

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2025

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## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR



## Sunday, February 2, 2025 10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE PRELUDE

#### **BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON**

#### **\*THE DOXOLOGY**

#### AME HYMNAL #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: Oh God, you have heard the anguished cries of our ancestors. Their sounds echo and penetrate time to remind us of our fore parents who were brutally captured and forcibly enslaved, as they left the peaceful womb of their African homeland.

People: "Stony the road we trod."

Minister: Of God, you have ignited the sparks within us into a blazing demand for freedom, equality and justice. This quest cost Harriet Tubman sleepless nights, as she led her people to freedom; it was an equality that Rosa Parks and civil rights activists fought for and gave their lives for; it was a justice that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for, as thousands stood with him at the Lincoln Memorial.

People: "Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighted?"

- Minister: Our ancestors' hard work, their courage, their convictions, and their belief in you paved the way for our emancipation and education. But it is clear, you have liberated us. You have set us free. "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last!"
- All : "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 and true to our native land."
- THE HYMN OF PRAISE......BY THE RIVERSIDE" SPIRITUAL

I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

REFRAIN: I ain't a gonna study war no more, study war no more, study war no more, I ain't a gonna study war no more, study war no more.

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, to study war no more. {REFRAIN}

I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, to study war no more. {REFRAIN}

#### THE INVOCATION

#### **THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR** 

\*CONGREGATION STANDS



#### **BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**

#### JESUS SAVES

#### **\*THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE**

Minister: <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. People:

#### Minister: <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. People:

Minister: <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is All: continually of you.

#### **\*THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE**

"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

"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 BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** 

THE SERMON

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

Leviticus 27:30

**AME HYMN #626** 

(IN THE TUNE OF #258)



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PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY **BIG BETHEL HISTORY & HERITAGE MINISTRY** 

**BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR** 

**PASTOR JOHN FOSTER** 

#### 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.

#### **+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



| SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE |  |             |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Acolytes                              |  | Stewards    | Dr. Stanley Pritchett & Dr. Chris Parker |  |  |  |
| Choir                                 | Big Bethel Mass Choir ~ Tamika Kelley– Director                                  | Trustees    | Floyd Baxter                             |  |  |  |
| Philippians                           | Racquel Battle   | Ushers      | Usherette Ministry #2                    |  |  |  |
| Stewardesses                          | R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry<br>Rose Schofield and Frankie Akins | AV Ministry | JaKeilla Rouse & Brandon Collins         |  |  |  |

Finance Team | Joe Patterson, Ed Jones, Linda Williams, Olivia Alston, & Tony Jones

## Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers &calls.

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806 Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Miriam Redding

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

| WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS        |                 |              |                       |              |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | First reading   | Psalm        | Second reading        | Gospel       |  |  |  |
| February 2, 2025                 | Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Psalm 71:1-6 | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | Luke 4:21-30 |  |  |  |

**BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH** 

## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop Michael L. M, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell., Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District The Reverend Kimberly McMichael, Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

#### THE REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

Sis. Ariel Nash., 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 Director Bro. Jeremy Johnson., 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 Dr. Charlene Maddox, The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker, The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White, The Reverend Joyce Young

#### SUPERANNUATE

The Reverend George Davis, The Reverend Bessie Donaldson,

Local Elders

The Reverend Betty Miley, The Reverend Evelyn Jones, The Reverend Charmain Purvis, The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle <u>Licentiates</u> Bro. Jermaine Lawrence Bro. Maurice Eckstein Sis. Ariel Nash



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays during the month of February!!!



- 2/3 Merlene Thomas,
- 2/4 William Coleman, Karen Walter,
- 2/6 Joseph Patterson, Marla Thompson-Kendall, Linda Lowe
- 2/7 Manuel Santiago Plata
- 2/8 Alfredda Jackson, Carnella Robinson, Susan Wright, Anna Lucas
- 2/9 Melvin Aiken, Tanyika Black, Wanda Ridgeway,
- 2/10 Jewell Foster
- 2/11 Sydney Pritchett, Rita Zorn
- 2/12 Stephen Jackson, Guy Howard
- 2/13 Dr. Rosa Baxter, Henderson Pettway
- 2/14 Christian Pettway
- 2/15 Henry Green, Demetrius Sheppard,
- 2/16 Rev. Dr. Lairalaine M. White;

- 2/17 Sheila Bussey, Alexandria Miller, Maria White Tillman,
- 2/18 J. Wayman Henry III,
- 2/19 Wesley Jackson, Jr.
- 2/20 Timothy Crim, Axl Thomas Jordan Roland,
- 2/21 Marie Brown

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- 2/22 Lyndon Devorce, Brooke Austin
- 2/23 Geraldine Dodson Chandler, David Philips,
- 2/25 Justin Spearman, Christopher H. Adams
- 2/26 Alexander Lewis Johnson, Ronnie Oden,
- 2/27 Lolita Griffith, Kayla Jenkins,
- 2/28 Celeste Ariel Jackson, Ernest Tate, Ruth Sisk Harris, Jennifer Smith, Miriam Redding, Billy Howard Ingram



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Come Grow with Us

In Christ

## Big Bethel AME Families First... Children & Youth Sunday School February 2 (First Sunday) 11:30 Sunday School Classes

Join us for Big Bethel A.M.E. Families First Children & Youth Sunday School in Big Bethel's Fellowship Hall each First Sunday. ALL CHILDREN EAT BRUNCH FREE!

#### Quarterly Theme: Godly Wisdom for Living. Quarterly Scripture: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean

not on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5, NIV).

February 2nd Theme: Unfriended

### Children & Youth Sunday School Monthly Schedule:

First Sunday: Sunday School Classes in Big Bethel's Fellowship Hall, Second Sunday: Children & Youth Attend Youth Church, Third Sunday: Zoom Sunday Classes. Fourth Sunday: Asynchronous Sunday School

Big Bethel AME Church School: Putting Families First while engaging them with others to learn about Jesus Christ.



Big Bethel A.M.E Children & Youth Sunday School: We Put Families First



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| Date                  | Event   | Time/Place                           |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| February 2            | In Person Children &Youth Sunday School                 | 11:30 Big Bethel Fellowship Hall     |
| February<br>4,6,11,13 | Zoom Black History Skit Rehearsals                      | 6-8 pm                               |
| February 15&22        | Black History Skit Rehearsals                           | 2:00 pm Big Bethel Sanctuary         |
| February 23           | Black History Skit                                      | 10:00 a.m. Big Bethel Sunday Service |
| March 2               | Sweet Auburn Scavenger Hunt                             | 11:30 a.m1:00 Auburn Avenue          |
| April 6               | In Person C&Y Sunday School/Easter Program<br>Rehearsal | 11:30 Big Bethel Fellowship Hall     |
| April 20              | Easter/Black History Program                            | 11:30 Big Bethel Fellowship Hall     |











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| ,  |  | <sup>7</sup> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# | 9:00AM Virtual Steward Board Meeting                                    |  |  |
| 202-926-1123   |  |  | 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School   |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 10:00AM Edge-Cannon Lay Organization<br>12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School |  |  |
| 202-926-1123   | 6:30PM Virtual                                     |  |   |  |  |
|  | Trustee Meeting                                    |  |   |  |  |
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#### February 2 - 4, 2025 Registration is now open!

THEME: EMPOWERING PROPHETIC LEADERS TOWARD A THEOLOGICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND COMMUNALLY IMPACTING MINISTRY (JEREMIAH 1:9-10)

# REGISTER TODAY IN THE OF ATLANTA, GA IN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### Laff-a-Lujah25: An Evening of Laughter and Praise 'Scholarship' Benefit Concert | Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m

Featuring Gospel Artists - Ahmad Hall & Friends | Gospel Choir - Higher Calling Featuring Comedians: Rita Brent, Griff and Small Fire

Hilton Garden Inn - Buckhead | 3342 Peachtree Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30326

**FB. 3, 2025** The Board of Trustees, President's Luncheon, Alumni Association & Student Fellowship Meetings and Workshops

The President's Luncheon | Preacher: The Reverend Sheleta Fomby @ 12:00pm

Plenary Lecture: The Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Distinguished Lecture of Prophetic Praxis and Social Transformation @ 2:00pm | Lecturers: Dr. Michael Waters and Dr. Andre E. Johnson

Class of the 5's Alumni Soiree - A Celebration for "1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015" Doors Open at 6:30pm.

Hilton Garden Inn - Buckhead | 3342 Peachtree Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30326

EB. 4, 2025 Founder's Day Chapel @ 11 a.m. Preacher Reverend Ammie L. Davis, Ph.D. - President, Turner Theological Seminary

Chair's Welcome Luncheon @1:00 p.m.

Venue: The Hilton Garden Inn Buckhead, 3342 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA

The 11th Annual Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Hall of Fame Gala (a black-tie affair) Featuring Gospel Artist Kathy Taylor

Meet & Mixer @ 6:00pm | Doors open @ 7:00 pm

Buckhead Club Atlanta | 3344 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA.

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#### **Register Here**



**JESUS SAVES** 

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## Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE ttps://www.youtube.com/channel/UC UugvakMrYvM9uae7rK5w6g

## **BBAMEC VIRTUAL** Blossings

## Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE (www.outube.com/channel/UCU.p.aid/If/J.Auae3K5.v/

Thrive-Every other Tuesday@7pm https://us06web.zoom.us/i/87238857567

Fordetails contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



#### **Tuesday 7PM** Women's Bible Sludy

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87 171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZ 11saEtiL3ROdIBNQVpFQT09



## 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 https://us06web.zoom.us/i/82 Dial in #1 929 205 6099. Meeting ID: 826 5569 8611

Contact Rev Jess770-940-0293

Isaiah 43: <sup>19</sup> 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#

ZOOM LINK: ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultalass https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=

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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

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM Email Everett Jolly joll@comcast.net

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