

1879 "THE FORTY-SIXTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2025

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**

JANUARY 5, 2025

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 “He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:5

The Prelude “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” arr. Swann 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** “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

We are climbing Jacob's ladder; We are climbing Jacob's ladder; We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldiers of the cross.
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher; Ev'ry round goes higher, higher; Ev'ry round goes higher, higher, Soldiers of the cross.
Rise, shine, give God glory, Rise, shine, give God glory, Rise, shine, give God glory, Soldiers of the cross.

***The Responsive Reading** **1 Corinthians 11: 23-30** Rev. Keith Jackson

Minister: For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

People: Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

***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. Jacqueline Jemerson

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Morning Prayer Rev. Dawarren Ennis

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer Rev. Cornell Evans - **The Hand Bell Choir** Mrs. Alice Powell-Brown, Director

***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 “Just Want to Praise You” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon “Forgetting the Past Reaching for the Future with Christ” Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

The Text: Philippians 3: 12-15: “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.”

The Invitation to Discipleship “Make Me Over” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Service of Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

The Communion Hymn “Steal Away to Jesus”

Refrain: Steal away, steal away, Steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, He calls me by the thunder; The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, He calls me by the lightning; The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain’t got long to stay here.

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

The Postlude “Blest Be The Tie That Binds” arr. Thallander Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

*** Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 6142 FM 78, San Antonio, Texas 78244.** Our pastor, **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 Church Officers and the acceptance of 2025 Budget. All members are asked to attend.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. Jordan Bell **Candidate for Baptism**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

January 5 Mrs. Oweta Bowman, Deacon Thomas Dunlap **January 6** Mrs. Esther Holder-Rahman **January 7** Mrs. Thelma Pete, Miss Janice Bishop **January 8** Mr. Cortney Nious **January 9** Miss Stephanie Haley, Mrs. Carnelis Jackson, Josiah Duhart **January 10** Mrs. Pamula Thomas, Deacon Richmond Smith, Mr. Gerald-Keith Epps, Sr., Rev. John H. Sanders, Mrs. Ann Frye, Dr. Jerome Washington, Mrs. Robbie Alexander, Mr. Larry Phearse **January 11** Dr. Lawrence Harkless, Mr. Daniel Scott, Jr., Aaron Blakey, Mr. Michael Moore, Ms. Danielle Williams, Mkia Evans

DEACON OF THE WEEK JANUARY 5-11, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Thomas Dunlap.** Members may call the Pastor or the Deacon of the Week to express concerns or encouragement. **Deacon Dunlap** can be reached at **(210) 209-7505.**

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE WILL RESUME

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study 6:30 P.M. S.H. James Fellowship Hall

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M. The Church Lounge

MIDWEEK CALL TO PRAYER WEDNESDAY 7:40 P.M.

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