

## SUNDAY, MARCH 05, 2023

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## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR



## Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE 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

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been

standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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 dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

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.

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died, down where for cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name!

Refrain: Glory to His name, Glory to His name; There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name!

- 2. I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within, There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His name! [Refrain]
- 3. Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet; Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His name! [Refrain]

#### THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

**BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY** 

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 121:1-8

Minister: <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

People: <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Minister: <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister: <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Minister: <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

ALL: <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

#### \*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 PASTOR'S WORDS

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** 

**BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY** 

THE SERMON PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*\*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!!





## **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.

### 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

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING ON EXIT



I have been in awe, with overwhelming gratitude, for the outpouring of your love, prayers and well wishes, as I move toward retirement. I praise God for my supportive family. It has been an honor to serve the Lord under great leadership, in the role of Special Assistant to the Pastor, for these 8.5 years. I shall never forget this invaluable experience of ministry to God's "Beloved Community". Let us pray by the power of the Holy Spirit for Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., as she steps into this role. With joy, I look to Jesus for the next step in my journey. In the spirit of the African proverb "Umbutu", I am because <u>you</u> are!

To God Be All the Glory, *Rev. Charmain Purvis* 

Associate Minister Big Bethel AME Church



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



Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806

Bro. Horace Ford (770) 478-3013

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

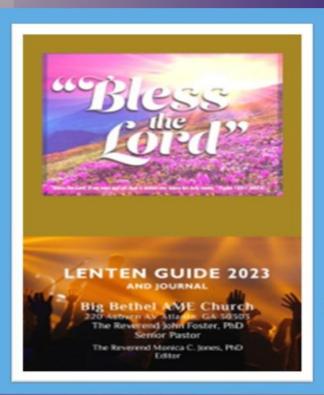
Sis. Deborah Stephens–Lattimore (678) 945-4001

Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Second Sunday in Lent	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 5, 2023	Genesis 12:1-4a	<u>Psalm 121</u>	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 <b>or</b> <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>



Be sure to get your
Big Bethel 2023
Lenten Devotional

Guide

printed copies are available now!!



It is also available at

www.bigbethelame.org/resources/ member services





## 149th ANG Annual Conference

## will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 | 6:00 pm

## Zoom Information:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667468359?pwd=YjRXc1 JISzRsMk1vVjBRaXc2NIZCdz09

Meeting ID: 667 468 359 Passcode: 081485 Use Phone: 1-301-715-8592, 667468359# 081485#

The 2023 Annual Conference Series Schedule is available on the church website



## Calling All Volunteers!!

## Big Bethel Family & Friends:

We need volunteers to assist in various areas as we prepare to host the 149th Atlanta North GA Annual Conference this year. Wont you give of your time and talent?? To register scan the QR code:

Or you can go to the church website to the 'Special Events "page.

https://form.jotform.com/ 223625653240148



Dementia, such as **Alzheimer's disease**, is pervasive in the African American community. Alzheimer's is 2x more prevalent among African Americans than white Americans and the 4th leading cause of death among older African Americans.

## THE CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Big Bethel Caregivers Ministry, in partnership with the ALTER program, an affiliation of Emory University and the Brain **Health Center**, is seeking to make our church dementia friendly by providing educational programs, special worship experiences, and supportive services for members with dementia and their caregivers.

families to discuss their needs and explain how the additional information, please contact the church office Monday through Friday at (404) 827-9707 ~ select extension #3. You may leave a message and your call will be returned by a member of the ministry.

ET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## PRAISE GOD for MARCH 2023 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!! @Big Bethel where "Jesus Saves"







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

FEB 26 - Greater Smith Chapel

Rev. Eric Fladger-Pastor

Rev. Sharon Adair-Harden-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 4: Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross (Mark 15:21)

MAR 12 – Cosmopolitan

Rev. Dr. Marques Harvey-PROCLAIMER Rev. Richard Lackey-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



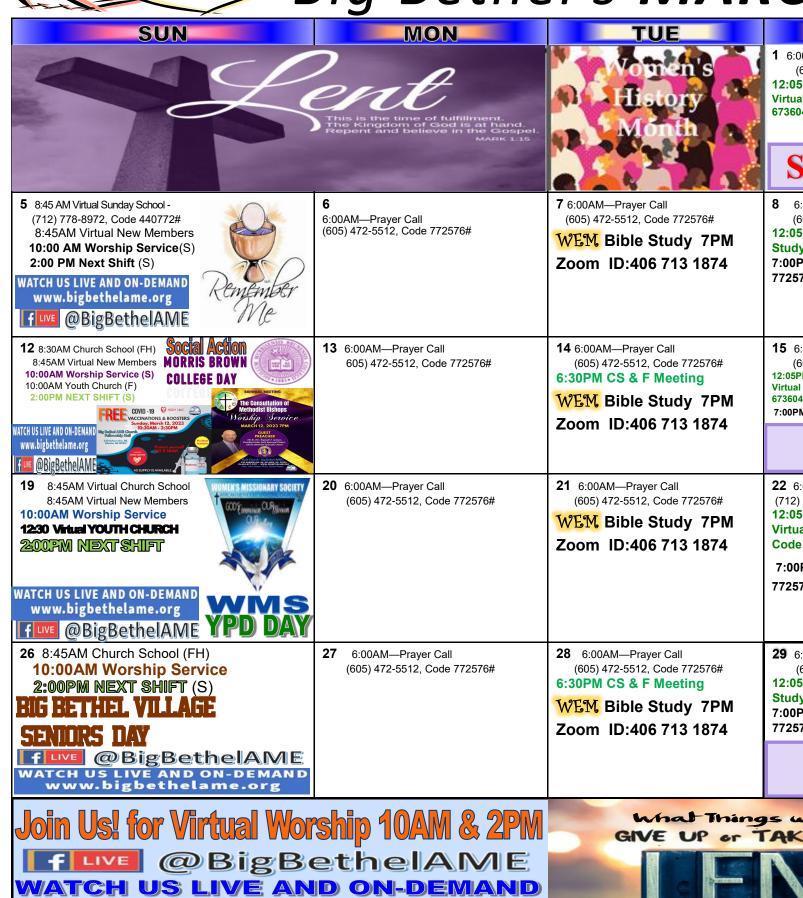
STATION 7: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
(Mark 15:23-32)

APR 2 – Wilkes Chapel
Rev. Eddie Henley – Pastor
Rev. Biobard Lackey PROCLAIMER

SUNDAYS @ 3PM February 19 - April 2nd



## Big Bethel's **MARC**



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## CH 2023 Events Calendar

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GET THE VACCINE WEAR YOUR MASK

SOCIAL DISTANCE



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

- 3/1 Tempestt Davenport, Ayesha Sabir
- 3/2 Brian Oden, Ethel Hicks, Louvenia Thomas, Sharon Jordan, Jordan Stanley, Jordan Loud
- 3/3 Shawn Tidwell, Randall Wright
- 3/4 Austin Jeffery, Murray Chloe
- 3/5 Maurice Price, Serenity Cromartie, Charles Anderson,
- 3/7 Augustus Pritchett, Jennifer Lowe, Princess Brownlee
- 3/8 Amos McCrary, Kendall Hill, Alicia Oden
- 3/9 Kawanza Smith
- 3/10 Geraldine Burton, Mary Jackson, Lauren Washington, Ni-Col Harris, Kokilia Nelson,
- 3/12 Tyan Cloud
- 3/13 Rev. Margaret Franklin, Rodrique Taylor
- 3/16 Sherrie Johnson-Neal

- 3/17 Robert Pritchett, Eric W. Sullivan, Cherie Hill, Leonard Bates
- 3/18 Joseph Purter
- 3/19 William-Adam Jackson
- 3/20 Charis Eppes, Tracy Franklin
- 3/21 Njeri Collier, Terri Lynn Day
- 3/22 Paige Thomas
- 3/23 Frankie Akins, Andrea Smith, Camille Nelson
- 3/24 Carol Crowder, Deborah Hutchison, Price Michael, Derek W.T. Lee
- 3/26 Evelyn Jones, Jacqueline Williams-Rucker,
- 3/27 Grace Lynnette Greene
- 3/28 Nancy Cooke, Everett Jolly, Norman Childs







## GET YOUR TICKET!!

Tickets can be purchased from your local commissioner. See Sis. Felecia Jones

Don't Miss It!!

**JESUS SAVES** 





## DONATE NOW, HELP TODAY

### Let's Help the Homeless

Did you know that as of January 2020, Atlanta had an estimated 3,240 experiencing homelessness on any given day. Of that total, 249 were family households, 322 were veterans, 193 were unaccompanied youth, 542 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and 1934 were those not included in the previous subpopulations.

For the month of March, our Service Sunday Ministry will focus on canned goods and toiletry items for our brothers and sisters in need. Every 3rd Sunday, Thrive goes out into the community to serve our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. Want to volunteer or donate? Contact Rev. Jessica Buford or Bro. Morgan Johnson.



# 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

FELLOWSHIP | WORSHIP | TRANSFORMATION | SERVICE

Contact our Director, Reverend Jessica Burford at JBUFORD@BIGBETHELAME.ORG

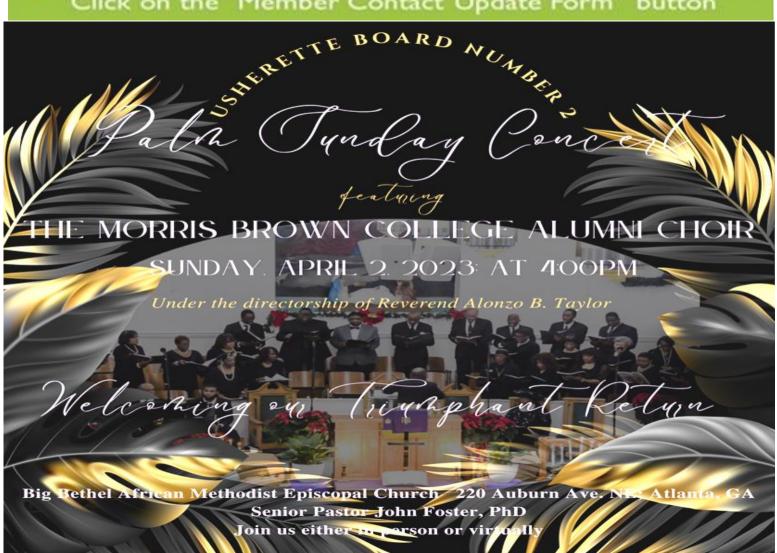


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770-891-5426 God Is Good ALL The Time!! Located in the Bethel Towers Commercial Space

210 Auburn Ave NE (next door to Big Bethel AMEC At the corner of Auburn Ave & Jesse Hill Dr.)

We have

- Toiletries
- Undergarments
- Sanitary Products
  - Clothing
    - Masks
  - Shoes/Socks
  - A Shower Unit
- Love & Compassion

SERVICE HOURS Wednesday/Thursday 1:00p-3pm

REFERRAL PREFERRED



## Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE

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## **BBAMEC VIRTUAL**

Blessings



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Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

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

## Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD. 202-926-1123

Code: 673674#

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

202- 926-1123 Code: 673674#

Big Bethel Village Worship Sunday 3PM

202-926-1123 Code 673674#



Isaiah43: 19 See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

NEW

Adult Sunday School 8:30AM 605-472-5512 Code:772576# 700M LINK:

https://us06web.zoom.us/i/8472518679? pwd=NziDRGiqNmVYY0RsRFY2VzV6IGt Big Bethel Saturday School 12:30 -2:00PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82 182945727?pwd=K2NBbkxMN DhDSVpoWEdIZFhDYzNjZz09



## **Prayer Call**

6AM Mon-Sat

605-472-5512

Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study 605-472-5512

Code:772576#

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

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly ioll@comcast.net



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