

1879 "THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2024

## **SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

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

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

#### **OPERATION MISSION SUNDAY**

**THEME: STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AND FIND  
JOY IN JESUS**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**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.”**

**Theme:** "Strengthen Your Faith and Find Joy in Jesus"

**The Preparation for Worship:** "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."  
Matthew 28:19-20

**The Prelude** "Medley of African - American Spirituals" Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

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

**WORSHIP IN PRAISE**

**\*The Opening Hymn and Black Spiritual** "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

**Jesus is all the world to me**, My life, my joy, my all; He is my strength from day to day, Without him I would fall: When I am sad, to him I go, No other one can cheer me so; When I am sad, he makes me glad, He's my friend.  
**Jesus is all the world to me**, My friend in trials sore; I go to him for blessings, and He gives them o'er and o'er: He sends the sunshine and the rain, He sends the harvest's golden grain; Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my friend.

**"Ride on, King Jesus"**

**Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus, no man cana hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man cana hinder me.**

**Ride on, King Jesus, no man cana hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man cana hinder me.**

I know that my redeemer lives, no one works like him, and of his blessing freely gives, no man works like him.

**Refrain:**

**\*The Responsive Reading** Matthew 13:44; Luke 5:7; John 15:9-11; James 1:2-4 Mrs. Lelia Bagwell

**Leader:** The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field, So I tell you there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine persons who need no repentance.

**People:** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

**Leader:** My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind consider it nothing but joy because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete and lacking nothing.

**All:** Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith , who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**\*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** Mrs. Marian Olison, President, Regional PNBC, Women's Missionary Union

**San Antonio, Texas Black History Makers** Dr. Eva Mason, M.D., C.A. Whittier Medical Society

**Women's Missionary Union Statement** Mrs. Simone Isom

**WORSHIP IN MEDITATION**

**The Music of Meditation** "Praise Him" The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**Scripture** Dr. Eva Mason

**The Morning Prayer** Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

**The Offertory Sentence and Prayer**

Rev. Angela Jackson

**The Offertory Music and Offering**

**“You Can’t Beat God Giving”**

The Voice of Second Baptist Church

**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**

**“Order My Steps in Your Word”**

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**Introduction of Speaker**

Dr. Sarah Williams

**The Message**

**“Little Faith, Little Life”** Hebrews 11

Rev. Melissa Williams-Johnson

**The Invitation to Discipleship**

**“I Surrender All”**

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**WMU Presidential Remarks/Presentation**

Dr. Sarah Williams

**Pastor’s Remarks and Benediction**

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

**The Postlude**

**“Fanfare of Praise” Doris Jones Wilson**

Mrs. LaFaye Duren, Organist

**The Benediction**

**\*Please Stand**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU: Mrs. Dawn White-Fosdick, President/CEO, Christian Assistance Ministry sends:** “To Second Baptist Church: Thank you for your generous support of \$1,000.00 over the past year. It is because of donors like you that we can help those in need.”

**Mr. Eric S. Cooper, CEO & President, San Antonio Food Bank sends:** “To Second Baptist Church: Thank you for your contribution of \$1,500.00 to the San Antonio Food Bank in 2023! We are grateful for your support of our efforts to fight hunger and to feed hope. Your contribution to the Food Bank creates a significant impact.”

**Huston-Tillotson University sends:** Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Huston-Tillotson University.

**SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Elena Winfrey, Mrs. Mary and Rev. Lowell Johnson** in the loss of their sister and loved one **Mrs. Gloria Payne**. The funeral service for Mrs. Payne will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 at 12:30 P.M. at Lewis Funeral Home.

**To Rev. Robert and Mrs. Jacqueline Jemerson, Attorney Robert and Mrs. Charita Jemerson, Robert III and McKinley** in the loss of Rev. Jemerson’s sister, Mrs. Jemerson’s sister-in-law, Mr. Robert Jr., Mrs. Charita, Robert III and McKinley’s aunt Ms. Katrina Marie Jemerson. The funeral service for Ms. Jemerson was held on Friday, February 9, 2024 in Dallas, Texas.

**PRAISE LINE DANCING CLASS** for Second Baptist Church will be held **Thursday, February 15, 2024** at the Second Baptist Church Community Center from 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. due to the start of Lenten Devotion. The Praise Line Dance class will be held the first and third Thursday of each month.

## DEACON ROBERT A. CARTER SCHOLARSHIP

**The Deacon Robert A. Carter 2024 Scholarship Applications** are now available on the Second Baptist Church website [www.secondbaptistsat.org](http://www.secondbaptistsat.org) and in the church narthex. The deadline to submit completed applications and supporting documents is March 31, 2024. Applications may be emailed to (**baptistoffice@sbcglobal.net**) or delivered to the church office. You may contact **Deacon Washington** at (210) 316-5059 if you have any questions.

**THE INSTALLATION OF THE 2024 CHURCH OFFICERS  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024, 11:00 A. M.**

**All Church Officers are asked to attend. A reception in your honor will be held immediately after service.**

**The Second Baptist Church Girl Scout Troop # 2314:** It is Girl Scout Cookie Time!! Troop #2314 is participating in the National Girl Scout Cookie program. We appreciate the support you give to Girl Scout Troop #2314, the Girl Scouts from Second Baptist Church, will be available after the 11:00 A.M. service on February 11th and February 18th, with your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, which can be purchased at this time!

**2024 BUDGET AWARD NOTICES**

All auxiliary appointees that submitted a budget request for 2024 may pick up your award letters beginning Monday, February 12, 2024 in the Finance Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. You may contact **Deacon Washington** at (210) 316-5059 if you have any questions.

**LENTEN DEVOTION AND LUNCH WITH THE KING IN THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH CHAPEL  
11:00 A. M. THURSDAYS: FEBRUARY 15, 22, 29 AND MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024**

**SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 12:30 P.M. S. H. JAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING**

Mrs. Robbie Alexander	Mrs. Roslyn Barksdale	Mrs. Jeanette Brown	Trustee Alfred Jack Carter, Jr.
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS MONTH**

**FEB 1** Jasmine Blair, Mrs. Opal Charles **FEB 2** Mr. Vincent Embry, Mr. Jeremiah Welch, Dr. Angelica Robinson  
**FEB 3** Mrs. Denese Carter, Mr. Cecil Bean, Mr. Richard A. Johnson III **FEB 4** Mrs. Wanda Hall Martin **FEB 5** Miss Brittany Gamble, Mrs. Britney Grant-McDay, Mr. Alton Robinson, Mrs. Roslyn Walker **FEB 6** Rev. Argra Thompson  
Mrs. Mahalia Price **FEB 7** Mrs. Jacquelyn Jordan, Miss Wanda Smith **FEB 8** Mrs. Vivian Coleman **FEB 9** Ms. Melonie Young **FEB 10** Mrs. Marian Hunter, Mrs. Jocelyn Hille **FEB 11** Kenyon Booker **FEB 12** Mrs. Jacqueline Jemerson, Miss RaDonda Johnson, Mr. Lincoln Hardaway **FEB 13** Mrs. Juretta Marshall, Joyce Turner **FEB 15** Mrs. Marvene Elliott, Mr. Michael Elliott, Mrs. Gwen Pierce **FEB 16** Trustee Calvin Bateman, Mrs. Keyoncha Kitchen, Mrs. Gwen Schuler **FEB 18** Raquel Moore **FEB 19** Niyara Wilson, Maurice Berrow **FEB 20** Ate'sia Leigh Wallace, Gavin Perryman **FEB 23** Mrs. Yonnie Blanchette, Mrs. Vanessa Lewis, Mr. Jesse Owens, Mrs. Brittany Welch **FEB 24** Mr. Richard Bell, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. Raphael Johnson, Mrs. Katyna Washington **FEB 25** Dr. Eva Mason, Mr. Leon Johnson **FEB 26** Gabriel Brown, Rev. Angela Jackson, Mrs. Stephanie Robinson, Mr. Allen Williams **FEB 27** Mr. Jervis Blanding **FEB 28** Ms. Vera Galloway, Mr. Clarence Bell III

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION SPONSORS

*Operation Mission Sunday*

February 11, 2024 - 11 A.M. Service

*Theme: Strengthen Your Faith and Find Joy in Jesus*



*Keynote Speaker, Rev. Melissa Johnson  
Second Baptist Church*



THE WMU SPONSORS A VARIETY OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. **OPERATION MISSION** IS THE ORGANIZATION'S MAJOR FUND RAISING EFFORT AND IS HELD ANNUALLY THE SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.



*Dr. Sarah Williams, President*



**Rev. Melissa Williams-Johnson**  
**Second Baptist Church**  
**San Antonio, Texas**

Rev. Melissa R. Johnson, originally from Chicago, Illinois was called into ministry at the age of 12. Evangelism and community outreach was her focus for many years until her entrepreneurial successes caught the attention of others.

Rev. Johnson's marketplace ministry advice has been sought out and published in over 300 publications to include but not limited to Forbes Magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine, CEO Weekly and The US Reporter.

She has been invited to facilitate and speak across the globe to include appearances in Dubai, South Africa, Kenya, Barbados, and the United Kingdom.

In 2017, Rev. Johnson was featured on the television show "Women on the Rise Atlanta" and became a recurring guest on Nashville's 92Q FM. This led to an opportunity to host her own show on Albuquerque's 99.9 The Beat.

In 2019, Rev. Johnson was hired as the Women's Pastor of Life Church in Fort Worth, Texas and ran for Dallas City Council - District 8 in 2021. Certified in international life and business coaching, as well as Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Rev. Johnson is currently working on her Masters degree in Divinity from Stark College & Seminary.

She is also a graduate of the City of San Antonio Neighborhood Leadership Academy, the NAACP Civil Rights and Advocacy Training Institute, Arena Academy, Supermajority Leaders program, and the National Democratic Training Committee's Staff Academy. Rev. Johnson is a member of the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Society of Professional Journalists - San Antonio Chapter, NAACP San Antonio Chapter - Women in NAACP (WIN) Committeewoman, the National Federation of Democratic Women, Texas Democratic Women - Bexar County Chapter. She serves as co-chair of Economic Empowerment with the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's San Antonio Chapter. Melissa serves the Bexar County Democratic Party as Assistant Treasurer, and member of both the Communications Committee and Budget & Finance Committees. Melissa was recently elected as treasurer of the North East Bexar County Democrats PAC and serves as the co-chair of their Communications Committee as well.

On June 22, 2023, Rev. Johnson was appointed and sworn in to the highest profile City Board that will be advising Mayor Ron Niremburg and City Council on the \$2.5 billion San Antonio Airport Terminal Development Program.

Rev. Johnson is looking forward to traveling to New York next month as she has been invited to participate in the United Nations 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Rev. Johnson's favorite accomplishment and hat to wear is that of wife and mother. Her and her husband Tyrone are raising six children; Atesia (24) B.A. in Journalism and Public Relations, Minor in Film/Media, Isaac (22) academic & basketball scholarship recipient to Penn State GA, Alana (17) pre-med senior at Miles College, Aniyah (16) pre-law junior at Miles College, Adina (14) freshman political science major at Miles College, Aubriella (10) principal dancer & training for the junior olympics in gymnastics.

Currently, Rev Johnson serves at Second Baptist Church, San Antonio under the leadership of Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson.



JOIN US! BE A PART OF THE PROCESS!

UTHealth San Antonio and Mays Cancer Center  
Leadership invites you to a

# SOUTH TEXAS LISTENING SESSION

Saturday, February 17, 2024

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Join us in-person:

Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3310 E Commerce St, San Antonio, TX 78220

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE ALL COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS TO ATTEND!

WE WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:


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Thank you, Trustee Calvin Bateman, Mr. Walter Clemons, and Mr. Korling Duren.