



# Sunday, January 12, 2025

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN No. 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 into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

**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 to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

**Minister:** For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

**People:** They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

**People:** But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

**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. (Psalm 19:14)

**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. (Psalm 98:1,4)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....A.M.E. Hymn #513 Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand.

1. Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand, Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

**Refrain:** Hold to God’s unchanging hand, Hold to God’s unchanging hand; Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

2. Trust in Him who will not leave you, Whatsoever years may bring, If by earthly friends forsaken Still more closely to Him cling. **[Refrain]**

3. When your journey is completed, If to God you have been true, Fair and bright the home in glory Your enraptured soul will view. **[Refrain]**

#### The INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....REMNANTS OF PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

**Minister:** <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....Luke 3:15-17; 21-22**

**People:** <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Minister:** <sup>17</sup> **His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."**

**People:** <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

**All:** <sup>22</sup> **and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

**THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....IN THE TUNE OF AME HYMN #72**

*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 SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE**

*Hear what Christ our Savior said: "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 hang all the law and the prophets".*

**THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMN #626**

*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, Amen.*

**THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....REMNANTS OF PRAISE ENSEMBLE**

**THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING**

**Exodus 35:22**

<sup>22</sup> All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD.

**THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**\*\*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!!**



# Big Bethel Christian Education Ministries 2025

Adult study 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays-Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzI0RGQlqNmVYYORsRFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09>

**BIBLE  
STUDY**

Women's Bible study 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays-Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZ1lsaEtiL3ROdlBNQVpFQT09>

Big Bethel Village 4:00 p.m.

Mondays by phone - (202) 926-1123 code 673604

*Come learn with us!*

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

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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
January 12, 2025	<a href="#">Isaiah 43:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 29</a>	<a href="#">Acts 8:14-17</a>	<a href="#">Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</a>





## \$\$ CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS \$\$

- Paper contribution statements will be mailed via USPS and Electronic contribution statements will be emailed on **Wednesday January 22, 2025** *[please be sure to check your inbox or your junk mail on this date for an item from [automail@360members.com](mailto:automail@360members.com)].*

If you do not receive your statement, please contact Ed Jones at 404-827-9707 ext. 109 or [erjones@bigbethelame.org](mailto:erjones@bigbethelame.org).

Thank you for your contributions in support of Big Bethel AME Church! ☺



## ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Announcements and other information to be **PRINTED** in the bulletin must be received by 12Noon on **WEDNESDAY** each week

Please email them to Phyllis Smiley at [psmiley@bigbethelame.org](mailto:psmiley@bigbethelame.org)

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# MLK DAY

Theme:

**MISSION POSSIBLE:**

Protecting Freedom, Justice, and  
Democracy In The Spirit of  
Nonviolence 365



## Celebration



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.  
Fulton County District 5



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# 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!



NEW MEMBERS

ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org)

- Go to the "Resources" tab, scroll down to "Member Services"
- Scroll down and click on the "Discipleship-NewMemberClass" button.
- 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!



## You're Invited

Join us as we celebrate the extraordinary legacy of

*Brenda Thomas Lyles*



OVER 30+ YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE  
TO BIG BETHEL CHURCH

From her roles as Handbell Maestro, Choir Director, Heaven Bound Musician, DMC Coordinator, Musician, Travel Agent, and Wedding Planner, Brenda's talents and spirit have left an indelible mark on our church family.

LET'S GATHER TO HONOR HER INCREDIBLE JOURNEY AND WISH HER BLESSINGS AS SHE EMBARKS ON A NEW CHAPTER IN VIRGINIA.

JANUARY

SUNDAY **19** 12:00 NOON  
2025

! Fellowship Hall, Big Bethel AMEC

Come share in the love, laughter & memories!

Caregiving



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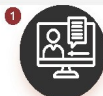
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CAREGIVING WHILE BLACK: LIVE**

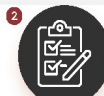
**BLACK DEMENTIA CAREGIVER STUDY  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### Study Overview:

OVER 2-MONTHS, YOU WILL LEARN  
SKILLS TO MANAGE HOME LIFE, NAVIGATE THE  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, OVERSEE FINANCES,  
& PRACTICE SELF-CARE.



Attend weekly  
group learning  
sessions via  
Zoom



Complete daily  
course lessons  
online



Complete interviews  
& surveys to give  
feedback

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ♥ 18 years & older
- ♥ Access to the internet
- ♥ Identify as Black/African American
- ♥ Caring for a person with dementia or memory loss



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## Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvaKtMrYvM9uae7rK5w6g>

# BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

## Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvaKtMrYvM9uae7rK5w6g>

**Thrive-Every other Tuesday@ 7pm-**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238857567>

For details contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



## Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZlIsaEtiL3ROdlBNQVpFQT09>

NEW



Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday

### Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD

**SAME AS Adult Sunday**

**School ZOOM LINK**

## Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM Worship Sunday 3PM

**PH: (202) 926-1123**

**Code: 673604#**



Isaiah 43: <sup>19</sup> See, I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

## Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

PH: (605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

## Wednesday 7PM

### Discipleship Bible Study

PH: (605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

## Youth Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 10:00AM

**Zoom Meeting ID: 775-4987-0483**

**Password: YEr10W**

## Seasoned Saints Thursdays @ 12pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82655698611>

Dial in #: 1 929 205 6099 -  
Meeting ID: 826 5569 8611

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293

NEW



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

## Adult Sunday School 8:30AM

PH: (309) 205-3325 Code: 7789893084#

**ZOOM LINK:**

**ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultclass**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzI0RGlnNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09>

## Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly  
[ejolly@comcast.net](mailto:ejolly@comcast.net)

**Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!**