

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

**“I HAVE BAPTIZED
YOU WITH WATER;
BUT HE WILL
BAPTIZE YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

MARK 1:8

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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JANUARY 7, 2024
10:00AM
HOLY COMMUNION



THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

• THE DOXOLOGY

#647

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.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice, to you, O Lord, I will sing.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME Hymn #68 –How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

[REFRAIN]

3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

[REFRAIN]

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

Minister: ¹ **In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,**

People: ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Minister: ³ **Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.**

People: ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

ALL: ⁵ **God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

***THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE**

(IN THE TUNE OF #258)

"From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue."

***The Contemporary Decalogue**

Leader: Hear the commandments of God to His people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

*The Contemporary Decalogue (continued)

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

AME HYMN #627

*"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 WITHOUT END. AMEN."*

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL

THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE SERMON

**REVEREND DR. LARRY W. HUDSON, SR.,
PRESIDING ELDER, NORTH ATLANTA DISTRICT**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS



THE PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord, I recognize that I am a sinner. Lord, I am sorry for my sins, and I am ready to change my life. I accept your forgiveness. I confess with my mouth that you are Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead; therefore, according to the word I am saved. The Bible says "if any person be in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old is passed away and behold all things become new." Lord, I thank you for my salvation.



****VISITORS MAY REGISTER THEIR ATTENDANCE ONLINE ON THE BIG BETHEL GUEST REGISTRATION FORM. THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US AND FEEL FREE TO COME AGAIN!!**



†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

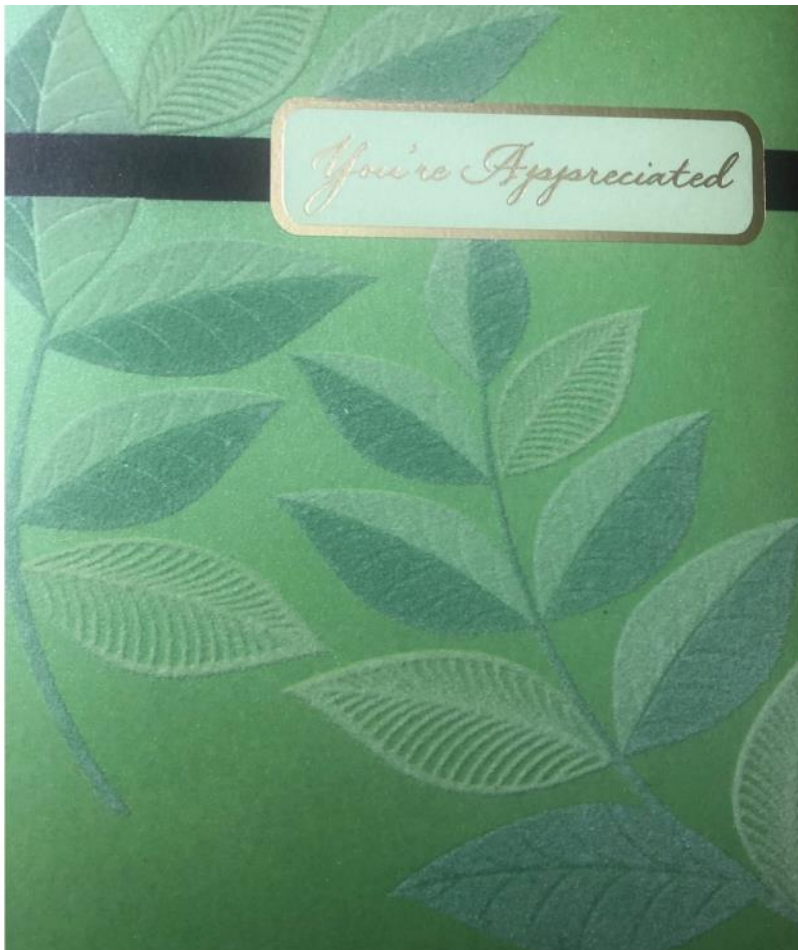
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sin and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†THE BENEDICTION



BIG BETHEL FAMILY:
THANKS FOR YOUR
PRAYERS, LOVE & GIFTS
DURING THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS.

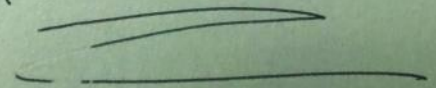
HAPPY NEW YEAR



PASTOR FOSTER



SIS. MARY ANN



Presiding Elder Hudson: A True Visionary with a Heart for God



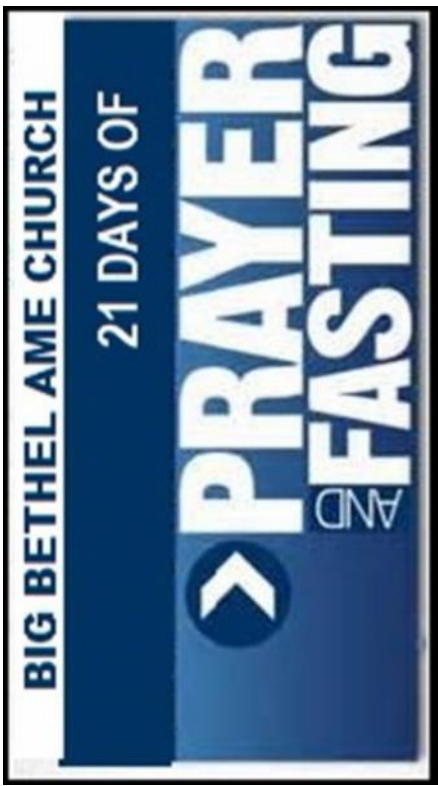
Presiding Elder Dr. Larry W. Hudson, Sr. is a native of Rome, Georgia where he attended the public elementary and high schools. He is a graduate of Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia with a Bachelor of Science Degree and earned a Master of Divinity Degree from the Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was bestowed upon him by Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia in 2015. The South District of the Atlanta-North Georgia Conference honored Elder Hudson as Presiding Elder of the Year in May 2016. In September 2016, the Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization honored Elder Hudson as Outstanding Presiding Elder of the Year during their Biennial Convention.

He accepted his call to ministry in 1975 at his home church, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Rome, Georgia. His visionary and perceptive leadership has been demonstrated in all of his pastoral appointments which include: Bethel A.M.E. Church (Woodbury, Georgia); Bush Chapel A.M.E. Church (Zebulon, Georgia) the church constructed a new edifice; Cleveland Chapel A.M.E. Church (McDonough, Georgia) the church completed a major renovation; Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church (Rock Mart, Georgia) the church constructed an annex; St. Thomas A.M.E. Church (Thomasville, Georgia) the church underwent major renovations; Antioch A.M.E. Church (Decatur, Georgia) the church reclaimed the structure and property for the A.M.E. Church; Bethel A.M.E. Church (Augusta, Georgia) the church was relocated, and the surrounding property purchased, to provide an area that promoted opportunities for growth and community involvement. Ministries were increased and expanded into the community; and St. Mark A.M.E. Church (Atlanta, Georgia) the church was renovated with the construction of an Administration Building and elevator. Reverend Hudson was appointed Presiding Elder of the South District of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference in June 2014. He was appointed Presiding Elder of the North District of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference in June 2016. His employment career includes Adjunct Professor at Paine College, Augusta, Georgia and Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina. He has been a teacher, counselor and Assistant Director with the State of Georgia Department of Children and Youth Services, Regional Youth Detention Center. He taught secondary school at Boddie Junior High School, Milledgeville, Georgia.

Reverend Hudson served in the Armed Services during the Vietnam Era. He has received numerous awards and honors. He was inducted into the Turner Alumni Hall of Fame of Turner Theological Seminary in 2015. He has served with various civic and community organizations, including the Harrisburg Anvil (Augusta), Minority Advisory Board of WJBF (Channel 6), the Optimist Club (Augusta) and Stoklein Temple – 32 Degree Mason (Augusta) and Compass Lodge 160 (Sparta). He is a Charter Member of the Blackstone Shrine Club of Sparta, Georgia. However, his greatest honor is being called to preach the Word of God. Knowing as Nehemiah “The God of heaven, he will prosper us”, he led the South District – “Rebuilding and Retooling for the Future”. With the Lord’s guidance, the North District will see that “The Best Is Yet To Come”.

Presiding Elder Hudson serves as Treasurer and Trustee of the Sixth Episcopal District, and the Treasurer of the Trustee Board of Turner Theological Seminary. He is the Fourth Year Advisor of the Atlanta North Georgia Conference Board of Examiners. He has worked diligently alongside others to save and restore the reputation of Morris Brown College – a true treasure of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He serves the A.M.E. Church at the Connectional Level as a member of the Episcopal Committee of The General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church since first being elected in 1996.

Presiding Elder Hudson has been married to Barbara Clayton Hudson for over 40 years and is the father of three children and the grandfather of nine.



BIG BETHEL 21 DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER - 2024!!!

Let us begin the New Year with a period of Fasting and Prayer from **January 2nd through 22nd, 2024**. During this period of Fasting and Praying each member is asked to **Give Up/Refrain from an item of food or activity** that is **personally important**. **Our Global Prayer Line will pray weekly Monday through Saturday at 6:00 AM!** Also included with this period is a **12-noon Daily Prayer Time** where members are asked to pray individually during this hour wherever you are located.

**VIRTUAL DAY OF PRAYER
ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 2024
8AM TO 4 PM**

**Call-In Instructions for all Days/Times
605-472-5512 Code 772576 #**

Big Bethel AME Church 2024 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer Daily Prayer Topics

Day	Date	Description
Tuesday	1/2/2024	God's Authority
Wednesday	1/3/2024	Church Leadership
Thursday	1/4/2024	Salvation for unsaved
Friday	1/5/2024	Open Communication/Dialogue
Saturday	1/6/2024	Loss of life thru violence/injury
Sunday	1/7/2024	Religious disengagement/disorganization
Monday	1/8/2024	United States Government
Tuesday	1/9/2024	Social/Economic Justice
Wednesday	1/10/2024	Bridge divide of relatability between the church and young people
Thursday	1/11/2024	Abused and exploited children.
Friday	1/12/2024	Youth of the nation.
Saturday	1/13/2024	Sick and Shut In/Care givers
Sunday	1/14/2024	Bible Illiteracy/ Christian Education
Monday	1/15/2024	Three Branches of Government
Tuesday	1/16/2024	Comfort for bereaved family and friends
Wednesday	1/17/2024	"Gladness of God (joy of Jesus) in our heart".
Thursday	1/18/2024	Church's Mission of Discipleship/Service
Friday	1/19/2024	Community Partnerships/Outreach
Saturday	1/20/2024	Peace in Our World
Sunday	1/21/2024	Morris Brown and other church-supported universities.
Monday	1/22/2024	Our Educational System



Big Bethel's JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p>7 8:30 AM Virtual Sunday School- (712) 778-8972, Code 440772# 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 2:00PM Next Shift (S) 12Noon Prayer Religious disengagement/ disorganization</p> <p>WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>1 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p> <p>8 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer - United States Government</p>	<p>2 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer -God's Authority WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478</p> <p>9 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer Social/Economic Justice WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478 6:30PM Virtual CS & F Meeting</p>	<p>3 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, 12Noon Prayer- Church 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study (605) 472-5512</p> <p>10 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer-Bridging the gap: relatability between the young and old people 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study (605) 472-5512</p>
<p>14 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 12Noon-Prayer-Bible Illiteracy/ Christian Education 1000 YOUTH CHURCH 200PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p> <p>WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>15 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer-Three Branches of Government</p> <p>16 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer-Comfort for bereaved family and friends WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478</p>	<p>17 8:00AM SPECIAL D "Gladness of God in our hearts" 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183</p>	
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<p>28 8:30AM Virtual Church School 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p> <p>WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>29 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>30 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478</p>	<p>31 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study (605) 472-5512</p>
<p>Join Us! for IN-Person & Virtual Worship 10AM & 2PM</p> <p> LIVE @BigBethelAME</p> <p>WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org</p>			<p>The END starts with YOU!</p>

2024 Events Calendar



	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>all Code 772576# Church Leadership ole Study- 83 Code: 673604 e Study 12, Code 772576#</p>	<p>4 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer - Salvation for unsaved</p>	<p>5 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer -Open Communication/ Dialogue</p>	<p>6 8:00 Love Feast 9:00AM Ministerial Staff Mtg 12Noon-Prayer-Loss of life thru violence/injury 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</p>
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<p>0 AM—4:00PM AY OF PRAYER (Joy of Jesus) in art".</p> <p>Study- 3 Code: 673604</p>	<p>18 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer: Church's Mission Of Discipleship/Service</p> <p>6:30PM Virtual Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>19 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer-Community/Community Partnerships/Outreach</p>	<p>20 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12Noon-Prayer-Peace in Our World 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</p>
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12, Code 772576#

**Love
Thy 
Neighbor!**



Stay home
if you are sick



Cover your nose and
mouth when you
cough and sneeze



Wash your hands




Avoid touching
your eyes, nose
and mouth with
unwashed hands



Disinfect surfaces
and objects



*Thank God for the new year...and another chance
to get it right because The Best is yet to come!!*





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays during this month!

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| 1/1 | Raymond Richardson, Jozan Powell-Wright, Delores Turner | 1/18 | Evelyn Johnson, Taylor Fulton |
| 1/2 | Cheryl Taylor | 1/19 | Tony Jones, Jr., Sherri Wright, Sharard Pritchett, Zanetta Johnson |
| 1/3 | Dawn Montgomery | 1/20 | Sheila Austin, Bambia Boykin, Delaine Jones, Jairius Wilson, Dean Yarbrough |
| 1/5 | Cornelius Pettway, Brenda Childs, | 1/21 | Naja Mix |
| 1/6 | JoAnn Brazil, Aleavy Glover, Cynthia Turner, | 1/22 | Joseph Young, |
| 1/9 | Sutton Pritchett, | 1/23 | Michael Kennedy, Ruby Parham, Nadasia Robbins |
| 1/10 | Bridgett Smith | 1/24 | Curtis Eppes, Batsile Senatle |
| 1/11 | Adrian Gantt | 1/25 | Gloria Howard, Devon Cameron, Rev. Gwen Senatle, Savannah Pritchett |
| 1/12 | Raleigh Durden | 1/27 | Chanta Miller, Rev. Ali Holness-Roland, Monique Blanding, Jennifer Marie Charles, Carola McFarland |
| 1/13 | Mary Dansby, Jessica Parker, Theresa Robinson, | 1/28 | Keith Halford |
| 1/15 | John Jordan, | 1/29 | Jacqueline Michael, Colette Hughey |
| 1/16 | Tierre Brooks, Kimberly Looney, Rev. Joyce Young, Pearlean Spottsville | 1/31 | Jacqueline Eppes, Sherri Miller |
| 1/17 | Keaton Mitchell, Rev. Norris Walters | | |



COME ON HOME FOR *Christmas* 2023

Thank You!!

Dear Big Bethel Family

Thank you for your great participation in our service programs during Advent season. The response was very successful as 60 gift requests were fulfilled for foster children and thanks to the Lay organization we were able to give gift cards for 19 children in the Saturday Academy

The Poinsettias for Love Ones provided a beautiful sanctuary especially for the Christmas concert which was so inspirational for the many people who attended the program. Additionally, the reception hosted by the committee after the concert was truly a time of fellowship.

Three very large boxes of gifts were collected for the Gifts of Warmth program. They will be given to two homeless shelters for successful and men. In addition, funds donated for COHFC are used to give donations to social service agencies.

Excitement was in the air on Sick and Shut In Sunday as members selected the name of someone they would reach out to at this time. There were two cards for each sick and shut in member and therefore 38 people had the opportunity to participate in this lovely service program.

May God continue to bless your efforts to brighten the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in 2024!

The Come On Home For Christmas Committee



THE GIVING TREE



POINSETTIAS FOR LOVE ONES



COHFC ANNUAL CONCERT 4:00 PM.



GIFTS OF WARMTH



SICK AND SHUT IN, CAREGIVERS RECOGN

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District
 Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson ESQ., Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District
 The Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson Sr., Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

THE REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

The Reverend Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor
 The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D., Director of Christian Education & Chaplain for Big Bethel Village

Reverend Jessica Buford, *Thrive* College & Young Adult Ministry

Bro. Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Worship & Arts

ITINERANT ELDERS

The Reverend John Foster, Ph.D.,
 The Reverend Shrala Askins,
 The Reverend Jessica Buford,
 The Reverend Wilbert Hobbs,
 The Reverend Ali Holness-Roland,
 The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D.,
 The Reverend Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.,
 The Reverend Dr. Charlene Maddox,
 The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker,
 The Reverend William Spottsville,
 The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White,
 The Reverend Joyce Young

SUPERANNUATE

The Right Reverend Frank C. Cummings,
 The Reverend George Davis,

LOCAL ELDERS

The Reverend Bessie Donaldson,
 The Reverend Betty Miley,
 The Reverend Evelyn Jones,
 The Reverend Charmain Purvis,
 The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle

Licentiate

Bro. Jermaine Lawrence
 Bro. Maurice Eckstein
 Sis. Elaine W. Williams

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes	Stewards	Stewards	Drs. Stanley Pritchett & Chris Parker
Choir	Babcock-Young Voices of Unity ~Tamika Kelley Dir.	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
Philippians	Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	<i>R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Alicia Oden and Rose Schofield	AV Ministry	Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins
Finance Team 			

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
	January 7, 2024	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11

  **Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our calls.**  

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806

Bro. Horace Ford (770) 478-3013

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Elizabeth Parks (Liz) (404) 691-4590

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Senior Pastor

Hybrid Virtual WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

**EVERY
1ST, 2ND, &
3RD SUNDAY
8:45AM**

The "Discipleship - New Members" Ministry Team invites the entire Big Bethel congregation to join us for the occasion to explore the New Members Orientation and to study "Discipleship".

**BIG BETHEL MEMBERS
USE THIS OPPORTUNITY!**



ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.bigbethelame.org
o Go to the "Resources" tab, scroll down to "Member Services"
o Scroll down and click on the "Discipleship-NewMemberClass" button.
o Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the Zoom Class.



LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, CHURCH AND US!

Henry McNeal Turner Theological Seminary HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD

Turner Theological Seminary
has selected

The Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD

as a

**Henry McNeal Turner Theological Seminary
Hall of Fame Inductee**

**10th Annual Ceremony to be held:
February 6, 2024**

The Buckhead Club

3344 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30326



**TTS HALL OF FAME
GALA TICKET INFO**



**TTS HALL OF FAME
DIGITAL AD BOOKLET INFO**

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THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
THE "WOKE" EXPRESS - January Edition

Monthly Health Awareness
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Annual Membership Drive**

Date: January 21st

Starts After 10:00 AM Service

Hors D'oeuvres will be served.

Featuring Lecture by

Rev. Monica C. Jones, PhD

TOPIC: Christian Nationalism



Rev. Monica C. Jones, PhD



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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

After Church

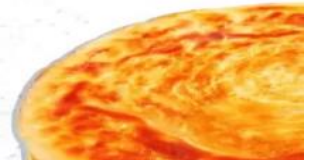
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After 10AM Worship in FELLOWSHIP HALL



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Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.,
Senior Pastor

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Black History & Heritage Ministry
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MLK DAY

Celebration



THEME:

"It Starts With Me: Shifting The Cultural Climate Through
The Study and Practice of Kingian Nonviolence"

GUEST SPEAKER

THE HONORABLE FANI WILLIS

District Attorney of Fulton County Georgia

JANUARY 14, 2024 | 10:00 AM

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