

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE SUNDAY

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**“Reset
Ready
Restored
by Grace!”**

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BROWN

“He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name’s sake!”

Psalm 23:3(NRSV)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 @10AM

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MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 - 10:00 AM

THEME: Morris Brown College: Reset, Ready, Restored by Grace!
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WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. Joyce Carpenter Young

BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE PRELUDE

***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**

Leader: Most gracious father, for your loving kindness, your tender mercy, your boundless goodness, and your limitless grace- for the gift of your son Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and this special observance for Morris Brown College, we give glory and honor and thanks to our founding fathers and those current foot soldiers who continue the fight.

People: Lord, we thank you for collective support and leadership with vision and determination-we stand on their shoulders today!

Leader: We thank you for the divine inspiration and motivation which prompted layman Steward Wiley and other AME leaders to refuse a proposition from another institution to furnish a room in that institution. And for the leadership and fortitude of Bishop John Wesley Gaines who being touched by the idea to build our own school introduced a resolution in 1881 during an annual conference at Big Bethel AME Church to establish an institution for the moral, spiritual and intellectual growth of Negro boys and girls.

People: Lord, we thank you for collective support and leadership with vision and determination-we stand on their shoulders today!

Leader: Twenty years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, in 1885, the formal opening of the first educational institution in Georgia solely under Negro patronage occurred at Boulevard and Houston Streets in Atlanta.

People: Lord, we thank you for collective support and leadership with vision and determination-we stand on their shoulders today!

Leader: Morris Brown College which through divine illumination and guidance, 142 years later, still stands throughout its trials and tribulations, as a haven for all hungry souls continuing a legacy with new vitality.

ALL: Lord, we thank you for collective support and leadership with vision and determination-we stand on their shoulders today. From a hard reset, we are ready to continue our legacy of hope and faith; restored by grace.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"WE ARE OFTEN TOSSED AND DRIVEN" ~AME HYMN #397

DR. OPAL KNOWLTON

1. We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time, somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine; in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, we will understand it better by and by

Refrain: By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story, how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by. .

2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands, want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands; we are trusting in the Lord, and according to the Word, we will understand it better by and by. **[Refrain]**

3. Temptations, hidden snares, often take us unawares, and our hearts are made to bleed for any thoughtless word or deed; and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, but we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain: By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story, how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by.

THE INVOCATION

REV. MOKGABO GWEN SENATLE

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

PSALM 23

Sis. Miriam Jones Redding

Leader : ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

People: ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ^[a]

Leader: ³ He restores my soul. ^[b] He leads me in right paths ^[c] for his name's sake.

People: ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, ^[d] I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

ALL: ⁶ Surely, ^[e] goodness and mercy ^[f] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. ^[g]

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**

Bro. Jory Young

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 thyself. On these two laws depend 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.”

The Morris Brown College President

Dr. Kevin E. James
19th President—Morris Brown College

The INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST PREACHER

Sis. Geraldine Dodson Chandler
Program Co-Chair

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHORUS

THE SERMON

REVEREND EDWARD S. REYNOLDS
SENIOR PASTOR, MIDWAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, COLLEGE PARK, GA
MORRIS BROWN ALUMNUS

****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 INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

SIS. M. PAULYNE MORGAN WHITE, PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

THE REMARKS

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE ALMA MATER

LYRICS-MILTON RANDOLPH, MUSIC-E. WAYMON HATHCOCK

Alma Mater, pride of earth, Gav'st to me another birth,
Haven for all hungry souls, Feeding them shall be Thy goal,
Ever let thy banner be, Emblem of the brave and free,
A welcome true to everyone, Until Thy work is done.

Hail to Thee, maker of men, Honor to Thee once again,
Sacred truths on firmest ground, Hail to Thee, Dear Morris Brown.
To thy precepts praise accord, To them may we e'er be bound,
And bow and thank the gracious Lord, for dear Ol' Morris Brown.

THE BENEDICTION

REVEREND EDWARD S. REYNOLDS

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING ON EXIT



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday in Lent	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
March 12, 2023	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42

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

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Sis. Jewel Foster (678) 770-2992

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

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

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Deborah Stephens-Lattimore (678) 945-4001

Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



Reverend Edward S. Reynolds

Reverend Edward Spencer Reynolds is a Public Theologian, Biblical Scholar and Human Rights Activist for Social Change, who hails from Gulfport, Mississippi. He is the proud pastor of the Midway Missionary Baptist Church, College Park, Georgia, where he has served as Under Shepherd 24 years. He was called to Midway following a successful twelve-year post as Associate Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Reverend Reynolds is in much demand as a preacher, teacher, speaker, and lecturer, both locally and nationally, at churches, high schools, colleges, and universities, as well as, community and civic organizations. His oratory gift can best be described in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., as one who is able to take a difficult subject matter and ***“MAKE IT PLAIN,”*** so that all listeners may be able to hear, heed, and understand his message, regardless of age, gender, race, or creed. The Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel, Morehouse College recognized his preaching, leadership and vision through his induction into its prestigious Board of Preachers. As a student of the Civil Rights Movement, his affiliations with the King Center, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Ebenezer Baptist Church, led to his appointment by Governor Roy Barnes as a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr., State Commission of Georgia. He was also appointed Vice-Chair of the National Task Force on Social Action, Justice & Public Policy of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., during the Presidency of the Reverend Doctor T. Dewitt Smith, Jr. Morris Brown College presented him the Tower of Strength Award for his Distinguished Achievements as an Alumni in Religion.

Reverend Reynolds was licensed to preach at the First Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi, 1974, by Reverend Doctor E. L. Fox, Pastor. He was Ordained by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Ministers Association at First Baptist in November of 1981 and will celebrate, this year, 42 years of Ordination and 49 years of preaching the gospel message.

Reverend Reynolds received his undergraduate degree from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia, and holds the Master of Divinity Degree from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, where he was a student scholar and Research Assistant to the Religious Heritage of the African World. Reverend Reynolds is a former College Administrator at Atlanta Metropolitan State College where he served 20 years as the Founder and Director of its Leadership Development Program, while serving in the Office of Student Services, as Director of Student Activities. He also served as Regional Coordinator of the Georgia Fatherhood Program with the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education before accepting Midway's offer to serve as Pastor full-time in 2005.

Reverend Reynolds is the recipient of numerous awards and letters for his Outstanding Christian Leadership and Community Involvement. He is listed in the Atlanta Edition of **Who's Who in Black Atlanta** and the 1982 Edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America**. He is a graduate of the 1991 Class of Leadership Atlanta; received with his wife, the Atlanta Urban League Guilds (*Partners in Ministry*) Award, and the Trumpet Award for Spiritual Enlightenment. Reverend Reynolds has also been cited by the Big Brother-Big Sisters Program of Atlanta, the United Youth-Adult Conference, Congress of National Black Churches, the Boy Scouts of America, the Literacy Action Career Program, and Habitat for Humanity.

Reverend Reynolds has served on numerous boards and held membership or rendered volunteer service to the King Center, S.C.L.C., United Youth-Adult Conference, Concerned Black Clergy, Inc., Southside Ministerial Association, Clergy and Laity Concerned, United Negro College Fund, Coalition of Blacks and Jews, Life member - N.A.A.C.P., Life member - Morris Brown College Alumni Association and Life member - Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Reverend Reynolds is married to his partner in ministry, the Honorable Rev. Penny Brown Reynolds, Ph.D, who is serving in the Biden-Harris Cabinet as Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights. They are the parents of two sons and grandparents to two granddaughters. He and Judge Penny are owners of Divine Destiny Productions, Inc.. Rev. Reynolds also serves as President of The Judge Penny Brown Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

Reverend Reynolds is a dedicated Pastor, Servant, and Teacher who has faith that ***“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”***

Big Bethel Members who are Morris Brown College Alumni

We Salute You!

Mrs. Juanita Williams Aikens
Ms. Kristal Laran Ammons
Ms. Marie Wainwright Brown
Mr. Andrew Bussey
Ms. Angela Byard
Ms. Marcia Byard
Ms. Sarah Norwood Caldwell
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Ms. Marla Williams
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Rev. Joyce Car-



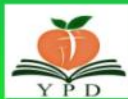
Laura L. Turner WMS & YPD Annual Day

Guest Speaker
SISTER LISA JOHNSON-WHIGHAM
CONNECTIONAL POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR

Theme: "Securing our Future"

Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 11

**Sunday, March 19, 2023
10 AM**



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Thrive

Let's Connect!

THE WHAT...

A College and
Young Adult
Ministry

THE WHEN...

Next Shift
Worship Service
EVERY Sunday @
2pm

THE WHERE...

Across from
Georgia State Commons
Big Bethel AME Church
220 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

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Contact our Director, Reverend Jessica Burford
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Thrive College and Young Adult Ministry



Dementia-Caregiving in the African American Community

Join us for an educational session that provides a virtual dementia tour, connection opportunities, and resources on dementia!

Who?

**BLACK
CAREGIVERS**



More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Dementia.

When?

Saturday
March 25

10:00AM - 12:30PM



African American adults aged 65 and older are affected more by Alzheimer's Dementia than other races and ethnicities.

Where?

**Big Bethel AME
Church**

220 Auburn Ave
Atlanta, GA 30303



More than 1.5 million family caregivers for adults living with dementia in the US are African American.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Questions?

Event Phone number: 678-723-8188

Myra Scott email: ladyastro57@gmail.com

Wanda Patterson email: wrowepat@bellsouth.net

Register here

<https://tinyurl.com/caregivingdementia>



DEMENTIA Care WORKSHOP



**NORTH
ATLANTA
DISTRICT**

7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**STATION 1: Jesus in the Garden
of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)**

FEB 19 ~ Mt. Zion (Kennesaw)

Rev. Daryl Porter- Pastor

Rev. Reginald Cleaver-PROCLAIMER



**STATION 3: Jesus Accepts the
Cross (Matthew 27:27-31)**

MAR 5 - Mt. Carmel (Atlanta)

Rev. Reginald Cleaver, Jr.-Pastor

Rev. Orna Husbands-PROCLAIMER



**STATION 5: Jesus Speaks to the
Woman (Luke 23:27-31)**

MAR 19 - St. Luke Cartersville

Rev. Sharon Adair-Harden-Pastor

Rev. Eric Fladger-PROCLAIMER



**STATION 6: Jesus is Stripped of
His Garments (John 19:23-24)**

**MAR 26 - Greater Saint Paul-
Austell**

Rev. Eddie Henley PROCLAIMER

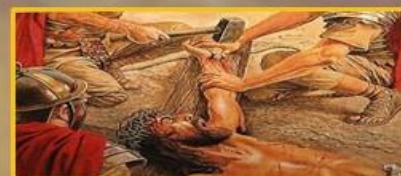


**STATION 4: Simon Helps Jesus
Carry the Cross (Mark 15:21)**

MAR 12 - Cosmopolitan

Rev. Dr. Cynthia McDonald-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Marques Harvey-PROCLAIMER



**STATION 7: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
(Mark 15:23-32)**

APR 2 - Wilkes Chapel

Rev. Eddie Henley - Pastor

Rev. Richard Lackey-PROCLAIMER



**STATION 2: Pilate Condemns
Jesus to Death (Matthew 27:24-26)**

FEB 26 - Greater Smith Chapel

Rev. Eric Fladger-Pastor

Rev. Sharon Adair-Harden-PROCLAIMER

SUNDAYS @ 3PM February 19 - April 2nd

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Palm Sunday Concert

featuring

THE MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE ALUMNI CHOIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023: AT 4:00PM

Under the directorship of Reverend Alonzo B. Taylor

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 220 Auburn Ave. NE; Atlanta, GA

Senior Pastor John Foster, PhD

Join us either in person or virtually