

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**

**"Using God's Plan to Take the Church to the Next Level"**  
**Jeremiah 29:11**

**MARCH 22, 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** “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:8

**The Prelude** “God So Loved the World” Stainer Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

**The Call To Worship and the Invocation** Rev. Dawarren Ennis

### 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** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Rev. Nicholas Williams

**Minister:** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not be have rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**People:** Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

**\*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. Virginia Pope

### WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

**The Morning Prayer** Rev. Cornell Evans

### 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 Music of Preparation** “Marvelous Things” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Sermon** “The Power of Love—God Is Love” Rev. Dawarren Ennis

**The Text:** “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4: 7-10

**The Invitation to Discipleship** “Victory in Jesus” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Benediction** Rev. Dawarren Ennis

**The Postlude** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. Thallander Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

**\* Please Stand**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU: Mrs. Karen Hudson, President, Earnest Workers Circle sends:** “A great thank you to all the Earnest Worker Circle members for the Shoe Box Luncheon as always. It was an exceptional experience, and I am deeply grateful to have shared in this experience with all that attended.”

**Mrs. Rhonda Harrison sends:** “Thank you Rev. Jemerson and my Second Baptist family for all expressions of sympathy, for the beautiful spray and resolution for my cousin, Shelia Haralson’s home going in Kansas City, Missouri. Everything was greatly appreciated!”

**The Juneteenth Freedom Coalition of San Antonio Sweetheart Valentine Dance Committee sends:** “Thank you for making an impact on this year’s event. Your generous support serves an uplifting reminder to your willingness to help the stability, prosperity and freedom we have acquired.”

**2026 AUXILIARY BUDGET AWARD NOTIFICATIONS:** Budget award notifications can be picked up from the church office Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. You may contact Trustee Martha Taylor, Chairperson of Budget at (210) 887-1935 if you have any questions.

### DEACON ROBERT A. CARTER SCHOLARSHIP

**The Deacon Robert A. Carter 2026 Scholarship Applications** are now available on the Second Baptist Church website [www.secondbaptistsat.org](http://www.secondbaptistsat.org) and in the church narthex. The deadline to submit completed applications and supporting documents is April 30, 2026. Applications may be emailed to ([baptistoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baptistoffice@sbcglobal.net)) or delivered to the church office. You may contact Deacon Washington at (210) 316-5059 if you have any questions.

### WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

**March 23** Mrs. Lenore Moon, Mrs. Claudine Singleton **March 24** Mrs. Sheila Johnson, Mr. Felton Payton **March 25** Mr. Laturel Turner, Jade Reed **March 26** Ms. Candice Nelson **March 28** Mr. Ronald Embry, Mrs. Gloria Wright

### DEACON OF THE WEEK MARCH 22-28, 2026

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Lawrence Harkless**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Harkless can be reached at (909) 208-4315.

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

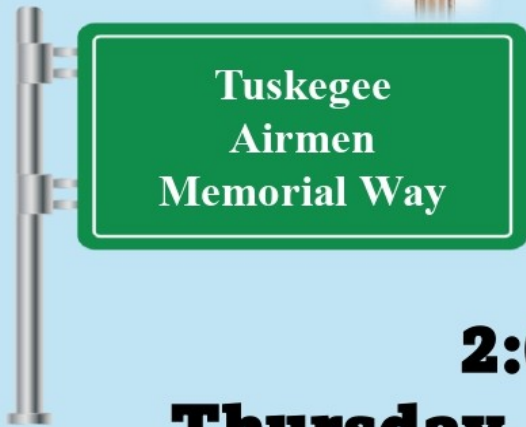
Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall

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



# THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY

Dedicating a new  
name for Iowa  
Street



Recognizing  
Tuskegee Airmen  
contributions

**2:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2026**  
**@ Iowa and Palmetto Streets**  
**San Antonio, TX**



CITY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT TWO



EMAIL QUESTIONS: [RIXSINK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RIXSINK@GMAIL.COM)

# *You're Invited*

*To the Annual Dr. MLK, Jr.  
Memorial Prayer Celebration  
Theme: One World; One Struggle  
Saturday, April 4, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.  
Second Baptist Community Center  
Agape Room*



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
JUDGE YOLANDA HUFF**



**JUDGE HUFF PRESIDES OVER COUNTY  
COURT 12 AND THE MENTAL HEALTH  
COURT IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**



**COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH TO BE SERVED**

*Sponsored by the  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Guild  
Rhonda Harrison, President*

**RSVP: TEXT 210 364 9821**

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS AND LUNCH WITH THE MESSIAH



Lenten Devotions and Lunch with the Messiah will begin Thursday, February 19, 2026, and continue on February 26, 2026, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026, and April 2, 2026 in the chapel at 11:00 A.M. Please join us for these services and fellowship opportunities.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Thursday, March 26, 2026: Rev. Dr. Ronald Benson, Bethany First Baptist Church

Thursday April 2, 2026: Rev. Kevin Nelson, Calvary Baptist Church

## Journey Through Lent in 2026

Walking Together Toward Easter

You Are Invited to Sunday School!

Join us each Sunday during Lent for a Meaningful Learning Experience

9:00 AM – Breakfast

9:40–10:40 AM – Sunday School Classes for Adults & Youth

SBC Community Center

Explore the Minor Prophets and Gospels as we Learn, Share, Grow and Reflect — seeing how God's message shaped lives then, and how it guides and strengthens us in our lives today!

### *Sunday School Weekly Lenten Journey Map*

Date	Lesson & Focus	Theme / Reflection Question
3/15/26	Malachi 3:1–10 – Faithful with Resources	Faithful stewardship matters – How can I live faithfully with the gifts God has given me?
3/22/26	Matthew 4:1–11 – Overcoming Temptation	Christ fulfills God's promises – What choices help me follow God faithfully?
3/29/26	Mark 11:1–11 – Jesus Fulfills the Promise	Christ fulfills God's promises – How do God's promises change the way I live today?
4/5/26	Luke 24:1–12, 30–35 – The Core of Christian Belief	The Resurrection brings new life – What does the Resurrection mean for my life today?

**Take the Journey with Us This Lent**

San Antonio (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated Present

# Scholarship Program

# 2026



[bit.ly/LinksScholar2026](https://bit.ly/LinksScholar2026)



## Now Accepting Scholarships. Scan QR Code to Apply

The San Antonio (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is providing TEN \$3,000 scholarships to deserving local high school students who are active in supporting their community and plan to attend a college or university.

### Important Information:

- Deadline March 27, 2026 ✓
- Awardees notified in late April ✓
- 2026 Graduating Senior ✓
- Legal Resident ✓
- Community Involvement, Leadership ✓



*Linked in Friendships. Connected in Service.*  
San Antonio (TX) Chapter

For more information, Email Dr. Sharon Crockett-Ray at [Scrockett-Bell@alamo.edu](mailto:Scrockett-Bell@alamo.edu)

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