

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**

**"Called To Excellence In The Pursuit of Excellence"
"Shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Corinthians 12:31**

DECEMBER 29, 2024

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter to Worship

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

Depart to Serve

**Only what's done
For God 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 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” Matthew 2: 2

The Prelude “O Come All Ye Faithful” arr. Daniel Light Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

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

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

***The Opening Hymn of Praise** “Jesus Is Real to Me”

Real, Real, Jesus is real to me. Oh yes, He gives me the victory. So many people doubt Him. I can’t live without Him. That is why I love Him so, He is so real to me.

***The Responsive Reading** Isaiah 9: 4-8 Rev. Dawarren Ennis

Minister: For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. For every warrior’s sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire. For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.

People: And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And it has fallen on Israel.

***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 Mr. Maurice Bridges

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Morning Prayer Rev. Angela Jackson

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer Rev. Keith Jackson - Music “His Name So Sweet” Miss Jayda Ennis

***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 “I Live to Worship You” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon “An Attempt to Deceive” Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

The Text: “And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.” Matthew 2: 8-12

The Invitation to Discipleship “We Need You Lord” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

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

The Postlude “Hallelujah Chorus” Handel Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

*** Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY TO: Mrs. Lizzie Porter, Rev. Dr. Argra Thompson, Mrs. Alice Powell-Brown and Family in the loss of their loved one **Mr. Troy Gillum**. The funeral service for Mr. Gillum was held **Saturday, December 28, 2024** in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CHRISTMAS BREAK DAY CAMP will be **December 30-31, 2024 and January 2-3, 2025** in the **Second Baptist Church Community Center**. **Camp hours are 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.** There is **no cost**. For more information or to register, contact **Rev. Keith Jackson at 210-227-2605**.

The San Antonio Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host its Annual Jubilee Celebration on **Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at Calvary Baptist Church**. Our own, **Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson** will be the speaker.

BUSINESS MEETING: The Church Business Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2025 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.

END OF YEAR GIVING

All contributions must be in the finance office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2024 to be included in your 2024 contribution report or for income tax purpose.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

December 29 Ms. Stacey Whitfield **December 31** Mr. Kirk Brown, Miss Kea Hudson **January 1** Mr. Maurice Bridges
January 2 Mr. Kevin Hamilton **January 3** Deacon Randy Reed, Miss Yolanda Bean, Kamille Gallegos

DEACON OF THE WEEK DECEMBER 29, 2024-JANUARY 4, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon James Brown**. Members may call the Pastor or the Deacon of the Week to express concerns or encouragement. **Deacon Brown** can be reached at **(210) 383-9911**.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Year's Day. Regular business hours will resume Thursday, January 2, 2025.

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