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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary Society & YPD

Annual Day
SUNDAY, MARCH 09, 2025

"Resilient"

II Corinthians 4:8-9.

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

*Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary Society and
Young People's and Children's Division*



Annual Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 10:00 AM

THEME: "RESILIENT" 2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9

⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; We are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

WORSHIP LEADER: Sis. Braunwin Camp

THE PRELUDE

BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

***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**

SIS. BRAUNWIN CAMP

Minister: Today, O Lord, we honor black women – carriers and cultivators of culture. In a lush African garden, your hands fashioned her as Mother of Creation. Bless her now as she continues to pass culture on to future generations.

People: Thank you for black women, Lord. Their descendants have blessed the earth.

Minister: We remember Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Pauli Murray and Rosa Parks. The black woman was treated as property during the enslavement and the Middle Passage. Yet she survived and her vision of freedom ignited a determination to struggle for human and civil rights. Bless black women now, Lord, as they fight against injustice through strategies for hope, survival, and advancement.

People: Empower black women, Lord. Their bravery has ennobled the earth.

Minister: We remember Rahab, Zipporah, Jarena Lee, Julia Foote, and Zilpha Elaw. Black women prayed and preached, healed and helped faithfully at all times. As prayer warriors, they knew how to trust you, O God, especially in times of trouble. Their triumph has sparked fire in our souls. May the light that radiates from you today cast beautiful patterns on our lives through them.

All: We rejoice now, O Lord, with black women everywhere. Thank you, Lord. Their work blesses THE EARTH

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

SIS. CLARISSA CARMICHAEL

This is My Mission (*Sung to the tune of AME Hymn #450 "Blessed Assurance"*)

1. Blessed with His goodness, blessed with His love, blessed with His showers, that comes from above,
Blessed with His sunshine, blessed with His air, I'll go on helping everywhere.

REFRAIN: This is my mission, this is my prayer helping the needy, everywhere. This is my mission,
this is my prayer. Helping the needy, everywhere.

2. God gives the courage, faith leads the way onward we travel, happy and gay, Thinking of others, willing
to share taking God's message, everywhere. **REFRAIN**

3. Remembering others, where're I pray, Looking to Jesus, He is the way, Onward I travel, Him by my side.
I'll never falter, He is my guide. **REFRAIN**

THE INVOCATION

SIS. KAWANZA SMITH

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN’S ENSEMBLE/BEARDEN SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Romans 10: 8b-13

Sis. Milani Black

Minister: ^{8b}"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),

People: ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Minister: ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

People: ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

Minister: ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

All: ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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 SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE**

SIS. SHEILA HENRY LEE

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 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 laws 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/YPD

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Sis LISA JOHNSON-WHIGHAM,
CONNECTIONAL CHAIR OF THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMISSION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN’S ENSEMBLE/BEARDEN SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE MESSAGE

DR. DOROTHY JACKSON YOUNG,
RETIRED SUPERVISOR WMS
AME CHURCH

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. MONICA C. JONES, PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & BIG BETHEL VILLAGE CHAPLAIN

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

PROVERBS 22:9

⁹ A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

ALL THINGS COME OF THEE O LORD, AND OF THINE OWN
HAVE WE GIVEN THEE. A-MEN



THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SIS. KAWANZA SMITH , VICE-PRESIDENT
LAURA L. TURNER WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Remarks

Pastor John Foster

THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

A.M.E. HYMNAL #652

*IN THE NAME OF THE TRIUNE GOD, MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS ENTER EVERY HEART,
MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS ENTER EVERY HEART, THIS WE ASK IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN*

****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!!**



*All members are invited to learn more
about the Laura L. Turner Women's
Missionary Society immediately
following worship service in the
Fellowship Hall.*

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Lent	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
March 9, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13

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

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806	Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841	Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young

Mrs. Dorothy J. Young was born in Atlanta, Georgia but was reared and educated in Boston, Massachusetts. For 51 years she was the supportive and devoted wife of the late McKinley Young, the 109th Bishop in the history of African Methodism. She is the caring and devoted mother of four beautiful daughters and 9 wonderful grand children.

Mrs. Young is a graduate of Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in Boston.

Mrs. Young worked for twenty-six years as a Registered Professional Nurse in Massachusetts, Illinois and Georgia and has worked actively in organizations and projects that support global health and the eradication of worldwide hunger. Dorothy Young has served the African Methodist Episcopal Church faithfully and creatively through the Women's Missionary Society. She has served as a Local President, Area Chair, Conference Branch President, Episcopal District President and as an Episcopal District Supervisor.

From 1992 to 1996, Mrs. Young lived in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa and served as the Episcopal Supervisor of the Fifteenth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She edited a study guide entitled "Global Economics Seeking a Christian Ethic" and published and distributed a Lenten/Pentecost Devotional Guide in the voices of the women of Southern Africa entitled "All Things New." In 1998, the Sojourners Mission Sending Program of the Women's Missionary Society was enhanced through the development of a cross-cultural training component developed by Mrs. Young. While Bishop Young served as Ecumenical Officer of the AME Church 1996-2000, Dorothy Young was his Executive Assistant and represented the AME Church at the 8th Assembly World Council of Churches in Zimbabwe. Bishop and Dr. Young attended the 9th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2006 and the 20th World Methodist Council in Durban, South Africa in 2011.

The Forty-sixth Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church appointed Bishop Young as the Presiding Prelate of the Tenth Episcopal District, the state of Texas. Bishop and Mrs. Young led the Tenth Episcopal District in hosting the 15th Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Young served on the Self-Study Committee which rewrote the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Women's Fellowship of the AME Church, The Women's Missionary Society. In 2002 Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas conferred The Doctor of Humane Letters on Dorothy Young for her Church and Community Service.

In July of 2004 Bishop and Dr. Young and family were assigned to the Electrifying Eleventh Episcopal District AME Church. (State of Florida and the Bahamas). In July 2011, the Inaugural Class of the Dorothy Adams Peck Leadership Institute, a vision of Dr. Young graduated at the Christian Education Congress. The 17th Quadrennial Convention of the Connectional Women's Missionary Society was hosted by the 11th Episcopal District and the Young Team in Orlando, Florida, July 21-31, 2011.

In July 2012 at the 49th Session of The General Conference, Bishop and Dr. Young were assigned to the terrific Third Episcopal District. She worked with the Women's Missionary Society and the Minister's Spouses. In 2019, Dr. Young relocated back to Atlanta, GA. She is a member of Big Bethel AME Church and the Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary Society. She is an active and busy mother, grandmother, missionary worker and friend. Retired Supervisor Young is an Alumna member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Links Incorporated.

Her favorite scripture comes from the Book of James, Chapter 1 verse 22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not merely hearers, who deceive themselves".



LET'S LIFT OUR VOICES AND SEND A MESSAGE!!

****OUR 1ST ACTION:****

**Date: February 28, 2025, from
12:00 AM to 11:59 PM**



Make sure to prepare in advance.

- **DO NOT** make any purchases or shop online or in-store: - No Amazon, No Walmart, No Best Buy - No Fast Food - No Gas - No Major Retailers -
- **DO NOT** use credit or debit cards for non-essential spending. Only necessary buy essentials (e.g., food, medicine, emergency supplies). - If you must spend, **ONLY** support small, local businesses.

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****OUR 2ND ACTION:****

Start Date: March 5th - End Date: April 19th



During this period, do not spend money with companies that have discontinued their diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. Please refer to the list (scan code) For the most current information (the list changes daily - see Facebook). Let's continue to advocate for policies that advance our community. Peace, Power, and Purpose,

PMS2025

Big Bethel AME Church
Edge-Cannon Lay Organization

*Easter Lilies
for
Loved Ones*

Help us decorate the sanctuary on the 3rd and 4th Sundays in April by purchasing Easter Lilies for \$25 in honor/memory of your loved ones.

contact: Joi Stinson, joistinson@gmail.com

Scan the QR code to place your order by March 30



**WOMEN'S EMPHASIS
MONTH**

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

with Ja'Keilla Rouse & Joi Stinson
Co-Chairs

MARCH 16TH

**IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE!**



Persevere in Prayer

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

SPRING SUMMIT

Prayer

Relationships Miracles Deliverance

2025

Moderators



Rev. Charmain Purvis

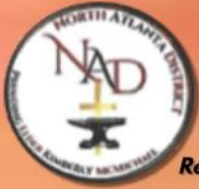


Bro. Chris Parker

MARCH 18-20
Virtual call-in 6:30-7:30 PM nightly
virtual call-in number: (605)472-5512
access code 772576

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



NORTH ATLANTA DISTRICT
Rev. Kimberly McMichael,
Presiding Elder

7 Stations of the Cross



MAR 9TH

STATION 1

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
(Matt. 26:36-46)

KING CHAPEL
Rev. Michael Walker-Pastor
2600 Davenport Street, Smyrna, GA 30080

Rev. Dr. Reginald Cleaver-Guest Preacher



MAR 16TH

STATION 2

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Death
(Matt. 27:24-26)

MARIETTA CHAPEL
Rev. Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton
312 Rigby Street NW | Marietta, GA 30060

Rev. Carla Gaines - Guest Preacher



MAR 23RD

STATION 3

Jesus Accepts the Cross
(Matthew 27:27-31)

BETHEL (Acworth)
Rev. Orna Husbands - Pastor
4826 School Street | Acworth, GA 30101

Rev. John Woods-Guest Preacher



MAR 30TH

STATION 4

Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross
(Mark 15:21)

ST. PAUL (Canton)
Rev. Ferrun Johnson-Pastor
390 Crisler St. | Canton, GA 30114

Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton - Guest Preacher



APR 6TH

STATION 5

Jesus Speaks to the Woman
(Luke 23:27-31)

GREATER SMITH CHAPEL (Atlanta)
Rev. Eric Fladger
183 Mayson Ave. | Atlanta, GA 30307

Rev. Renata Williams- Guest Preacher



APR 13TH

STATION 6

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
(John 19:23-24)

MT. ZION (Decatur)
Rev. Bridgette Hall Maynor-Pastor
2977 LaVista Rd. | Decatur, GA 30033

Rev. Ferrun Johnson - Guest Preacher



APR 17TH

STATION 7

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
(Mark 15:23-32)

WILKES CHAPEL
Rev. Eddie Henley
2293 Perry Blvd. NW | Atlanta, GA 31318

Rev. Bernard Sutton- Guest Preacher

SUNDAYS @ 4 PM ~ MAR 9TH - THUR. APR 17TH (7PM)

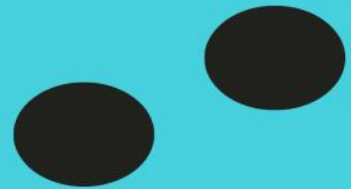
Thrive
GAME NIGHT

GET READY TO HAVE SOME
FUN!

Meet us at the Painted Pickle!
279 OTTLEY DR., ATLANTA, GA

March 21st @ 7pm

RSVP WITH REV JESS NO LATER THAN MARCH 17TH @ 5PM
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Rev. Jessica Buford,
Thrive Young Adult Ministry
Director

REMINDER



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

Thrive
THE
MARCH 30th 10:00 AM
TAKEOVER

Thrive



**2 pm service will be postponed
until April 6th**

See you at 10 am March 30th!

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