H. James, Sr., of Nashville, Tennessee became the pastor. He had served as a dean, teacher and lecturer in local, state and national congresses and conventions and had a keen concern for Christian and youth education. He was a man who exhibited zeal, dedication, understanding, warmth, intelligence, courage and congeniality. Highlights of his ministry include: Fellowship Hall was renovated, Sunday School classrooms were added, the kitchen was relocated and modernized, the Vacation Bible School was expanded and the church debt was liquidated. The Teller was started as the church bulletin and communication vehicle to aid in the dissemination and promotion of the church programs and is still used today, church radio broadcasting among African Americans in San Antonio was pioneered and the church became involved in Christian Education from the local to the national levels. In February of 1944, after a prolonged illness, the Lord shortened his ministry and called him home.

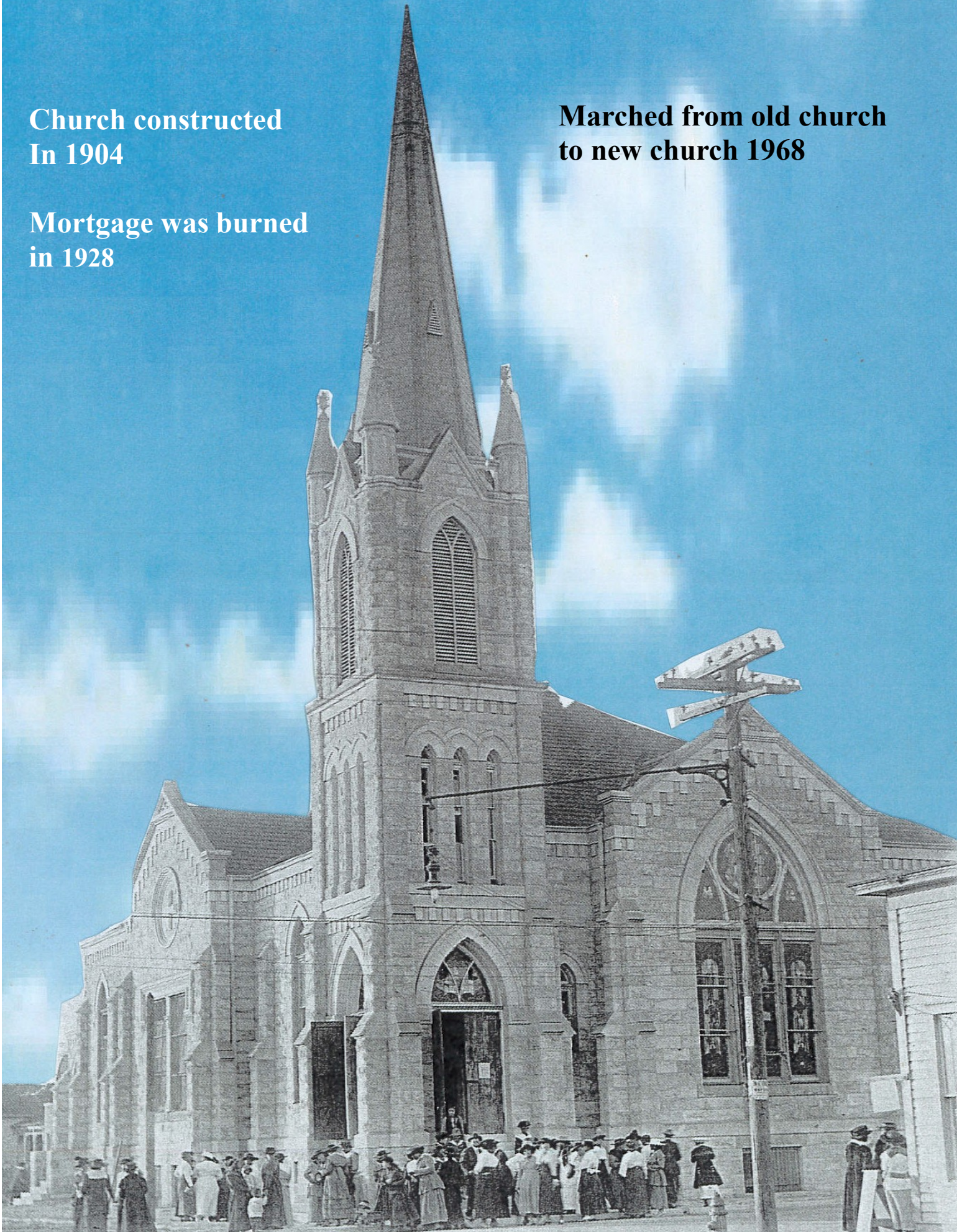
Rev. S. H. James, Jr. - 1944 - 1992 On February 28, 1944, with brave hearts, courage, wisdom and vision the church called Reverend S. H. James, Jr., the 26 year old son of the late pastor. This election of a pastor so young and unmarried broke a 65-year tradition. He was a soft-spoken but strong man with dynamic plans. By effectively matching talents and church groups with church growth tasks he was able to accomplish many improvement and renovation projects to the church edifice, the landscaping of the church grounds and the equipping of two rooms in Fellowship Hall for the use as a nursery for babies and small children while their parents were in worship services in 1949. There was a new emphasis on the prayer service; the service was divided into four 15-minute segments and included lay leadership. As early as 1953, there were 21 successfully functioning auxiliaries and the membership had almost doubled.

NOT PICTURED: Rev. Charles Augustis, Rev. E.M. Wright, Rev. L. G. Jordan, Rev. J. W. Carr, Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. Ruben Anderson, and Rev. C. J. Hardy

**Church constructed
In 1904**

**Mortgage was burned
in 1928**

**Marched from old church
to new church 1968**



ADVENT

A TIME OF ANTICIPATION

Advent, a period of four weeks before the Nativity, is observed in the Western Churches as a Season of Solemnity of Emotion and action, and a Great Time of Anticipation!

It became a general observance in the sixth century. Its four Sundays were believed to have been introduced into the calendar by Gregory the Great, and on these grounds, the Gospel readings were chosen for the four Sundays preceding the Birth of our Savior.



Traditionally, the candles represent
The number of weeks before the
Christmas celebration. They represent
FAITH, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, MERCY. The
Large Candle or “CHRIST CANDLE” reminds
us that Christ is the “LIVING LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . .” (Isaiah 9:2).

Light is the most powerful symbol of the Advent season. For the four weeks before Christmas, the People of God wait in prayerful hope for the dawning of the Messiah, the Perfect Light to burn away the darkness of sin and alienation.

The first reference to Christmas as we know it is found in a Christian calendar of the fourth century. The feast of Jesus’ birth was celebrated by the early Christians of Rome on December 25, to coincide with the pagan feast of *Sol Invictus* “The Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.” It is believed that Pope Julius I adopted this pagan feast of the *Sun* to celebrate the birth of the *Son* of God.

The lights of Christmas trees and decorations should remind us that Christ is God’s light to the world, shattering the darkness of mistrust and misunderstanding.

In the midst of the shopping, decorating, cooking, writing Christmas cards, and other activities of the holiday season, the custom of the *Advent wreath* is an excellent way for families and communities to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective.

The *four candles* of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and the thousands of years that the People of God awaited the promised Messiah. The candles are *purple* in color, a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season (one of the candles may be rose for the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as “Gaudete Sunday” from the opening words of that Sunday’s liturgy: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”). Each week one candle is lit until all four are aglow on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The *round wreath* itself symbolizes the eternity of God and the Father’s presence throughout human history. *Evergreen* branches are often used in decorating the wreath, reminders of the eternal life of God in Christ.

Advent

Over hundreds of years, Advent has become a favorite custom for those who celebrate Christmas.

The circle of the wreath represents eternity, while the lighting of candles renews the journey towards hope, love, joy and peace in the world.



Candle Lighting Guide for Advent

First Sunday

Angels' Candle

Angels appeared to Joseph and Mary, saying "do not be afraid." Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem, where she gave birth to her son, Jesus. This is the Son sent to the world to show God's love. That love still shines for us today. Knowing that the of Christ ends in suffering and our world is filled with pain and turmoil, we pause to marvel at Christ's birth and rejoice in God's glory. We have much for which to be thankful. Let us be joyful and sing with the angels in praise!

Second Sunday

Shepherds' Candle

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:12-14 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Third Sunday

Bethlehem Candle

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Fourth Sunday

Prophecy Candle

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land."
Jeremiah 33:14-15

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Mr. Dwayne and Mrs. Commie Jennings The Shepherds' Candle

Leader: As we come together to worship, let us respond to the exhortation of John the Baptist; let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us prepare His way in our city. Let us prepare His way in our homes. Let us prepare His way in our lives. Come, let us prepare the way of the Lord!

People: As we prepare the way of the Lord, we pray that we may be able to remove the obstacles of selfishness and greed and that we may be able to allow the sacrificial spirit of the Savior to rule our lives. Amen

All: Our scripture for the Second Sunday of Advent was taken from the Gospel of Luke, the Second Chapter, verses eight through eighteen and it reads: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Leader: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Leader: As we light the Second candle of the Advent wreath, our thoughts focus on the actions of The Shepherds regarding the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Oh, come, Oh come, Emmanuel now let all the heavens adore you, And saints and angels Sing before you. Let us dwell in grace and in truth victoriously. Your star is rising, and your light is come. Oh, come you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Amen



WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER Ms. Jacquelyn Jordan

THE MUSIC OF MEDITATION “Emmanuel”

WORSHIP IN GIVING

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE AND PRAYER

Ms. Esther Holden-Rahmen

*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

Mr. Robert Patrick

WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mrs. Jerri White

THE MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Take Me to the King”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Theophilus O. Berry, Pastor
Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

THE RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

THE INVITATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

“More Than Anything”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

THE POSTLUDE

Tocatta On “Adeste Fideles” arr. Schram

Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

*PLEASE STAND

The Church’s One Foundation

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died. **Elect from every nation**, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

The Church Of Christ Cannot Be Bound

“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:21

The Church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street. True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need, then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

January 2020 - November 2023

Mr. Jesse Owens, Makhi Davenport, Makayla Davenport, Clarence Bell III, Larnette Davis LeBlanc, Raymond LeBlanc, Ron Kelley, Jr. Annette Hodges-Brothers, Rev. Cynthia Hodges, Walter James Hill, Jr., Frankie Brown, Tommy C. Brown, Paul Cockron, Lillian Collins, Doris Dunlap, Thomas Dunlap, Ernestine Handy, Robert Jemerson III, Mattie Jenkins, Sheralin Mitchell, Willie Mitchell, Lillian Moore, Felton Payton, Martha Payton, Wendy Singleton, Veronica Whitfield, Diane Hunt, Terry Powell, Vanessa Jarmon, Gavin Perryman, LaQuasia Jarmon, Gabrena Jarmon, John Wilson, Lautrel Turner, Doris Vicks, Oscar Vicks, Brittany Welch, Jeremiah Welch, Rev. Tyrone Johnson, Rev. Melissa Williams-Johnson, Adina Williams, Aniyah Williams, Aubriella Williams, Atesia Wallace, Anthonio Taplain, Jatieyon Williams, Alcian Patrick, Robert Patrick, Jade Reed, McKinley Jemerson, Jayceon Jones, Jordan Jones, Shawntae Retledge, Lauryn Turner, Desean Garner, Keyoncha Kitchen

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Completed Budget Request Forms must be turned in to the office no later than **Monday, December 18, 2023**. Submission of a request form is a requirement to receive funds for the new year. Contact **Deacon Washington** at (210) 316-5059 if you have any questions.

NEW YEARS EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

New Years Eve Watch Night Service, **Sunday, December 31, 2023** at 10:30 P.M.

END OF YEAR GIVING

All contributions must be in the finance office or postmarked by **December 31, 2023** to be included in your 2023 contribution report or for income tax purpose.

ADVENT DEVOTION SERVICE AND LUNCH

Thursday, December 14, 2023 11:30 A.M., guest speaker will be **Rev. Verell Nelson**. The last advent service will be **Thursday, December 21, 2023**, the speaker will be **Rev. Nicholas Williams**. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch is served at 12:15 P.M.

TEDDY BEAR CHRISTMAS TREE

Brighten a Child's Christmas by Donating a Teddy Bear November 26, 2023 to December 17, 2023 Place your Teddy Bear under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND LUNCHEON

New member orientation will be the First Sunday of February, **February 4, 2024**.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS BALL

Wear your tuxedos and gowns or Sunday's best, **Thursday, December 21, 2023**. Dining will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by Christmas Giving at 7:00 P.M. With a Concert and entertainment to follow at 7:30 P.M. starring **Europa Jazz Band**.
Donation \$25.00 Adult
\$12.50 Children 12 and Under

THANK YOU CARDS AND LETTERS:

To Rev. Jemerson and the Second Baptist Church Family:

March of Dimes sends: "We are so grateful for you! Your support of March of Dimes is helping moms, babies and families get the care and resources they need to have the possible start. Thank you for joining us in the fight to improve maternal and infant health in your community and across the country."

Alamo Colleges Foundation sends: "Thanks to you, 2023 has been the most impactful year ever—more scholarships awarded, more students served, more programs and projects made possible—all because of you. We're truly grateful."

Mrs. Roselin Mitchell sends: "Thank you for all the prayers in the loss of my grandson. Also for the flowers, I have been touched by your goodness and lifted by your kindness."

MIDWEEK SERVICE

Chew, Pray, And Bible Study will begin **Wednesday, March 10, 2024** at 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Deacon Bruce Scott, Chairperson

HOLIDAY BREAK DAY CAMP

The Christmas Break Day Camp will be held **January 2-5, 2024** at the Second Baptist Church Community Center. **The camp is free and is for children, ages 5-14.** Camp participants will participate in bowling, basketball, art, and other activities. Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided. Camp hours are 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. **The theme is "Make a Joyful Noise", Psalm 100:1.** We need volunteers to assist with games, meal service, and art activities. **For more information, contact Rev. Keith Jackson at 210-227-2605.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

DEC 10 Mrs. Jeanne Drew **DEC 11** Ms. Constance Davis, Ms. Loi Taylor, Mrs. Minnie Monroe, Mrs. Doris Vicks **DEC 12** Mr. Joe Blakey, Omar Nesbit **DEC 13** Mr. Richard Matthews **DEC 14** Mrs. Mary Odukoya, Mrs. Dana Cruz, Mr. Clement Bruce, Mrs. Sharon Shumpert **DEC 16** Deacon Archie Brown, Mr. George Pines

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Malia Ellis-Beverly, who was elected to the office of President of the Texas Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

OFFICE CLOSURES

**Christmas Day Observance
Monday, December 25, 2023**

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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“SERMON NOTES”

Who were the Main Characters?

Why and where is this Text in the Bible?

What other Scriptures were mentioned and what were the main points?

What were the meanings of the illustrations?

How did the Message affect your spiritual and moral life? _____

Suggested Sermon Scriptures _____

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