SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

3310 E. COMMERCE STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78220 THE REV. DR. ROBERT L. JEMERSON, SR., D. MIN., PASTOR

"In 2025, We are Walking in the Will of the Divine"
"The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way." Psalm 37: 23

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

THE THIRTY-SECOND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY PASTOR ROBERT L. AND MRS. JACQUELINE JEMERSON

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 You 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 Your eternal Kingdom."



THE REVEREND DOCTOR ROBERT L. JEMERSON PASTOR, SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Our Pastor The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr. is a Chaplain Colonel USAF (Retired). He is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Church. He is a native of Dallas, Texas. He has earned degrees from Bishop College (B.A., 1966), Virginia Union University School of Theology (M. Div., 1969), Presbyterian School of Christian Education (M.A., 1970), one year Clinical Pastoral Education at the Medical College of Virginia, and Drew University (D. Min., 2001).

In addition to ministry as a parish pastor, he has experience as a counselor and prison chaplain. Reverend Jemerson entered the Air Force as a Chaplain Candidate in 1968. He was the first American Baptist Seminarian commissioned in the United States Air Force Chaplaincy Candidate Program. Rev. Jemerson was called to active duty in February 1971. His major contribution to the Air Force is the establishment of the Gospel Worship

Services. Rev. Jemerson is the first and only Black Male American Baptist Church Chaplain to obtain the rank of Colonel in the United States Air Force. He was the first Air Force Chaplain to receive the highest degree in Prince Hall Masonry, the 33rd Degree. It was received in 1977. Today He serves the United Supreme Council as the Grand Pryor.

Reverend Jemerson served as the pastor of the First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (1964-1966), Union Mission Baptist Church, Crozet, VA (1966-1969) and the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (1969-1970). He was the first Black Baptist Minister to receive a Special Dispensation from the Presbyterian Church in America to serve as the pastor in a Presbyterian Church. He also served the Tabernacle Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church in Petersburg, VA, as interim pastor.

Reverend Jemerson is involved in the community as Past President of San Antonio Community of Churches, served as a member of the Board of Directors of San Antonio Mission Ministries; National Council of Christians and Jews; Top Church Steeples and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Carver Cultural Center Development Board. He served a second term on the Board of Trustees for Our Lady of the Lake University, Advisory Board Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio, Texas, and Board of Trustees for the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health. He is a life member of the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 33rd Prince Hall Mason, Optimist Club of America, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and VIA Metropolitan Transit 2025 Task Force. In 1973, he was awarded the distinction of being one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" and in 1989 he was the recipient of the American Baptist Churches "Military Chaplain of the Year".

Since 1993, Pastor and Mrs. Jemerson have led Second Baptist Church, community and organizations in many firsts in San Antonio. The Homework at Second Baptist (H.A.S.) Program serves as a tutorial program for underprivileged students in grades one through twelve. His "Thanksgiving-In-The-Park" ministry serves to provide much needed clothing and food for needy families, in addition to fellowship between church members and local residents. 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. Under his leadership, the "Community of Churches" contributed over \$35,000.00 to Black Churches destroyed by fire, \$9,000.00 to three flood damaged churches in October 1998 and was instrumental in the organization honoring the first Black Layman in its forty year history. Through his leadership, over forty young adults have attended the National Conference of Christian and Jews' Camp Anytown. He also was instrumental in the selection of their Black honorees, a physician, a senior clergyman and a couple. As a member of the above named organizations, he has participated in fund drives that have netted over \$3 million dollars. In October 1998, Reverend Jemerson was recognized for "Outstanding Service" to the Community of San Antonio by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He received the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Trail Blazer Award-2001 and the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority Hall Of Fame Award-2001. In 2010 he received the City Public Service "Amazing Energy Award" and the United Communities of San Antonio Brotherhood/Sisterhood "Humanitarian Award." He led the church in the construction of the \$4.1 million dollar, 45,520 square feet building of the Second Baptist Church Community Center. In 2023, Pastor Jemerson was inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his high school and college baseball skills.

On a national level, Reverend Jemerson served the Progressive National Baptist Convention as Vice President At Large of the Southwest Region and continues to hold the office of endorser for all the convention's Chaplaincy Services. He is responsible for supervising the ministry of seventy-five chaplains. In December 2001, he was elected the Chairman of the National Association of Military Chaplains. This body oversees the endorsements and ministry for all chaplains (1000+) civilian and military.

Reverend Jemerson is married to Jacqueline Locke of Buffalo, NY. They have one son, Attorney Robert Jemerson, Jr. (Charita), and 2 grandchildren (Robert III and McKinley).

GUEST SPEAKER THE REV. DR. ALVIE YOUNG, SR., PASTOR

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

Rev Alvie S. Young, Sr., Pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church in New Braunfels, Texas, a small church with a big heart. He has been the Pastor for 21 years and has been teaching and preaching the Gospel of Christ.

He accepted Christ at the age of nine at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Westlake, Louisiana under the leadership of Pastor Ezekiel Joubert. Pastor Young followed in his father's footsteps and accepted his call to preach the Gospel in June 1993, under the leadership of Pastor Alexander Shepherd at Savannah Baptist Church in Marion, Texas.

Pastor Young served in the United States Army Reserve while attending McNeese State University and then transferred to Southern University to play football. He played professional football in the United States Football League with the New Orleans Breakers in 1985.

He attended Southern University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He then matriculated to Guadalupe Theological Seminary where he obtained his Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate Degrees. Pastor Young also obtained a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from San Antonio Theological Seminary.

He serves as the Auditor for the Guadalupe Association. Pastor Young started the 5th Sunday Fellowship with Clearview Baptist Church in Kingsbury and Christian Fellowship in Seguin.

Pastor Young is the son of the late Pastor Alvie Young and the late Sister Earlee Davis Young. He is the husband of a Christian woman, Catherine (Baker) Young. The Young's have five children: Shawntay, Alicia, Kayden, Eraka and Alvie Jr., and they have eight grandchildren.

HONORING THE CHURCH ORGANIST



We will honor, Mrs. La Faye Duren for her 46 years of ministry as organist at Second Baptist Church. Come and celebrate with the church and Duren Family Sunday, September 28, 2025 at the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service and luncheon.

The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Robert L. Jemerson and his wife, First Lady Jackie Jemerson, are being honored on September 14, 2025, for their 32 years of pastoral leadership at Second Baptist Church in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jemerson previously served as pastor of churches in Dallas and Virginia before assuming the pulpit at Second Baptist Church more than three decades ago; his achievements include overseeing the construction of the church's community center and the collection of donations to Black churches suffering fire and flood damage; under his leadership, the church has also given back to the community through homework and Thanksgiving ministries and collaborated with the Cactus Pear Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jemerson has further contributed through his work with the San Antonio Community of Churches for Social Action and the Progressive National Baptist Convention; moreover, he has given of his time and talents as chair of the Carver Development Board and as a member of the VIA Metropolitan Transit 2025 Task Force; in addition, he is the grand prior of the United Supreme Council, a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason, and a life member of the NAACP, the Optimist Club of America, and Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities; and

WHEREAS, A retired air force colonel, Dr. Jemerson holds degrees from Bishop College, Virginia Union University, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Drew University; he and his wife take great pride in their son, Robert, and two grandchildren, Robert and McKinley; and

WHEREAS, Reverend and First Lady Jemerson have inspired and uplifted countless people through the decades, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing this esteemed couple on this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Reverend Dr. Robert L. Jemerson and First Lady Jackie Jemerson be honored for their 32 years of service to Second Baptist Church in San Antonio and that they be extended sincere best wishes for the future.

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Barbara Gervin-Hawkins
State Representative
District 120

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

The Preparation for Worship "So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands." Psalm 78:72

The Prelude "Great Is Thou Faithfulness" arr. Hustad Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

The Call To Worship and the Invocation Rev. Angela Jackson

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*The Opening Hymn of Praise "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **Refrain**

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say, "He died for all!" **Refrain:**

*The Responsive Reading Psalm 10: 14-18 The Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

Minister: I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. As the Father

knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

People: And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear

My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. "Therefore My Father loves

Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

All: No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have

power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

*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. Dorothy Haley

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Choral Readers 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13; 1 Corinthians 9:14; 2 Peter 3:17

The Morning Prayer Rev. Dawarren Ennis

The Honoring of Pastor Robert and Wife Mrs. Jacqueline Jemerson

The Organ Tribute "Fanfare for the Common Man" Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

The Presentation of Gifts

Deacon Lawrence Harkless and Mrs. Tracy Shelton

The Prayer for Pastor Jemerson and Wife Jacqueline

Ministers, Deacons, and Trustees

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer Rev. Cornell Evans

*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.

Rev. Keith Jackson

WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

The Introduction of the Speaker Rev. Nicholas Williams

The Music of Preparation "Goodness of God" The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Alvie Young, Sr., Pastor, Live Oak Baptist Church, New Braunfels, Texas

The Invitation to Discipleship "Ride on King Jesus" The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Remarks Mrs. Jacqueline and The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

The Benediction Rev. Cornell Evans

The Postlude "A Charge to Keep I Have" arr. Bond Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

* Please Stand

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE: Church family, thank you for faithful support! Please note: checks will no longer be available for pickup in the church office. All reimbursements for approved church expenses will now be mailed directly to your address on file. If you have any questions or need to update your mailing address, please contact the church office.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

September 14 Mrs. Erma Ellis-Davis September 15 Mrs. Deanna Gaskin, Mr. Clarence Marshall, Mrs. Deborah Scott, Miss Robin Young, Mr. Relvis Zeigler, Mrs. Sheralin Mitchell, Mr. Robert Johnson September 16 Mrs. Tiffany Johnson September 17 Mr. Gerald Embry, Miss Mechille Schuler September 18 Mr. Richard Matthews, Mrs. Annie Spruell, Louis B. Levy, Jr. September 19 Mrs. Tanisha Freeman, Miss Alicia Small September 20 Mrs. Terri Ray, Miss Vivian Maner

DEACON OF THE WEEK September 14-20, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Randy Reed.** Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. **Deacon Reed** can be reached at **(210) 393-3743**.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall Youth Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Taylor, Bland Burns Choir Room

MAJOR UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Prince Hall Americanism Celebration September 14, 2025 3:00 P.M. Second Baptist Church Sanctuary Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

Annual Kick-Off and Round Up Luncheon

September 28, 2025 12:45 P.M. Second Baptist Church Community Center **Annual Food Fest** October 5, 2025 12:45 P.M. Second Baptist Church Community

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37th Annual Men and Women's Day October 26, 2025 11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Theme: "Men and Women Armed for Anything" Ephesians 6: 11-18

Guest Speaker: Rev. Nikita McCalister, President, American Baptist Churches U.S.A.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER'S SCHEDULE



September 14-October 14, 2025

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Goodwill of San Antonio, Texas Job Fair 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Gym

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Chapter Meeting 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Agape Room

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Black Worship Soul Food Sizzle 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Gym

Thursday, September 25, 2025

City of San Antonio Neighborhood and Housing Home Rehab Outreach 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Gym

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Fort Sam Houston Physical Disability Agency's Cornhole Tournament 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Gym

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Dedicated Baptist Church Banquet 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Agape Room

Saturday, October 4, 2025

St. Paul Men Bowling Party 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Bowling Center

Monday, October 13, 2025

Citywide Institute 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M. Whole Facility

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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Citywide Institute 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M. Whole Facility

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor



Sunday, September 28, 2025

Second Baptist Church Community Center
3310 E. Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78220

12:45 P.M.

Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey

Come and Enjoy Fellowship and Lunch (Roasted Pig and Steamship Round)

H.A.S. Second Baptist Church

Monday - Thursday 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. All Grades

Homework

*Help with Homework *Snack

*Recreation

Second Baptist Church Community Center 3310 E. Commerce St.

San Antonio, TX

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor To register, contact Rev. Keith Jackson 210-227-2605

SAVE THE DATE

37th ANNUAL MEN AND WOMEN'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 11:00 A.M.

THEME: MEN AND WOMEN ARMED FOR ANYTHING

SCRIPTURE: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6: 11-18

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. NIKITA MCCALISTER, PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA
MEN AND WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON 12:45 P.M.
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

PARTNERS \$1000.00+

COUPLES AND FAMILY GIFTS \$1000.00+ IN MEMORY OF A LOVE ONE (I.E. REV. ROBERT AND MRS. JEMERSON IN HONOR OF MRS. LILLIE LOCKE) INVESTORS \$500.00+

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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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