

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**

**APRIL 26, 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** “The LORD has done great things for us, *And* we are glad.” Psalm 126:3

**The Prelude** “All Creatures Of Our God and King” arr. Hopkins 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’ll Understand It Better By and By”

We are often tossed and driv’n on the restless sea of time. Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine. In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, We will understand it better by and by.

**Refrain: By and by, when the morning comes, All the saints of God are gathered home, We will tell the story how we’ve overcome; We will understand it better by and by.**

Trials dark on ev’ry hand and we cannot understand All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land, But he guides us with his eye, and we’ll follow till we die, For we’ll understand it better by and by. **Refrain:**

Temptations, hidden snares often take us unaware. And our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed, And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, But we’ll understand it better by and by. **Refrain:**

**\*The Responsive Reading** **Genesis 1: 1-10** Rev. Dr Argra Thompson

**Minister:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. Then God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

**People:** Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. Then God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear; and it was so. And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good.

**\*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. Dorothy Haley

### WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

**The Morning Prayer** Rev. Nicholas Williams

### 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** “You Know My Name” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Sermon** “Every Day God Gives Us Is A Great Day” Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

**The Text:** “Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And* I will praise the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. The stone *which* the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing; *It is* marvelous in our eyes. This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118: 19-24

**The Invitation to Discipleship** “Meet Me Here” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

**The Benediction** Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Sr., Pastor

**The Postlude** “Toccata on O Worship the King” arr. Penfield Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

**\* Please Stand**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU: Prairie View A&M University sends:** “Dear Second Baptist Church, Thank you for your generous \$1,000.00 contribution. Your investment is instrumental in advancing our mission of excellence.”

**Wiley University sends:** “Thank you for partnering with us fiscally to facilitate the next generation of leaders and scholars and ensuring the vitality of this great institution through your donation of \$1,000.00.”

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**BUSINESS MEETING:** The Church Business Meeting will be held on **Tomorrow, April 27, 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, Jr. Fellowship Hall. The Agenda will consist of the selection of special days chairpersons (i.e. Friends and Family Day, Youth Day, Men and Women’s Day, Church Anniversary). All members are asked to attend.

### 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**) 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

**April 27** Mrs. Lynda Boston, Mr. Kerwin Bryant, Mrs. Eleasie Scott  
**April 28** Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mrs. Daphne Hamilton  
**April 29** Miss Dominique Pope, Mr. Jonathan Thompson  
**May 1** Nalaniya Wilson, Mrs. Sandra Peterson  
**May 2** Mrs. Jeanette Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Snell, Miss LaToya Dowden, Alana Williams

### DEACON OF THE WEEK APRIL 26-MAY 2, 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 BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study 6:30 P.M. S. H. James, Jr. Fellowship Hall  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Taylor, Bland Burns Choir Room

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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