

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

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE REV. DR. ROBERT L. JEMERSON, 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**

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

Men and Women's Day Celebration

Sunday, October 26, 2025 11:00 A. M.

THEME: "Men and Women Armed For Anything"

Ephesians 6: 11-18

**GUEST SPEAKER: REV. NIKITA MCCALISTER
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA**



"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."



Rev. Nikita Giselle McCalister was born to the Rev. Robert, Sr. and (late) Rev. Deborah L. Shumake. Rev McCalister received her license to preach the Gospel in 2001 and was ordained in 2005, under the leadership of Rev. James C. Perkins, Pastor of Greater Christ Baptist Church (Detroit, MI).

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan University (1993), a Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy (1999), and a Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology (2005).

She was voted President of American Baptist Churches - USA in San Juan, Puerto Rico on June 25, 2023. She currently serves as the Regional Associate Minister for Metropolitan Detroit Area (MDA) and Transitional Consultant for the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and Associate Pastor of Covenant Baptist Church, West Bloomfield, MI. She previously served as Transitional Pastor of Westhaven Baptist Church, Port Huron, MI, the Associate Executive Minister for Administration for the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI); Senior Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Pawtucket, RI; Assistant Pastor of Ministry Development at Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, MI; and the co-youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Randolph, MA. While at Boston University School of Theology, she worked as administrative support for the Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence Program in Boston, MA., a two million-dollar Lilly Endowment Fund project. Formally, Rev. McCalister was employed in management at Electronic Data Systems.

Rev. McCalister currently serves on the Boston University Alumni Council Board (BUAC), Boston University Dean's Advisory Board (DAB), the School of Theology Dean's Advisory Board for Boston University School of Theology, The Ministers & Missionaries Benefits Board (MMBB), and the Advisory Board Member American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM). She was the assistance coach for the Girl's Varsity Basketball team at Southfield Christina School. She was a member of the ecumenical planning team for the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations in New York which hosted a Parallel Event entitled: "Sacred and Safe: Building Capacity of Faith Communities to Address Gender-Based Violence." Also, at the invitation of the Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Charles Thembanani Ntwaagae, she helped plan the Side Event: Real Talk/Real Action: Engaging Men and Boys in Prevention and Intervention Strategies that Address Gender-Based Violence.

She has been a NCAA Women's Division I basketball player and track and field athlete, guest preacher, workshop leader, liturgical dancer, and singer at various conferences and churches throughout the nation such as 2016 Boston University School of Theology Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient 2015 guest preacher at Peace Cathedral Community Baptist Church, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, 2014 Commencement Speaker for the University of Rhode Island, 2013 Keynote Speaker for the Young Professionals Forum at the University of Botswana, Botswana Africa, United Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, Brown University's, Martin Luther King Jr. 2013 Panelist in Providence, RI; Brown University's, Sankofa Preaching Series: Sistahs in the Spirit, in Providence, RI; Martin Luther King, Jr. Service in Boston, MA; 2007 Freedom institute Religious Leaders Breakfast in Detroit MI; the 2007 98th National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Annual Convention Council of Presidents Luncheon in Detroit, MI. Her publications include: 2012 Women's Day Lectionary article in The African American Lectionary & the 2012 spring issue of The Academy of Homiletics Journal. She was a runner up in the 2017 Yale Center for Faith and Culture's Theology of Joy and the Good Life sermon series competition for her 4-week sermon series was entitled: "This Joy that I have." Rev. McCalister was recipient of the 2017-2018 Duke Divinity Foundations Leadership Education Innovators Grant.

She previously served on Rep. David Cicilline's Women's Advisory Council, Board Member of Rhode Island Kids' Count, Member of Chaplains Association of the University of Rhode Island (URI), Treasurer of Minister's Alliance of Rhode Island. She has served as the Chairperson of the American Baptist Churches of United States of America (ABC-USA) Transformed by the Spirit Journey Team Task Force, the Board of Directors for the Robert S. Shumake Foundation, the Metropolitan Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches, the Benjamin E. Mays Male Academy, and treasurer of ABC-MI Ministers Council. Her other organizational ties include past President of the Black Seminarians, Boston University School of Theology, Roothbert Fellow, Boston University Woman's Graduate Club, Boston University School of Theology Seminary Singers, and the National Black MBA Association Incorporated, Central Michigan University Women's Basketball, and Magni-Beigan Scholar Athlete.

Rev. Nikita McCalister is married to Rev. Jabulani McCalister. They are the proud parents of two children Jaden and Azriel McCalister.

The Preparation for Worship “They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, *and made* an offering of gold to the Lord.” Exodus 35:22

The Prelude “Fanfare and Processional” Wagner

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 Gather Together”

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures. So from the beginning the fight we were winning: You, Lord were at our side; all glory be Yours!

We all do extol You our leader triumphant, And pray that You still our defender wilt be. Let Your congregation escape tribulation: Your name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

***The Responsive Reading**

Ephesians 6:1 1-18

Deacon James Brown

Minister:

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.

People:

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

***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. Tracy Shelton

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Morning Prayer

Mrs. Candi Ellis-Davis

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Rev. Keith Jackson

***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 Introduction of the Speaker

Dr. Eva Mason

The Music of Preparation

“For Your Glory”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon

The Rev. Nikita G. McCalister, President, American Baptist Churches USA

The Invitation to Discipleship

“Falling in Love with Jesus”

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Benediction

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

The Postlude

“Toccata on Amazing Grace” arr. Pardini

Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

*** Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Dr. Robin and Mr. Porter Dillard and Family sends: “Dear Rev. Jemerson and Second Baptist Church: Your gestures of kindness and thoughtful expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated. Rev. Jemerson, thank you for your incredibly beautiful celebration of life message. Your tribute truly captured Lark’s spiritual spirit perfectly.”

Mrs. Rhonda Harrison and Family sends: “Thank you Rev. Jemerson and Second Baptist Church family for the beautiful resolution honoring my cousin, Jeannine E. Edwards.”

The Mathis, Henry and Wilkerson Family sends: “Dear Second Baptist Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, the resolution, beautiful spray and words of encouragement during the loss of our brother. The service was heartfelt and uplifting and we are truly grateful for the support from our church family.”

Mrs. Helen Johnson sends: “I thank you for the floral arrangement the abundance of kindness that you showered on my family and me during our time of bereavement in the passing of my husband, Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson.”

SYMPATHY TO: Rev. Dr. Argra Thompson and sons Johnathan, Devrin, William, and Walter Thompson in loss of their grandfather and Rev. Thompson’s father-in-law **Mr. Willie Cylde Thompson**. The funeral service for Mr. Thompson was held **Saturday, October 18, 2025 in Thomasville, Georgia,**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

October 26 Mrs. Carmen Bowman, Mrs. Bridget Lewis-Mckinney, Kaidence Henderson **October 27** Mr. Lloyd Bagwell **October 28** Ms. Adrianna Thomas, Deacon Odeyo Frye, Mrs. Adela Gatica **October 29** Mrs. Peggy Fuller, Mr. Howard Fisher **October 30** Deacon Jay Johnson **October 31** Mr. Wendell Carson, Mrs. Rosmary Epps, Mr. Christopher Hester, Mrs. Beverly Towns

PRAISE AND PLANNING BUSINESS MEETING

The Church Business Meeting will be held on **Tomorrow, October 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.

DEACON OF THE WEEK OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Archie Brown**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Brown can be reached at **(210) 508-4293**.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, October 29, 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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Second Baptist Church Community Center

Medical & Identity Theft 2pm-3pm



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Location

Second Baptist Church
Community Center, First Floor
Thurston Classroom
3310 East Commerce St.

Date & time

Wednesday, 12:00-2:30 p.m.
November 12, 2025

Contact info

Second Baptist Church Office:
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Williams: 210-394-9931

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Alter Dementia Program and Health Care Ministry Presents

Purple SUNDAY

"Memory Matters: Helping Somebody with Every Step"

November 16, 2025

Presentations By:
Dr. Robin Dillard
Dr. Eva M. Mason
Trustee Atty. Johnny Thomas

12:45 P.M.

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Contact Dr. Sarah Williams
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**ANNUAL Men
& Women's Day
KICK-OFF
&
ROUND UP**

Sunday, September 28, 2025

11:00 A.M. Worship Service & 12:45 P.M. Luncheon

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"AN AFTERNOON IN OLD SAN ANTONIO"

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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

12:45 P.M. LUNCHEON

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	OCTOBER	
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