

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

# Resurrection

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

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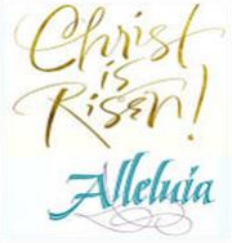


# Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024  
10:00AM

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATION



THE PRE-SERVICE PRAISE & PRELUDE

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR & BELL CHOIR

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

Worship Leader ~ Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.

### \*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

Minister: On that first Easter morning, as the sun was dawning, Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead. The earth shook as the angel rolled the stone away.

People: **No grave could hold his body down. He is risen. He is risen indeed?**

Minister: As Mary Magdalene and the other Mary looked on in fear, the Risen Lord revealed himself to them, and they departed with great joy.

People: **Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For Christ Jesus has broken the curse of death and destroyed the power that it once had over us.**

Minister: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now given to each of us and to all those who believe on him

People: **Let us receive this spiritual power and use it wisely for the liberation of all God's people!**

Minister: Who is worthy? The One seated on the throne and the Lamb. To them be all blessing and honor and glory and might!

ALL: **He is worthy! The Risen Christ! The Resurrected One! Praise him! Praise his Holy Name!**

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....A.M.E. Hymn #156 - Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high Alleluia Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Amen.

### THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

Minister: <sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

People: <sup>2</sup> **And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.**

Minister: <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

People: <sup>4</sup> **For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.**

Minister: <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

People: <sup>6</sup> **He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**

Minister: <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

ALL: <sup>8</sup> **So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.**

**\*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**

**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 BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY CLUB**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR**

**THE SERMON**

**BISHOP REGINALD T. JACKSON**  
132ND ELECTED AND CONSECRATED BISHOP IN THE AME CHURCH  
PRESIDING PRELATE—SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

**\*\*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 THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING**

**THE BENEDICTION**



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Easter	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<p><a href="#">Easter Vigil</a> March 31, 2024</p>	<p><b>Old Testament Readings and Psalms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26</li> <li>• Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46</li> <li>• Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16</li> <li>• Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18</li> <li>• Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6</li> <li>• Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19</li> <li>• Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43</li> <li>• Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143</li> <li>• Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98</li> </ul> <p><b>New Testament Reading and Psalm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114</li> </ul> <p><b>Gospel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 16:1-8</li> </ul>			
<p><a href="#">Resurrection of the Lord</a> March 31, 2024 <i>Easter Day</i></p>	<p>*<a href="#">Acts 10:34-43</a> or <a href="#">Isaiah 25:6-9</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 Corinthians 15:1-11</a> or <a href="#">Acts 10:34-43</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 20:1-18</a> or <a href="#">Mark 16:1-8</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Easter Evening</a> March 31, 2024</p>	<p><a href="#">Isaiah 25:6-9</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 114</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 24:13-49</a></p>



**SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
PRESIDING PRELATE  
BISHOP REGINALD THOMAS JACKSON  
132ND CONSECRATED BISHOP OF THE  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson is the presiding prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church which encompasses over 500 churches in the state of Georgia. He was elected and consecrated the 132nd bishop of the A.M.E. Church in 2012 at the 49th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference held in Nashville, TN and was appointed to the Twentieth Episcopal District (Malawi, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda) and as the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer. He has served as the chairman of the Social Action Commission of the A.M.E. Church and is the current chairman of the Commission on Colleges, Universities and Seminaries.

A native of Dover, Delaware, he was born on April 26, 1954. After graduating from the Dover Public Schools, he enrolled and in 1976 graduated from Delaware State University in Dover, with a Bachelor's Degree in History. In 1972 Bishop Jackson was licensed to preach at MT. Zion AME Church, Dover under the pastorate of The Rev. Rudolph W. Coleman. Ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 1975 by Bishop Earnest Lawrence Hickman, he was assigned as the supply pastor of Graham AME Church, Greenwood, Delaware where he served for one year, before leaving to go to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Turner Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia. He was ordained an Itinerant Elder by Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand in 1977. In 1978 while still in seminary, he was assigned to serve as supply pastor, at St. John AME Church, Coleman St., Atlanta.

Upon graduating in 1979, he was appointed by Bishop Hildebrand to St. John AME Church, Jersey City, NJ where he served for two years. He was then appointed in 1981 by Bishop Hildebrand to St. Matthew AME Church, Orange, NJ. This was the beginning of a pastorate that would last 31 years. During his ministry at St. Matthew the congregation grew from about 75 to more than 2800 Disciples of Christ, engaged in ministry, mission and outreach. Included in this number were more than 300 children and youth, to whom he placed special emphasis and time.

St. Matthew accepted the motto as "the servant church of the Oranges" and instituted more than 30 ministries to meet the spiritual, emotional, educational, physical and financial needs of both church and community. The Neighborhood and Individual Development Association (NIDA), the church's community development corporation was also founded. In addition a new church edifice was built in 1985 and because of continuous growth a second edifice was built in 2002. The doors of St. Matthew are open seven days a week and the church is a hub of activity for church and community. The church's budget increased from \$50,000 a year in 1981 to \$2,000,000.00 annually.

Shortly after arriving in Orange, Pastor Jackson became involved in the life of the city, county and state, speaking out on issues and informing and organizing ministers and community to act in promoting God's kingdom on earth and in their best interest. In addition to pastoring St. Matthew Church, Pastor Jackson served as the Executive Director of the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey (BMC), representing more than 600 Black churches in New Jersey from 1994-2012. He has been outspoken on every major issue in New Jersey, pressuring the state Supreme Court to order New Jersey to increase spending on poor school districts in the state, adequate funding for charity care, legislation to end predatory lending, ending the death penalty in New Jersey, needle exchange and most notably, legislation to end and make racial profiling a crime, the only state in the nation to pass such a law.

Pastor Jackson received four pens from three governors used to sign legislation he helped to pass through the General Assembly. He served for sixteen years on the Orange Public School System Board of Education (12 as president), and is currently in his 13th year as a member of the Board of Trustees of Essex County College (10 years as president) as well as the Board of Directors of the Barnabas Health Care System, the largest healthcare system in the State of New Jersey.

Pastor Jackson was named the Man of the Year in 2000 by New Jersey Monthly Magazine, recipient of the William Ashby Award by the United Way, Martin Luther King Award by the Newark North Ward Center as well as hundreds of other awards. A member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and a Life Member of the NAACP, he has repeatedly been named among the "Twenty Five Most Influential People in New Jersey." He has received honorary doctorates from Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary.

He is married to Christy Davis Jackson, Esquire and the father of Regina Victoria Jackson, graduate of Florida A & M University and Seth Joshua Jackson.

♥ *Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our 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

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



## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers* **Bereavement Announcement**

With great sadness, we announce the following persons experiencing bereavement:

Big Bethel Member	Family Member who passed.	Death or Funeral Date	Location
Rev. Wilbert Hobbs	Father—Mr. Willie Hobbs, Sr.	Funeral—March 23, 2024	Tallahassee, Florida

### SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

<b>Acolytes</b>	_____	<b>Stewards</b>	Dr. Chris Parker 6AM Dr. Stanley Pritchett & Tony Jones 10AM
<b>Choir</b>	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Director	<b>Trustees</b>	Floyd Baxter
<b>Philippians</b>	Sis. Anna Cornelious	<b>Ushers</b>	Usherette Board #1
<b>Stewardesses</b>	<i>R.T. Bussey &amp; Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry</i>	<b>AV Ministry</b>	Phyllislorena Smiley & Brandon Collins
<b>Finance Team  </b>			

*Thrive*

**JOIN US!**

*Next Shift*

**2PM**

**EVERY SUNDAY!**

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FACEBOOK: THRIVE COLLEGE AND YOUNG  
ADULT MINISTRY

*Thrive*

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COME ONE! COME ALL!

## Trinity Table

Big Bethel A.M.E. and Trinity UMC

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 12:30–2 p.m.

Volunteer at: 265 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

### DONATIONS NEEDED BY APRIL 14TH:

BRING CANS OF VIENNA SAUSAGES TO FILL THE BIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE TO-GO LUNCH BAGS.

Trinity Table provides food for the homeless in a hospitable setting that affirms the dignity and worth of those in need. Twice a year for the past 20 years, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church's Trinity Ministry has donated, served hot meals and provided to-go lunch bags to continue the work of this program. Since 1971, the Table located in Trinity UMC at 265 Washington Street, has been the only consistent source of free food downtown on Sundays.

E-MAIL REV. CHARMAIN PURVIS AT CPURVIS1@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO.



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# Blessings



**Weekly 10AM  
Sunday Worship**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUu9y66WfVWfUaa7nE5w6g>

**Weekly 2PM Sunday  
Thrive Next Shift  
Worship**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUu9y66WfVWfUaa7nE5w6g>



**Tuesday 7PM  
Women's Bible Study**

Zoom ID: 406 713 1874  
(312) 626-6799, access  
code 4067131874#

**Prayer Call**

**6AM Mon-Sat**  
PH: (605)-472-5512  
Code: 772576#

**Wednesday**

**Noon & 6 PM Bible Study**

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD  
SAME AS Adult Sunday  
School ZOOM LINK

**Wednesday 7PM  
Discipleship  
Bible Study**

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

**Big Bethel Village  
Bible Study Monday 4PM  
Worship Sunday 3PM**

PH: (202)926-1123  
Code: 673604#

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

**Youth Church 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays 12:30PM**

Zoom Meeting ID:  
775-4987-0483  
Password: YER10W

**Big Bethel  
Saturday School  
12:30 -2:00PM**

*New meeting in person!*

**NEW**



**Adult Sunday School 8:30AM**

PH: (309)205-3325 Code:7789893084#  
ZOOM LINK:  
ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultclass  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzJDRkQlQmVYY0RzRFY2VzV6ZGhMZz09>

**Youth Sunday  
School 8:30AM**

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**During this season of Covid-19, Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!**