

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA 10:00AM Worship Service JANUARY 19, 2025

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THEME: "MISSION POSSIBLE: PROTECTING FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY IN THE SPIRIT OF NONVIOLENCE 365"

WORSHIP LEADER: Ms. RACQUEL BATTLE

MOMENTS OF REVERENCE......THE RECORDED VOICE OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE ORGAN PRELUDE......MR. KELVIN THOMPSONA.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 Ms. RACQUEL BATTLE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HYMNAL) Leader: In every era, God has chosen men and women to serve the needs of his people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth we celebrate. We are deeply thankful for the life of this twentieth century prophet. People: May the wisdom and words of Martin Luther King, Jr., rekindle our faith. Leader^{::} May the deep love that Dr. King had for all people be released in us, that we too might work miracles in the lives of those who continue to hate. People: Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness and fear. Leader: May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation. May all people come to believe that with perseverance, "We Shall Overcome".

ALL: Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us

that we will get there one day. God of Glory, be with us on the journey.



"But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream". (AM4:24)

People:

THE HYMN OF PRAISE......# 571 - Lift Every Voice and Sing

- 1. Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and Heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.
- 2. Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

Minister: ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch.

People: ² The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

Minister: ³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

People: ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

All: ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE......(In the Tune of AME Hymn #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 SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Ms. GLORIA PRITCHETT

And Jesus 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 great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

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 WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	BIG BETHEL CHORALE
THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL	THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY
THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Ms. Carla Morrison Chairwoman MLK Sunday Service
THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	BIG BETHEL CHORALE
THE MESSAGE	The Honorable Marvin S. Arrington. Jr.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Acts 2:44-45

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS



THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BRO. RICHARD MARION—HISTORY & HERITAGE MINISTRY
PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE MOVEMENT HYMN

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

We shall overcome, We shall overcome some day. Oh deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day.

THE BENEDICTION

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER



**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!!

HISTORY & HERITAGE MINISTRY

Ms. Racquel Battle Ms. Betty Cox Mrs. Eunice Davis Ms. Carol Dove Ms. Jackie Herring Ms. Deborah Hutchison Ms. Pamela Hurst Mr. Richard Marion Ms. Nannette McGee

Ms. Carla Morrison

Mr. William Petty Mrs. Gloria Pritchett Mr. Ernest Tate

Mrs. M. Paulyne Morgan White Mr. Kenneth Willhoite





SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE						
Acolytes	Stewards	Stewards	Samuel Stephens			
Choir	Big Bethel Chorale ~Tamika Kelley ~ Dir.ector	Trustees	Floyd Baxter			
Philippians	Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #1			
Stewardesses	R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry	AV Ministry	Phyllislorena Smiley & Brandon Collins			
Finance Team						

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS					
Second Sunday after the Epiphany	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel	
January 19, 2025	<u>Isaiah 62:1-5</u>	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-	John 2:1-11	



🖊 📞 Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our calls. 🌙 🛑





Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Miriam Redding

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



The Honorable Marvin S. Ferington, Fr.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Marvin Arrington, Jr. is a renowned "Super" lawyer with over 25 years of litigation and judicial process and serves as District 5 Commissioner of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (BOC). The son of Marvin Arrington, Sr., retired Fulton

County Superior Court Justice and former City of Atlanta Council President, and Marilyn Arrington, a retired educator; Mr. Arrington adheres to a strong creed of community service and empowerment.

Over the past three decades, Mr. Arrington has created opportunities to provide education, entertainment, and empowerment to Georgia communities through his various entrepreneurial enterprises and civic initiatives. As an attorney, Arrington is a partner at the law practices of Arrington & Phillips, LLP, and principal at Arrington Law, where he serves client in criminal, civil, intellectual property, and homeowners associations matters. As an entrepreneur, Marvin is a filmmaker, author, and founder of various regional events and initiatives.

Through Fulton County Government, Commissioner Arrington serves approximately 170,000 residents in the cities of Atlanta, East Point, South Fulton, Union City, and College Park. Commissioner Arrington is the fourth Fulton County commissioner and only male to become a certified county commissioner through ACCG and the Carl Vinson Institute. In addition to his certification, Commissioner Arrington is a trained Annexation Arbitration Panelist through a partnership between the Georgia Municipal Association and ACCG. Commissioner Arrington has served as vice chair of the BOC, and currently serves as an executive sponsor for Fulton County's Strategic Priority Areas, Arts & Culture and Economic Development & Infrastructure. As an executive sponsor, Commissioner Arrington uses his legal and entertainment backgrounds to craft policies and initiatives to enhance Fulton County's residents' quality of life.

Arrington serves as on the Board of Directors for McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority, Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority, National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO), Georgia Association of Black County Officials (GABCO), and The Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia. He is also a member National Association of Counties (NACo), where he serves on a Vice Chair of both Arts & Culture Commission and Justice and Public Safety Committee.

Raised in southwest Atlanta, Marvin is a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., Marvin is a proud alumnus of both the University of Virginia and Emory Law School. A resident of SW Atlanta, Marvin is the proud father of four daughters.











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=NzlDRGlq NmVYYORsRFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09

Women's Bible study 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays-Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaTlw Z1lsaEtiL3ROdlBNQVpFQT09

Big Bethel Village 4:00 p.m.

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

Come learn with us!





\$\$ 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).

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

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR—1929-1968

January 15, 1929—Michael King, later known as Martin Luther King, Jr., is born at 501 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, Georgia.

September ,1944—King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

August 6, 1946—The Atlanta Constitution publishes King's letter to the editor stating that black people "are entitled to the basic rights and opportunities of American citizens."

February 25, 1948—King is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

June 8, 1948—King receives his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.

September 14, 1948—King begins his studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

May 6-8, 1951—King graduates from Crozer with a bachelor of divinity degree, delivering the valedictory address at commencement.

September 13, 1951—King begins his graduate studies in systematic theology at Boston University.

June 18, 1953—King and Coretta Scott are married at the Scott home near Marion, Alabama.

September 1, 1954—King begins his pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

June 5, 1955—King is awarded his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.

November 17, 1955—Yolanda Denise King, the Kings' first child, is born.

December 1-5, 1955—Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to vacate her seat and move to the rear of a city bus in Montgomery to make way for a white passenger. Jo Ann Robinson and other Women's Political Council members mimeograph thousands of leaflets calling for a one-day boycott of the city's buses on Monday, 5 December. At a mass meeting at Holt Street Baptist Church, the Montgomery Improvement Association(MIA) is formed. King becomes its president.

January 27-30, 1956—According to King's later account in *Stride Toward Freedom*, he receives a threatening phone call late in the evening, prompting a spiritual revelation that fills him with strength to carry on in spite of persecution. On January 30, at 9:15 p.m., while King speaks at a mass meeting, his home is bombed. His wife and daughter are not injured. Later King addresses an angry crowd that gathers outside the house, pleading for nonviolence.

November 13, 1956—The U.S. Supreme Court affirms the lower court opinion in *Browder v. Gayle* declaring Montgomery and Alabama bus segregation laws unconstitutional.

December 21, 1956—Montgomery City Lines resumes full service on all routes. King is among the first passengers to ride the buses in an integrated fashion.

January 10-11, 1957—Southern black ministers meet in Atlanta to share strategies in the fight against segregation. King is named chairman of the Southern Negro Leaders Conference on Transportation and Nonviolent Integration (later known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC).

February 18, 1957—King appears on the cover of *Time* magazine.

May 17, 1957—At the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., King delivers his first national address, "Give Us The Ballot," at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom.

June 13, 1957—King and Ralph D. Abernathy meet with Vice President Richard M. Nixon and issue a statement on their meeting.

October 23, 1957—Coretta King gives birth to their second child, Martin, III.

June 23, 1958—King and other civil rights leaders meet with President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington.

September 17, 1958—King's first book Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story is published.

September 20, 1958—During a book signing at Blumstein's Department Store in Harlem, New York, King is stabbed by Izola Ware Curry. He is rushed to Harlem Hospital where a team of doctors successfully remove a seven-inch letter opener from his chest.

February 1, 1960—King moves from Montgomery to Atlanta to devote more time to SCLC and the freedom struggle. He becomes assistant pastor to his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

January 31, 1961—Dexter Scott, King's third child, is born.

May 21, 1961— After the initial group of Freedom Riders seeking to integrate bus terminals are assaulted in Alabama, King addresses a mass rally at a mob-besieged Montgomery church.

October 16, 1961—King meets with President John F. Kennedy and urges him to issue a second Emancipation Proclamation to eliminate racial segregation.

July 27- August 10, 1962—King is arrested at an Albany, Georgia prayer vigil and jailed. After spending two weeks in jail, King is released.

September 28, 1962—During the closing session of the SCLC conference in Birmingham, Alabama, a member of the American Nazi Party assaults King, striking him twice in the face.

March 28, 1963—Bernice Albertine, King's fourth child, is born.

April 16, 1963—Responding to eight Jewish and Christian clergymen's advice that African Americans wait patiently for justice, King pens his "Letter from Birmingham Jail." King and Abernathy were arrested on 12 April and released on 19 April.

June 1963—Strength to Love, King's book of sermons, is published.

August 28, 1963—The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom attracts more than two hundred thousand demonstrators to the Lincoln Memorial. Organized by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin, the march is supported by all major civil rights organizations as well as by many labor and religious groups. King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech. After the march, King and other civil rights leaders meet with President John F. Kennedy and Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House.

September 18, 1963—King delivers the eulogy at the funerals of Addie Mae Collins, Carol Denise McNair, and Cynthia Dianne Wesley, three of the four children that were killed during the 15 September bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. Carole Robertson, the fourth victim, was buried in a separate ceremony.

October 10, 1963—U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy authorizes the FBI to wiretap King's home phone.

January 3, 1964—King is named "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

March 26, 1964—King meets Malcolm X in Washington, D.C. for the first and only time.

June 1964—King's book Why We Can't Wait is published.

July 20, 1964—King and SCLC staff launch a People-to-People tour of Mississippi to assist the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the Mississippi Freedom Summer campaign.

November 18, 1964—After King criticizes the FBI's failure to protect civil rights workers, the agency's director J. Edgar Hoover denounces King as "the most notorious liar in the country." A week later he states that SCLC is "spearheaded by Communists and moral degenerates."

December 1, 1964—King meets with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover at the Justice Department.

December 10, 1964—King receives the Nobel Peace Prize at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway. He declares that "every penny" of the \$54,000 award will be used in the ongoing civil rights struggle.

March 17-25, 1965—King, James Forman, and John Lewis lead civil rights marchers from Selma to Montgomeryafter a U.S. District judge upholds the right of demonstrators to conduct an orderly march.

August 12, 1965—King publicly opposes the Vietnam War at a mass rally at the Ninth Annual Convention of SCLC in Birmingham.

February 23, 1966—In Chicago, King meets Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad.

April 4, 1967—King delivers "Beyond Vietnam" to a gathering of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam at Riverside Church in New York City. He demands that the U.S. take new initiatives to end the war.

June 1967—King's book Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? is published.

December 4, 1967—King publicly reveals his plans to organize a mass civil disobedience campaign, the Poor People's Campaign, in Washington, D.C., to force the government to end poverty.

March 28, 1968—King leads a march of six thousand protesters in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis. The march descends into violence and looting, and King is rushed from the scene.

April 3, 1968—King returns to Memphis, determined to lead a peaceful march. During an evening rally at Mason Temple in Memphis, King delivers his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop."

April 4, 1968—King is shot and killed while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. April 9, 1968—King is buried in Atlanta.

A HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Dr. King was an influential civil rights leader — known for his work on racial equality and ending racial segregation in the United States. His life and achievements are remembered and celebrated on this day. Each year on the third Monday of January we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day and reflect on the work that still needs to be done for racial equality.

January 15, 1929

Birth of a King

Martin Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, GA.



May 17, 1957

The King's Speech

King makes his first address to the nation, 'Give Us the Ballot,' at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.



August 28, 1963

The Dream

King delivers his famous 'I Have a
Dream' speech at the Lincoln
Memorial on the day that more
than 200,000 demonstrators
participate in the March on
Washington for Jobs and
Freedom.



December 10, 1964

The Ultimate Prize

King wins the Nobel Peace Prize.



April 4, 1968

Tragedy Strikes

After delivering his final speech,
'I've Been to the Mountaintop,' in
Memphis the day before, King is
shot and killed on the balcony of
the Lorraine Motel.



1980

Stevie Wonder Calls for Action

Stevie Wonder releases 'Happy Birthday,' a song in which he not only celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday but also laments the fact that anyone would oppose the idea of a Dr. King holiday.



1986

The First Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed for the very first time.



2000

Unity

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed by all 50 states for the first time.



This January 16th, make the holiday more than just a day off and take time to reflect and take action on civil rights issues.

^{*}Excerpts from nationaltoday.com



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

21 DAYS



Global Prayer Line will pray Give Up/Refrain from an item of food or activity that is personal weekly Monday through Saturday at 6:00 AM! Also included with a 12-noon Daily Prayer Time

FInd DAILY TOPICS at https://www.blgbethelame.org/Prayer



VIRTUAL DAY OF PRA WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025 8AM TO 4 PM

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



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

Thrive-Every other Tuesday@7pmhttps://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238857567

Fordetails contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Sludy





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#

> > > Seasoned Saints -Thursdays @ 12pm

NEW

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



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

Adult Sunday School 8:30AM

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

ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultalass

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd= NzIDRGIqNmVYY0RsRFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09

Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

PH:(605)-472-5512 Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study

PH: (605)-472-5512 Code: 772576#

Youth Church 2nd Sundays 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 775-4987-0483 Password: YEr10W

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

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

