

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Morris Brown
College



**SOCIAL
ACTION**

The MBC Renaissance:
Reset, Retooled & Ready

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 @10AM

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MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 - 10:00 AM

THEME: The MBC Renaissance—Reset, Retooled & Ready

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WORSHIP LEADER: REV. JOYCE C. YOUNG '00 CO-CHAIRPERSON

THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

*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: 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).

Leader: 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)

Leader: 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)

Leader: 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

“WE ARE OFTEN TOSSED AND DRIVEN” ~AME HYMN #397

BRO. RICHARD MARION, '64

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]**

THE INVOCATION

REV. GEORGE DAVIS '57

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

PSALM 51:1-10 (NIV)

Sis. Kristal Laran Ammons '83

Leader: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

People: ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

People: ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Leader: ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

People: ⁶Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Leader: ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

People: ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: ⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

ALL: ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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. Braunwin Howell Camp '89

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 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 WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL

PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE PRESENTATION OF HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARDEES

THE MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE PRESIDENT

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

The INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

Sis. Geraldine Dodson Chandler '02
Program Co-Chair

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"THROUGH IT ALL"

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

SOLOIST—SIS. KARON AMMONS STEPHENS, '87, MISS MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE 1986-1987

THE MESSAGE

MR. EULA L. ADAMS '72
RETIRED CORPORATE EXECUTIVE
AND WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER
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 WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

SIS. ANNETTE GAITHER PETTY '61

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SIS. M. PAULYNE MORGAN WHITE, '58, PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

THE 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

**REV. JOHN FOSTER, PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR AND
MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

THE MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE SUNDAY COMMITTEE

- Sis. M. Paulyne Morgan White, '58, Chairperson
- Bro. Cy Mayes, President Social Action Commission and Reception Gathering
- Sis. Geraldine Dodson Chandler, '02, Co-Chairperson and Speaker's Bureau
- Rev. Joyce Carpenter Young, '00, Co-Chairperson and Worship Leader
- Sis. Kristal Laran Ammons, '83, President, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church Morris Brown College Ministry
- Bro. Richard Marion, '64, Memorabilia
- Dr. Opal Knowlton, '93, Reception
- Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor
- Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Pastor

Reception Program

(immediately after worship service in Fellowship Hall)

A Tribute to Big Bethel A.M.E. Church and Morris Brown College,

Sis. Penny Chavis Turner, President, The Evelyn Jones Frazier Legacy Foundation, Incorporated

Proclamation - 61st Mayor Andre Dickens , City of Atlanta

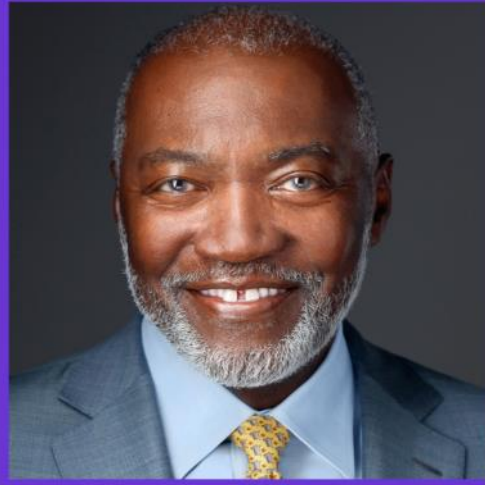
presented by City Councilman Michael Julian Bond, Post at Large

The Morris Brown College National Alumni President

Bro. Jetro Joseph '69

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes	~~~~~	Stewards	Sam Stephens
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Director	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
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Finance Team 			



Mr. Eula Adams

Mr. Eula L. Adams is a retired Accounting, Business and Technology Executive, whose professional journey has enabled him to be rewarded with a track record becoming a Vice President and or Presidential leader of delivering growth, profitability and shareholder value domestically and internationally. A native of Tifton, Georgia, he spent his early years there and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1972, Mr. Adams received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Morris Brown and began a career in public accounting in the Atlanta Office of Touché Ross and Company and as the first Black partner in the company globally.

In 1974, he became a Certified Public Accountant. In 1976, he received the Masters of Business Degree from Harvard University. Following graduation, he returned to the Atlanta Office of Touché Ross as an official in real estate, manufacturing technologies and higher education.

In 1980, he transferred to the Touché Ross Executive Offices in New York City serving as an Assistant Director of Advisory Services responsible for handling technical inquiries from some of the firms largest offices globally. His journey continued through 1999 with corporations in the United States of America including Visa, Master Card, First Data Resources, Wells Fargo, and the X-Core Corporation among others.

He has served on numerous boards, held membership and or rendered volunteer services or has life membership in Colorado community organizations, Morris Brown College National Alumni Association, Colorado Department of Transportation, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, United Negro College Fund, Grow Generational Corporation and the White House Historical Association, as well as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Additionally, Mr. Adams has authored publications on accounting and internal government controls.

Mr. Adams is married to his college sweetheart, Dr. Janet Cannon, '74, an accountant and member of the Gary Holmes family, former City of Atlanta official. She is a native of Columbus, Georgia.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Lent	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
March 17, 2024	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33

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

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Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

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

Big Bethel Members who are Morris Brown College Alumni

We Salute You!

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Ms. Kristal Laran Ammons
Ms. Marie Wainwright Brown
Mr. Andrew Bussey
Ms. Angela Byard
Ms. Marcia Byard
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Mrs. Braunwin Howell Camp
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Rev. Joyce Carpenter Young



Big Bethel A.M.E. Sunday School Black History Contest



Contest Theme:

**Connecting My Blackness, My Family, and My Church
PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES...**

First(\$25 Gift Card), Second(\$15 Gift Card) and Third (10 Gift Card) place prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 winners in each children/youth class (Primary, Juniors, and Teens) regardless of category.

For entry form contact Mr. Jolly, at Joll@comcast.net

or visit the Big Bethel A.M.E. website...

<https://www.bigbethelame.org/>

Entries Must Be Submitted By: March 23, 2024



THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION'S
THE "WOKE" EXPRESS – March Edition
Election Survey closes April 5, 2024

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of the

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

proudly presents its

92nd Annual Palm Sunday Concert



featuring

The Morris Brown College Alumni Choir

Under the Directorship of Reverend Alonzo B. Taylor

on

Sunday, March 24, 2024 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Walking in Humility

Matthew 21:5: Say to the Daughter of Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Dr. John Foster, Senior Pastor of Big Bethel AME Church

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BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



MARCH
27
6:30 PM

JAZZ WEEK
VESPERS

MARCH
28
6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship



MARCH
29
6:30 pm

7 Last Words
on the Cross



MARCH
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Resurrection Sunday

6:00AM Sunrise Service

Rev. John Foster, PH.D

10:00AM Resurrection Service

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