

1879 "THE FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2026

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

**"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**

**JANUARY 4, 2026**  
**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."**

**The Preparation for Worship** “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?” Isaiah 43:18-19

**The Prelude** “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last” Raymond Rasberry      Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist  
**The Call To Worship and the Invocation**      Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

### WORSHIP IN PRAISE

**\*The Opening Hymn of Praise**

**“Love Lifted Me”**

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me— Now safe am I. **Refrain: Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me; Love lifted me.**

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. **Refrain:**

**\*The Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 100: 1-5**

Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

**Minister:**

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**People:**

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

**\*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. Ella Saine

### WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

**The Morning Prayer**

Deacon Lawrence Harkless

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

**The Offertory Sentence and Prayer** Rev. Angela Jackson and **The Hand Bell Choir** Mrs. Alice 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**

**“Total Praise”**

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Sermon**

**“New Year, New Covenant. Fresh Fire!”**

Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

**The Text:** “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’” Jeremiah 31:31-34 NIV

**The Invitation to Discipleship**

**“I Give Myself Away”**

The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Service of Holy Communion**

Rev. Keith Jackson

**The Communion Hymn**

**“I Know It Was the Blood”**

I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood for me. **Refrain: One day when I was lost He died upon the cross. I know it was the blood for me.**

They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side for me. **Refrain:**

He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died for me. **Refrain:**

**The Benediction**

Rev. Keith Jackson

**The Postlude** “Toccata on O God Our Help In Ages Past” arr. Gordon Young      Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

\* Please Stand

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SYMPATHY TO:** Trustee Calvin Bateman, Ms. Anita Smith, and Mrs. Ella Saine in the loss of their loved one and our member **Mrs. Shirley Bateman**. The visitation for Mrs. Bateman will be held **Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** in the **Second Baptist Church Sanctuary** and the funeral service will follow at **11:00 A.M.**

**Mrs. Jeanette and Mr. Kirk Brown** in the loss of Mrs. Brown's brother **Mr. David Washington**. The visitation for Mr. Washington will be held **Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** and the funeral service will follow at **11:00 A.M., Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 1319 Crockett St., San Antonio, Texas 78202**

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The Church Business Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 26, 2026 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 adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws and the acceptance of 2026 Budget. All members are asked to attend.

### WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson	Mrs. Robbie Alexander	Mrs. Roslyn Barksdale	Mrs. Lizzie Barfield
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Deacon Stacey and Mrs. Martha Fairbanks	Mr. Lincoln and Mrs. Nellie Hardaway		Mrs. Karen Dowden
Mr. E. B. and Mrs. Erma Jackson	Mr. Robert and Mrs. Wilma Johnson	Dr. Willie J. and Mrs. Patsy Lett	
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		

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

**January 5** Mrs. Oweta Bowman, Deacon Thomas Dunlap **January 6** Mrs. Esther Holder-Rahmen **January 7** Ms. Janice Bishop, Mrs. Thelma Pete **January 8** Mr. Cortney Nious **January 9** Josiah Duhart, Ms. Stephanie Haley, Mrs. Cornelis Jackson **January 10** Mrs. Robbie Alexander, Mr. Gerald-Keith Epps, Sr., Mrs. Ann Frye, Mr. Larry Phearse, Rev. John Sanders, Deacon Richmond Smith, Mrs. Pamula Thomas, Dr. Jerome Washington

### DEACON OF THE WEEK JANUARY 4-10, 2026,

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Bruce Scott**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Scott can be reached at (210) 316-7315

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

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



*Save the Date*

## **Jubilee Sunday Celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation**

### **NAACP Scholarship Presentation**

**Second Baptist Church  
3310 E Commerce St.  
San Antonio, TX 78220**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026  
3:00p.m.**



**Guest Speaker:  
Pastor Kevin L. Nelson**

**Dinner will be served following the service in  
the Second Baptist Church Community Center**

**Host:  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson**

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH



# SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after  
the death of a loved one!



Join Us At  
Second Baptist Church  
3310 E. Commerce Street, San Antonio Texas 78220

Grief Share Program  
Sponsored by the Earnest Worker's  
Circle of the  
Women's Missionary Union

WEEKLY SESSIONS  
BEGINNING JANUARY 7 - APRIL 1, 2026  
12:00 PM-2:00 PM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
DR. CHARLES AND DR. MARIE  
THURSTON CLASSROOM

COST: \$10.00 FOR MATERIALS



To RSVP: register online  
<https://find.griefshare.org/groups/281350>

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READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?  
DONATE A TOOTH BRUSH TO SAMMINISTRIES



## OPERATION TOOTH BRUSH

SAMMinistries is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. SAMMinistries believes that life on Earth is a community and it is their desire that all who come there will find a place which mirrors God's love for the world...

DONATION LOCATION:  
NARTHEX OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
\*DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2026

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
PRESIDENT, MRS. ERMA ELLIS-DAVIS  
REBEKAH AND DEBORAH CIRCLE

# MAHOGANY BRAIN CHALLENGE 2026

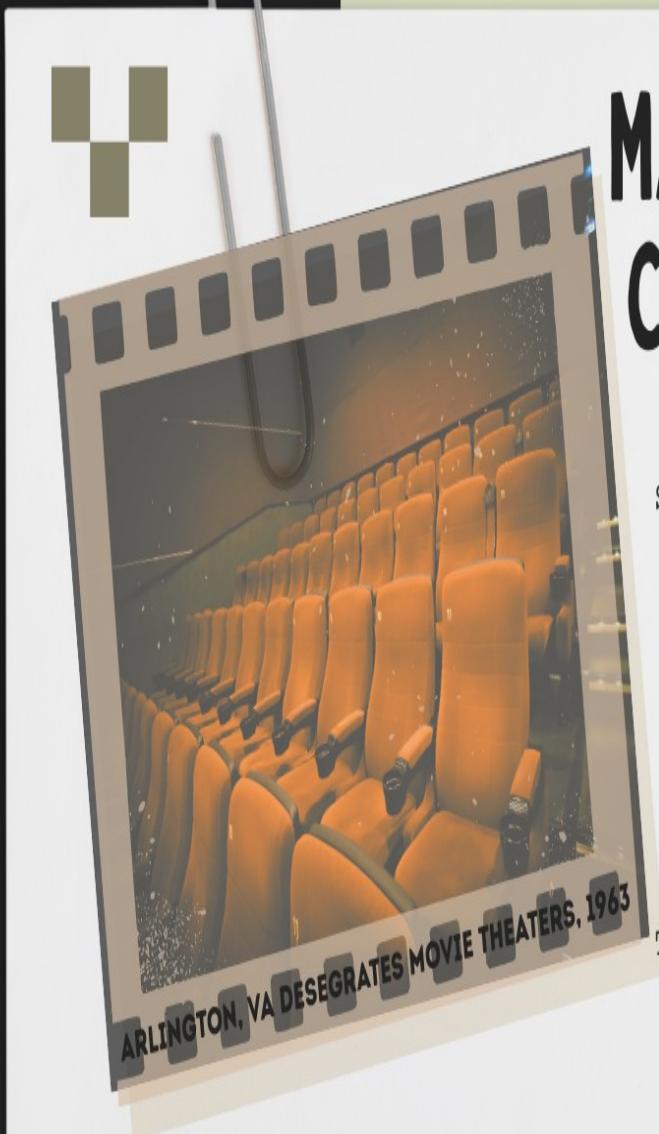


Second Baptist Church will be participating in the Mahogany Brain Challenge 2026 Competition. The Mahogany Brain Challenge is an African American History quiz competition that allows our youth to explore their heritage and culture by learning information about notable African Americans and their contributions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



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Mrs. Bridget Lewis-McKinney, Superintendent

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Mrs. Delores Doyle-Lewis, Director

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Marius Bonds, President

Niyara Wilson, Youth Director

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Mrs. Erma "Candi" Ellis-Davis, President

## YOUTH IN ACTION FOR CHRIST (Y.A.C.)

Mrs. Sandra Thomas-Ojimadu, Chairperson

Deacon Patrick Lewis, Co-Chairperson

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### ORGANIST

Mrs. LaFaye Duren

### BASS GUITAR

Mr. James Pickens

### CLARINET

Mrs. Elaine Curry

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### DRUMMER

Deacon Patrick Lewis

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Mrs. Alice Powell-Brown, Director

### COMFORTERS CHOIR

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Mrs. Ernestine "Tina" Dickerson, President

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Mrs. Alice Powell-Brown, Director

Mrs. Vanessa Lewis, President

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### JUNIOR CHOIR

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Mrs. La Faye Duren, Director

Deacon Archie Brown, President

## PRAISE DANCE AND MIME MINISTRY

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James Pickens, Jr., Drum Major

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