



— • SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER • —

# REV. DR. STARSKY WILSON

PRESIDENT & CEO  
*Children's Defense Fund*

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Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is a national advocate for children and families and the President and CEO of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). Under his leadership, CDF continues its mission to ensure every child a healthy start, ahead start, a fair start, a safe start, and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

A trusted voice for justice and equity, Rev. Dr. Wilson has dedicated his life to improving the lives of children across America. He brings a powerful message of hope, opportunity, and action.

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## Second Baptist Church Will Dedicate Second Chance Freedom School Ministry National Children's Defense Fund Leader Reverend Dr. Starsky Wilson to Speak at Ceremony

Second Baptist Church is proud to announce the **Ribbon-Cutting and Dedication Ceremony for the Second Chance Freedom School Ministry** on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, 1709 John Barrow Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. Children's Defense Fund (CDF) President and CEO **Reverend Dr. Starsky Wilson will serve as the keynote speaker, helping commemorate this milestone occasion.**

The historic celebration will officially launch the church's new Freedom School initiative, a transformative ministry designed to support children through literacy development, academic enrichment, leadership training, and cultural empowerment.

The community is invited to attend this special worship service and community event and hear from Wilson, a nationally recognized leader and advocate for children and families.

The **ribbon-cutting ceremony** will mark the launch of the Second Chance Freedom School Ministry. Participants will include church leadership, servant leaders, contractors, trustees, generosity initiative leaders, and members of the Freedom School Committee.

Additional remarks will be provided by:

Dr. Maurice Watson, Sr., Pastor, Second Baptist Church  
Mayor Frank Scott Jr., City of Little Rock  
Rev. Judge Wendell L. Griffin, New Millennium Church

The program will also feature:

Official Dedication of the Second Chance Freedom School Ministry  
Children's Choir Presentation  
Community Celebration of Educational Excellence and Opportunity

The Second Chance Freedom School Ministry reflects Second Baptist Church's ongoing commitment to investing in children, strengthening families, and improving educational outcomes throughout the

community. Through this initiative, the church seeks to inspire a new generation of learners, leaders, and change-makers.

At Second Baptist Church, we believe: "Children Grow Here."

Media coverage is also welcomed and encouraged. For additional information, interviews, or media coordination, please contact:

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