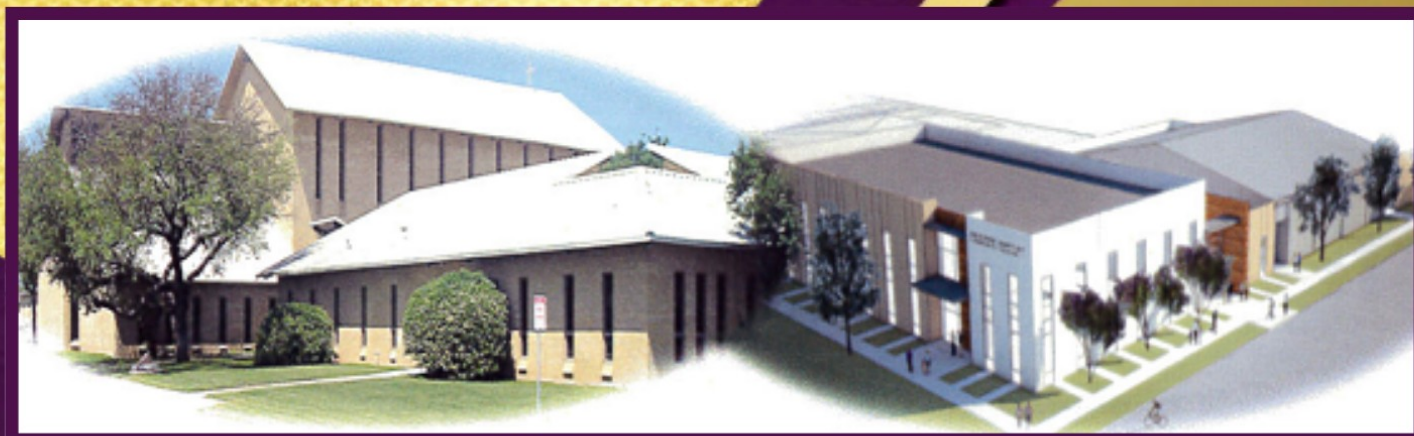


Second Baptist Church

146TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



**“THE CHURCH WITH THE
MIND OF CHRIST”**

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain
General Secretary,
American Baptist
Churches USA



CHAIRPERSONS:

Deacon Daniel and
Mrs. Jennifer Martin and
The Carter Family

SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 14, 2025



**3310 East Commerce Street
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**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.,
Pastor**

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Dear Members and Friends,

Happy Anniversary!

Please help me thank Deacon Daniel and Mrs. Jennifer Martin, and the Carter Family for their ministry and helping us to celebrate one hundred and forty six years of worshipping God and meeting the needs of humankind.

Thank you Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, the first African American Woman General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, members and friends for celebrating Second Baptist Church's One Hundred and Forty -Sixth Anniversary with us. This is a great day to celebrate "The Church With The Mind Of Christ." Philippians 2: 5-11.

These are challenging times, but they are incredibly happy times. I believe God has blessed us to be His church in the midst of these times. We are redesigning the approach to ministry and ministering to the people who need us the most to be hands on while doing God's Work. At the same time, we are looking at the needs of our church members. Some need knowledge and how to use that knowledge to be better servants of God.

Thanks to new innovations, knowledge about religion, faith and service is at our finger tips. So our ministry is to build a pathway of faith across our church and into the city and nation to use the mind of Christ to solve the spiritual, social and political issues of today.

For one hundred and forty six (146) years Second Baptist Church has been active in meeting the spiritual and physical needs of humankind. The church has not hidden its face. The church leaders, pastors, ministers, deacons, trustees and entire membership believe Second Baptist Church is simply a place where God is using us to be his servants and demonstrate humility in all that we do. We are trying to create an excellent and humble network of believers that can be a catalyst for good.

I regret that because of my illness I can not physically be with you as we honor our oldest membership member Mrs. Corean Carter, and our oldest member Mrs. Lillian Hunter one hundred and four (104) years old.

God bless us as we continue to be "The Church With The Mind of Christ."

The Shepherd Loves the Sheep

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr.



THE HISTORY OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Second Baptist Church stands today as a **beacon** guiding and directing persons to the **Light of Christ**.

The **pastoral leadership** of **Second Baptist Church** has helped us in the **Lord's** service. We recognize the monumental contribution of these twelve men who labored to provide opportunities and enriched responsibilities for members of an evolving church. Pastors who served were: **Rev. Charles Augustis, Rev. E. M. Wright, Rev. L. G. Jordan, Rev. J. W. Carr, Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. Reuben Anderson, Rev. C. J. Hardy, Rev. A. W. Smith, Rev. I. H. Kelly, Rev. W. S. Brent, Rev. S. H. James, Sr., and Rev. S. H. James, Jr..**

In July of 1879, **Rev. Charles Augustis** and twelve other **dedicated Christian** men and women met in Worship at a location on Indiana and Goliad Streets. These persons founded and were **charter members** of Macedonia Baptist Church, later **renamed Second Baptist Church in October 1890**. In addition to Rev. Augustis, other **founding members** were: Rev. Reuben Anderson, his wife, Mrs. Elvina Anderson; Mrs. Anna Hill, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. L. M. Logan, Mrs. Dadie Graham, Mrs. Laura Franklin, Mr. H. T. Harvey, Mr. Benjamin Jones, Mr. Jesse Riddle, Mr. Jesse Winn, and Mr. Alexander Hogan.

Our present pastor, **The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson** began his ministry with the church on September 1, 1993. Since the beginning of his ministry over 1000 persons have been added to the church. His programs of Homework at Second Baptist (H.A.S.), Advent and Lenten Devotions, Teddy Bear Christmas Tree, Youth Music/Piano Workshops, Pastor and Family's Christmas Dinner, School Vacation Day Camps, Deacons' Ministry, Upgrading Office Equipment and Computer Systems, Health Fair, Student and Teachers' Rededication Services, Marriage Vows Renewal, Youth Dinner Theaters, Church Library, Thanksgiving In The Park, acquisition of land, funding and building a Habitat for Humanity Home (2005), the addition of administrative and ministerial staff and the construction of the Second Baptist Church Community Center at the cost of 4.1 million dollars in 2012 have added greatly to the spirituality of the church and enhancement of relations with the community. 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. In 2016 and 2018 "Cactus Pear" returned to share with over 325 senior citizens. In addition, he led the "The San Antonio Community of Churches" in 2003 contributing over \$35,000.00 to Black Churches throughout the nation; destroyed by arson, \$9,000.00 was given to three locally flood damaged churches in October 1998. He lead the National Council of Christians and Jews in honoring Dr. Frank Bryant, the first Black Layman in its forty year history, he was also instrumental in the organization honoring Dr. Charles and Dr. Marie Thurston, the first Black couple in its 56th year history. Rev. Jemerson led the church in honoring America's military members, veterans, and civil servants, at our annual event the Christmas Ball featuring the Air Force Band of the Southwest. Pastor Jemerson serves as the Clergy Endorser for The Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Several sites have served as locations for the church building during the past **one hundred-thirty-nine** years. Live Oak and Dawson Streets were the second site for the church, and in **1894** a frame building was constructed on the corner of Chestnut and Center Streets. In **1903** Rev. A.W. Smith led the church in a **rebuilding** program to include a **parsonage**. From 1909-1910 under the pastorate of **Rev. I. H. Kelly**, the **beautiful old stone church** was erected at the same Chestnut and Center Street site. Many local, state, and national meetings were held at the church because of its accommodations and its location near the heart of downtown. In 1968, due to the city's expansion and redevelopment, **Second Baptist Church** moved to its present location, 3310 East Commerce Street. Under the **leadership** of **Rev. S. H. James, Jr.**, the church purchased a five acre site for construction of a **new church** and development of a playground to help meet the needs of the **community**. The Second Baptist Church of today has not forgotten her glorious past. The **Narthex Screen** composed of stained glass windows from the **old church** is a **memorial** to this church's past deeds and accomplishments, reflecting **wisdom** for future generations to build upon.

Previous Convention affiliations and District Associations were with The Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas, The General Baptist Convention of America, The National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., and The Guadalupe District Association, Inc. Presently, the church affiliations are with The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., The American Baptist Churches, and The La Grange District Association.

FORMER SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORS



Rev. Andrew Smith - 1890-1904 Between 1879 and 1890, the church relocated to Live Oak and Dawson Streets. Reverend Andrew W. Smith served as pastor from 1890-1904, and led the church in a rebuilding program that included a parsonage that used material from the old church building. On January 30, the church purchased property on Chestnut Street for \$420. Macedonia Baptist Church became Second Baptist Church on October 24. The church continued to prosper and purchased property on the corners of Chestnut and Live Oak Streets and Crockett and Center Streets for \$550. In 1894, Second Baptist Church relocated to a new frame structure on Chestnut and Center Streets. The church did not have a baptistery so it held the sacrament of baptism in the river near Hot Wells.

Rev. I. H. Kelly - 1904 - 1934 In 1904, Reverend I. H. Kelly became the third pastor. On April 19, 1909, a deed was signed releasing the southern half of the property at Chestnut and Center Streets to the church. On May 26th members were so eager to have an adequate church that they paid a dollar for plowing a round to break ground for the foundation of an impressive stone structure that became a San Antonio landmark. The church had a panoramic contour, towering steeple and authentic stained glass windows. These outstanding characteristics warranted the historic edifice to be included as an entry in Dulmann's collections in the Library of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas at the Alamo. Growth brought on division and in 1934, Reverend Kelly organized the Rose of Sharon Church and many of the membership joined him there.

Rev. W. S. Brent - 1934 - 1940 Reverend W.S. Brent, then pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas, answered the call to be the pastor of Second Baptist Church. He brought with him exceptional ministerial skills and experience, all of which would be needed to deal with pending lawsuits against the church and member hostility. He faced three major problems: reuniting the membership, re-spiritualizing the membership and building the church's organization structure. He began by inaugurating a teaching and preaching program where he reunited and re-spiritualized the congregation through regular prayer meetings and inspiring soul-stirring worship services. His leadership resulted in the improvement of the financial status, and the church purchased new pews for the sanctuary and a home for a parsonage, installed a new heating system and redecorated the church. This creation of unity and prosperity resulted in the St. James Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas calling him in 1939.

Rev. S. H. James - 1940 - 1944 In 1940, Reverend S.H. James, Sr., of Nashville, Tennessee became the pastor. He had served as a dean, teacher and lecturer in local, state and national congresses and conventions and had a keen concern for Christian and youth education. He was a man who exhibited zeal, dedication, understanding, warmth, intelligence, courage and congeniality. Highlights of his ministry include: Fellowship Hall was renovated, Sunday School classrooms were added, the kitchen was relocated and modernized, the Vacation Bible School was expanded and the church debt was liquidated. The Teller was started as the church bulletin and communication vehicle to aid in the dissemination and promotion of the church programs and is still used today, church radio broadcasting among African Americans in San Antonio was pioneered and the church became involved in Christian Education from the local to the national levels. In February of 1944, after a prolonged illness, the Lord shortened his ministry and called him home.

Rev. S. H. James, Jr. - 1944 - 1992 On February 28, 1944, with brave hearts, courage, wisdom and vision the church called Reverend S. H. James, Jr., the 26 year old son of the late pastor. This election of a pastor so young and unmarried broke a 65-year tradition. He was a soft-spoken but strong man with dynamic plans. By effectively matching talents and church groups with church growth tasks he was able to accomplish many improvement and renovation projects to the church edifice, the landscaping of the church grounds and the equipping of two rooms in Fellowship Hall for the use as a nursery for babies and small children while their parents were in worship services in 1949. There was a new emphasis on the prayer service; the service was divided into four 15-minute segments and included lay leadership. As early as 1953, there were 21 successfully functioning auxiliaries and the membership had almost doubled.

NOT PICTURED: Rev. Charles Augustis, Rev. E.M. Wright, Rev. L. G. Jordan, Rev. J. W. Carr, Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. Ruben Anderson, and Rev. C. J. Hardy



REV. DR. GINA JACOBS-STRAIN
GENERAL SECRETARY, AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

Rev. Dr. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain was called as General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA by the Board of General Ministries on November 4, 2024, and began to serve on February 1, 2024.

Dr. Jacobs-Strain's faith journey began when she committed her life to Christ during her elementary school years. Since then, she has been dedicated to sharing the gospel, nurturing authentic relationships, engaging in hands-on ministry, developing leaders, and transforming communities while speaking the prophetic word in love.

Her rich ministry experience includes her previous role as Executive Director of American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM), where she led transformative initiatives such as the AB GIRLS program, "Building Bridges and Gateways to Girls' Future/Hie -STEAM," empowering girls to discover God's creative potential through science and technology. Under her leadership, ABWM expanded its ministries, including the Beloved Community initiative and domestic violence advocacy, while offering nationwide seminars for young adult women.

Rev. Dr. Jacob-Strain also held various pastoral roles, including Transitional Pastor at First Baptist Church of New Market in Piscataway, N.J., Interim Pastor at St. Paul Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and Associate Regional Pastor for Women in Ministry with the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey (ABC-NJ). She currently serves as an Associate Minister of Christian Education at St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, N.J.

As General Secretary, Dr. Jacobs-Strain helps gather the denomination through events such as Biennial Mission Summits, the National Leadership Council, the National Executive Council, and other caucuses and special events. Recently, the denomination has also engaged the denomination through Everyday ABC Conversations, wherein presenters focus on Harmony, and an October 2024 Webinar series on Domestic Violence Awareness and Well-being. These gatherings foster unity, fellowship, and collective mission within the American Baptist churches. The Office of the General Secretary also supports local congregations by providing stewardship resources, leadership development retreats, pastor conferences, and regional board training.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs-Strain continues to carry out the vision of the Office of the General Secretary by empowering and uniting God's people and facilitating essential conversations. She upholds ABCUSA's core values of integrity, altruism, interconnectedness, achievement, creativity, and passion, striving to create a faith community that reflects the gospel's power through love, grace, and hope.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs-Strain earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Rutgers University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University's Theological School. She was also honored with the Old Testament Studies Scholar Award from the Biblical Studies Department. In 2015, she received a Certificate of Excellence from Palmer Theological Seminary & ABC-NJ Academy, and in 2017, she completed the Nehemiah-Leadership Program. In May 2020, she attained a Doctor of Ministry from Duke University. She is married to Clifton Strain, and together they have three sons.

ADVENT

A TIME OF ANTICIPATION

Advent, a period of four weeks before the Nativity, is observed in the Western Churches as a Season of Solemnity of Emotion and action, and a Great Time of Anticipation!

It became a general observance in the sixth century. Its four Sundays were believed to have been introduced into the calendar by Gregory the Great, and on these grounds, the Gospel readings were chosen for the four Sundays preceding the Birth of our Savior.



Traditionally, the candles represent
The number of weeks before the
Christmas celebration. They represent
FAITH, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, MERCY. The
Large Candle or “CHRIST CANDLE” reminds
us that Christ is the “LIVING LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . . ” (Isaiah 9:2).

Light is the most powerful symbol of the Advent season. For the four weeks before Christmas, the People of God wait in prayerful hope for the dawning of the Messiah, the Perfect Light to burn away the darkness of sin and alienation.

The first reference to Christmas as we know it is found in a Christian calendar of the fourth century. The feast of Jesus’ birth was celebrated by the early Christians of Rome on December 25, to coincide with the pagan feast of *Sol Invictus* “The Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.” It is believed that Pope Julius I adopted this pagan feast of the *Sun* to celebrate the birth of the *Son* of God.

The lights of Christmas trees and decorations should remind us that Christ is God’s light to the world, shattering the darkness of mistrust and misunderstanding.

In the midst of the shopping, decorating, cooking, writing Christmas cards, and other activities of the holiday season, the custom of the *Advent wreath* is an excellent way for families and communities to keep the real meaning of Christmas in perspective.

The *four candles* of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and the thousands of years that the People of God awaited the promised Messiah. The candles are *purple* in color, a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season (one of the candles may be rose for the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as “Gaudete Sunday” from the opening words of that Sunday’s liturgy: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”). Each week one candle is lit until all four are aglow on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The *round* wreath itself symbolizes the eternity of God and the Father’s presence throughout human history. *Evergreen* branches are often used in decorating the wreath, reminders of the eternal life of God in Christ.

Advent

Over hundreds of years, Advent has become a favorite custom for those who celebrate Christmas.

The circle of the wreath represents eternity, while the lighting of candles renews the journey towards hope, love, joy and peace in the world.



Candle Lighting Guide for Advent

First Sunday

Prophecy Candle

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.”

Jeremiah 33:14-15

Second Sunday

Bethlehem Candle

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:4 -7 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Third Sunday

Shepherds' Candle

“And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:12 -14 The wise men traveled far to see the child born in a manger under the star of Bethlehem. They brought their earthly gifts, and returned home by another route, having knelt before the Prince of Peace. May the gift of Christ bring hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives and throughout the world.

Fourth Sunday

Angels' Candle

Angels appeared to Joseph and Mary, saying “do not be afraid.” Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem, where she gave birth to her son, Jesus. This is the Son sent to the world to show God’s love. That love still shines for us today. Knowing that the of Christ ends in suffering and our world is filled with pain and turmoil, we pause to marvel at Christ’s birth and rejoice in God’s glory. We have much for which to be thankful. Let us be joyful and sing with the angels in praise!

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Shepherds' Candle Rev. Dawarren and Mrs. Tenesia Ennis

- Leader:** As we come together to worship, let us respond to the exhortation of John the Baptist; let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us prepare His way in our city. Let us prepare His way in our homes. Let us prepare His way in our lives. Come, let us prepare the way of the Lord!
- People:** As we prepare the way of the Lord, we pray that we may be able to remove the obstacles of selfishness and greed and that we may be able to allow the sacrificial spirit of the Savior to rule our lives. Amen.
- All:** Our scripture for the Third Sunday of Advent was taken from the Gospel of Luke, the Second Chapter, verses eight through eighteen and it reads: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- Leader:** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

- Leader:** As we light the Third candle of the Advent wreath, our thoughts focus on the actions of The Shepherds regarding the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- All:** Oh, come, Oh come, Emmanuel now let all the heavens adore you, And saints and angels Sing before you. Let us dwell in grace and in truth victoriously. Your star is rising, and your light is come. Oh, come you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Amen.



Theme: "The Church With The Mind of Christ" Philippians 2: 5-11

The Preparation for Worship "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

The Prelude

"The First Noel" arr. Swann

Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

The Call To Worship

Rev. Keith Jackson

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*The Opening Hymn of Praise

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

Refrain: We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, He's never fail me yet. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, can't turn around, We've come this far by faith.

Just the other day I heard a man say, He didn't believe in God's word; But I can truly say that the Lord will make a way, Because He, He's never failed me yet. **Refrain:**

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Rev. Dawarren and Mrs. Tenesia Ennis

The Responsive Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

Rev. Nicholas Williams

Minister:

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

People:

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the 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

Frederick Moore

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Morning Prayer

Rev. Angela Jackson

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Rev. Dawarren 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 Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Sarah Williams

The Music of Preparation

"Marvelous Things"

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches USA

The Invitation to Discipleship

"Now Behold The Lamb"

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Benediction

Rev. Keith Jackson

The Postlude

"Toccata on Adeste Fideles" arr. Schram

Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

* Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY TO: Rev. Angela and Rev. Keith Jackson in the loss of Rev. Angela Jackson's father **Mr. Wendell Coleman**. The funeral service for Mr. Coleman will be held **Tomorrow, December 15, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** in the **Second Baptist Church Sanctuary**.

Mr. Maurice Bridges in the loss of his sister **Ms. Bessie Bridges Sharpe**. The funeral service for Ms. Sharpe was held **Saturday, December 13, 2025 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina**.

THANK YOU: Mrs. Karen Hudson, President, Earnest Workers Circle sends: "To: Gladys Dixon, Dr. Sarah Williams. Thank you both for leading the Grief Seminar, your guidance and support helped us process our emotions and healing process. We are grateful for your expertise and empathy."

2026 ANNUAL BUDGET PACKETS

All auxiliaries, ministries, and department heads that utilize church funds must complete 2026 Annual Budget Request Forms. Organization officers are asked to pick up the packets from the church office beginning Monday, November 3, 2025, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Completed forms must be returned to the church office no later than Today, December 14, 2025. This is a requirement in order for you to receive funds for the year. You may contact Trustee Martha Taylor at (210) 887-1935 if you have any questions.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. William Johnson Christian Experience

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson	Mrs. Robbie Alexander	Mrs. Roslyn Barksdale	Mrs. Lizzie Barfield
Mrs. Shirley Bateman	Mrs. Oweta Bowman	Mrs. Jeanette and Mr. Kirk Brown	Mrs. Corean Carter
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Mr. James and Mrs. Charlotte Mulkey	Mr. Willie and Mrs. Sheralin Mitchell	Deacon Bruce and Mrs. Dot Scott	
Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Carla Smith	Trustee Will and Mrs. Gloria Wright	Mr. Gerald Embry	
Deacon Charlie and Mrs. Sandra Wesley	Mr. Raymond and Mrs. Larnette LeBlanc	Mr. James T. Clark	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

December 14 Mrs. Mary Odukoya, Mrs. Dana Cruz, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Sharon Shumpert **December 16** Deacon Archie Brown, Mr. George Pines **December 17** Mrs. Carolyn Meadors **December 18** Ms. Yvonne Lewis **December 19** Mr. Jason Prewitt **December 20** Mrs. Lory Pope

DEACON OF THE WEEK - DECEMBER 14-20, 2025

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Daniel Martin**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Martin can be reached at (210) 393-6821 .

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, December 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

ADVENT SERVICE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 11:30 A.M. CHAPEL
LUNCH WITH THE KING 12:00 P.M. S.H. JAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)
PRESENTS

WMU WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 20

9 A.M. TO 10 A.M. REGISTRATION &
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
SESSIONS BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.
LUNCH & FASHION SHOW 12:30

Spiritual Spa Moment

Head & Neck Massage - First 9 registrants

Making Lemonade out of Lemons

Sister Marcelynn Saine - Facilitator

What is God Asking ME to Do?

Sister Beverly Mathis - Facilitator

Meditation - Sanctuary of Silence

The Power of Prayer in Every Season

Rev. Angela Jackson

Are you Suffering in Silence?

Rev. Mignon Jones Spann

Legacy of Women in Scripture

Rev. Agra Nell Thompson

Let's Move

Deacon Archie Brown

Sister Candi Ellis-Davis, President, WMU

Dr. Eva M. Mason, Chairperson/Retreat

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JOIN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025



FOR THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST
9:40 A.M. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
IN THE S.H. JAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MAHOGANY BRAIN CHALLENGE 2026



Second Baptist Church will be participating in the Mahogany Brain Challenge 2026 Competition. The Mahogany Brain Challenge is an African American History quiz competition that allows our youth to explore their heritage and culture by learning information about notable African Americans and their contributions to American Society.

The competition is open to students in grades 3-8.
It will be held on February 28, 2026.

If your student is interested in participating
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Second Baptist Church Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.

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