

1879 "THE FORTY-FOURTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2023

## **SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**3310 E. COMMERCE STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78220**

**THE REV. DR. ROBERT L. JEMERSON, D. MIN., PASTOR**

**December 31, 2023**

**THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Enter to Worship**

**Depart to Serve**

**Only one life  
It'll soon be past**

**Only what's done  
For Christ will last!**



**“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.”**

**The Preparation for Worship** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11: 1, 6

**The Prelude** “O God Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Swann Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

**The Call To Worship and The Invocation** Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

### WORSHIP IN PRAISE

**\*The Opening Hymn of Praise** “We’ve Come This Far By Faith”  
**Refrain: We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord, Trusting in His holy Word, He's never failed us yet. Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.**

Just the other day, I heard a man say He didn't believe in God's Word, But I can truly say that I have found the way, And He's never failed me yet. Oh, oh, oh! **Refrain:**

Don't be discouraged When troubles come your way. He'll bear all your burdens, And move all misery and strife.

Oh, oh, oh! **Refrain:**

**\*The Responsive Reading** **Lamentations 3:21-32** Rev. Angela Jackson

**Minister:** This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

**People:** It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the LORD will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

**\* The Gloria Patri** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the Beginning is now and ever shall be world with out end. Amen, Amen.

**The Welcome** Deacon Daniel Martin III

### WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Keith Jackson **The Music of Meditation “I Will Bless The Lord At All Times”**

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

**The Offertory Sentence and Prayer** Rev. Nicholas Williams

**\*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

### WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

**The Music of Preparation** “How Great is Our God” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Sermon** “The Gift of Faithfulness” Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

**The Text:** “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” Revelation 2: 7-10

The Invitation to Discipleship

“We Need You Lord”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

Benediction

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

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” Handel

Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

\*Please Stand

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The Church Business Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Church Sanctuary. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P. M. in the Rev. S. H. James Fellowship Hall. The Agenda will consist of the Election of Officers and the 2024 Budget. All members are asked to attend.

**New Member Orientation and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, in the S.H. James Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. Please call the church before January 14, 2023.

**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**

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING TODAY**

**DEC 31** Mr. Kirk Brown, Kea Hudson

**MAHOGANY BRAIN CHALLENGE**

Second Baptist Church will be participating in the Mahogany Brain Challenge on February 24, 2024. The Mahogany Brain Challenge is a quiz competition for youth in grades 3-8. The competition focuses on African-American history. Practices will begin on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Practice will be every Thursday at 6:00 P.M. and every Saturday at 10:00 A.M. If your child or grandchild is interested in participating, please contact **Rev. Keith Jackson at 210-227-2605**

**2024 Annual Budget Packets:** All auxiliaries, ministries, and department heads, that utilize church funds must complete 2024 Annual Budget Request Forms. This is a requirement in order for you to receive funds.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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