

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, 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 28, 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 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."



CHURCH ORGANIST: MRS. LA FAYE DUREN

La Faye Carpenter Duren serves as the organist of Second Baptist Church. Her music instruction began under the guidance of the late Hughie Dorn. Music studies continued with the Sisters of Holy Spirit, Sisters of the Incarnate Word, Sisters of Divine Providence, and her mentor Mr. Nelson Armstrong.

La Faye received her degree in music from Our Lady of the Lake University, and continued her studies at the University of Incarnate Word. Additional organ studies were received in Europe. She has studied at Oxford University, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, St Martin in the Fields, and played on twenty - five of the great organs of England. Additional organ studies were conducted at the former Crystal Cathedral of Garden Grove, California; the National Cathedral of Washington D. C; St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City; Baylor University, and Trinity University.

Second Baptist Church has recognized La Faye on many occasions for her years of dedicated service to the youth and membership of Second Baptist Church. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Guild. She has also received awards from the Chancel Choir, Contemporary Choir, Men's Choir, and the Nanny Helen Burroughs Circle of the Women's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Duren is a classroom teacher at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, where she impacts the lives of students daily. During the 2009 – 2010 academic year, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year. She has received awards from Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Archdiocese of San Antonio - Outstanding Leader in Catholic Education, Phi Delta Kappa-Educator's Hall of Fame, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., San Antonio Metropolitan Chapter, and 2019 - Women in the NAACP.

On March 16, 2025, La Faye Duren was featured in the San Antonio Express-News. The article titled, "Organists Finds Calling at Historic San Antonio Church", she speaks of the pipe organ as the "King of Instruments", and how she merges classical hymns, African – American Spirituals, and gospel songs. La Faye is quoted in the article saying, "Playing this powerful wind instrument Sunday after Sunday is an honor." "It is a calling."

La Faye Duren is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the American Guild of Organists, and the NAACP.

La Faye is married to Korling L. Duren Sr., a staunch supporter of her many goals. They are the parents of Korling L. Duren Jr., and the grandparents of Asha Marlae Duren, Avelina Faye Duren, Juana Andrea Duren, and Anissa La Faye Duren. The support of her brother and sister in law, Larry and Sherry Carpenter, family, Second Baptist Church, and the San Antonio Community is a priceless gift from God.



The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LaFaye Duren is being honored for her 46 years of service as the organist at Second Baptist Church in San Antonio on September 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Raised in the Eastside community of San Antonio, Mrs. Duren began studying music at the age of six, and she began organ lessons as a teenager; in 1973, she graduated from Fox Tech High School and went on to study at San Antonio College before earning her bachelor's degree in music from Our Lady of the Lake University; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Mrs. Duren was hired as the organist at Second Baptist Church; a constant presence at Sunday services, she blends classical hymns with African American spirituals and gospel songs; through the years, she has continued her musical training by attending workshops and practicing on organs at such renowned locations as London's Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral as well as the University of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duren further benefits her community as a fifth-grade teacher at St. Anthony Catholic School, where she also works with the choir; in addition, she mentors young musicians at Second Baptist; and

WHEREAS, For more than four and a half decades, LaFaye Duren has enriched the services at Second Baptist Church through her talent, bringing joy and inspiration to her fellow congregants through the gift of music; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That LaFaye Duren be recognized for her 46 years of service as the organist at Second Baptist Church and that she be extended sincere best wishes for the future.



Barbara Gervin-Hawkins
State Representative
District 120

The Preparation for Worship “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

The Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Mr. Michael Kindred, Organist

The Call To Worship and the Invocation

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

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

***The Opening Hymn of Praise**

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood. **Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain:**

***The Responsive Reading**

Psalm 149: 1-6

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

Minister:

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, *And* His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

People:

For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. *Let* the high praises of God *be* in their mouth.

***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. Francine Prosser-Johnson

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Choral Readers

Psalm 150: 1-6

Mrs. Delores Lewis, Director - Mrs. Rhonda Harrison, Sponsor

The Morning Prayer

Rev. Dawarren Ennis

Liturgical Dance “And He Blessed My Soul”

Rev. Angela Jackson and The Second Baptist Church Mass Choir

The Honoring Our Church Organist: Mrs. La Faye Duren

The Resolution

Rev. Keith Jackson

The Words of Love and Appreciation

Mr. Larry Carpenter

The Tribute

Mrs. Erma Ellis-Davis

The Presentation of Gifts

Mrs. Erma Ellis-Davis

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer Deacon Richmond Smith - **Jesus Action Music Ministry** Mrs. Tina Dickerson

***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 “Total Praise” The Second Baptist Church Mass Choir and James Pickens, Jr., Violinist

The Sermon “Your Attitude Is Your Paint Brush In Every Situation—Praise” Pastor Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.

The Text: “Then David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. So David said to Michal, “*It was* before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play *music* before the Lord. And I will be even undignified than this.”

2 Samuel 6: 14-16, 21-22

The Invitation to Discipleship

“Rejoice

The Second Baptist Church Mass Choir

The Benediction

“The Lord Bless and Keep You”

The Second Baptist Church Mass Choir

The Postlude

“God of Our Fathers”

Mr. Michael Kindred, Organist

*** Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Alter Dementia Program and the Health Ministry Committee invites the church and community to our annual Purple Sunday luncheon and program. This event aims to raise awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and its impact on caregivers and individuals suffering from dementia and other forms of memory loss. The program will take place on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service in the S.H. James Fellowship Hall. The theme this year is "Memory Matters: Helping Somebody with Every Step." We are honored to have our own Attorney and Trustee Johnny Thomas, along with Dr. Eva Mason and Dr. Robin Dillard, as our distinguished presenters. We kindly ask all members to wear purple on this day to show support. For any questions, please contact Dr. Sarah Williams, Dementia Program Coordinator, at 210-394-9931.

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.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

September 29 Deacon James Shelton **September 30** Gabrena Jarmon, Mrs. Pamela Bell, Mrs. Michelle Bowser
October 1 Miss Summer Hille, Mrs. Brittany Anderson, Mr. Walter Hill, Mrs. Paulette James **October 2** Miss Nicole Reed, Mr. Dimitri Deese **October 3** Mrs. Gloria Bryant **October 4** Mrs. Willie Mae Taylor, Mr. James Mulkey, Sr., Mr. Frank DeMore

THANK YOU

The church wishes to thank Mrs. Erma Ellis-Davis, Mrs. Tina Dickerson, and Rev. Angela Jackson for their outstanding service as chairpersons in Honoring of our Church Organist Mrs. La Faye Duren. We wish to also thank Mr. Michael Kindred and the Kindred Consort, Mr. Nelson Armstrong and the Armstrong Chorale, and Mr. Alexander Ambrozaitis and the Voices of Second Baptist Church choir members for their excellent music ministry.

DEACON OF THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon James Shelton**. Deacon Shelton can be reached at (210) 499-0402.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Worship Service 6:30 P.M. Chapel Rev. Paul Wilkerson

Youth Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Taylor, Bland Burns Choir Room

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JOIN US FOR

ANNUAL FOOD FEST

"AN AFTERNOON IN OLD SAN ANTONIO"

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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

12:45 P.M. LUNCHEON

**SECOND BAPTIST
CHURCH COMMUNITY
CENTER**



WEAR YOUR WESTERN WEAR!

LETTER FROM FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Dear Second Baptist Church Family,

We are excited to announce that our 37th Annual Men and Women's Day Worship Service will take place on Sunday, Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the 11 AM service, under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. Robert L. Jemerson.

This is always a blessed occasion in the life of our church, and this year, we are prayerfully striving toward a financial goal of \$127,000. These contributions are vital in supporting the ongoing work of our ministry, including salaries, utilities, and the upkeep of our church home.

To help us accomplish this great task, we have several categories of giving that allow everyone to participate: **Partners \$1000 plus, Couples and family gifts \$1000 plus in memory of a loved one, Investors \$500 plus, Quad century \$400 plus, Tri century \$300 plus, Bi century \$200 plus, Contributors \$100 plus.**

We are counting on each member, family, and friend to stand with us in generosity. With everyone's participation, we know we can reach—and even exceed—our goal. So mark your calendars, begin preparing your gifts, and join us as we glorify God together on Men and Women's Day, Sunday, October 26th at 11:00 AM. Let's come ready to worship, ready to celebrate, and ready to give!

Deacon Thomas Washington
Finance Committee, Chariman

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEN AND WOMEN'S DAY FANCY HAT LUNCHEON



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 12:45 P.M.
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER

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*. Ephesians 6: 11-12

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

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