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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 10:00AM

HOLY COMMUNION

THE ORGAN 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

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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME HYMN #5—ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown...Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall; Hail Him who saves you by his grace, And crown...Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall, We at His feet ma fall! We'll join the everlasting song. And crown...Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all. Amen

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

JOHN 20:19-25

Minister: ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

People: ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Minister: ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

People: 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Minister: 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. People:

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the ALL: mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side. I will not believe."

*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 DECALOGUE

People:

Minister: And God spoke all these words saying, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, you shall

have no other gods before Me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our

hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image. Minister: or any likeness of anything that is in heaven

above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our

hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your Minister:

God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our

hearts to keep this law.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six Minister:

days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or your sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed

People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our

hearts to keep this law.

"My soul, be on your guard; Ten thousand foes arise. And hosts of sin are pressing hard; To draw you from the skies."

Minister: Honor your father and your mother, that your days

may be long in the land which the Lord your God

gives you.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts

to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not kill.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts People:

to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts

to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts People:

to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not bear false witness against your

neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts People:

to keep this law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you Minister:

> shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his

ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

People: Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws

upon our heart.

"Nearer my God to Thee. Nearer to Thee. E'en though it be a cross. That raiseth me: Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to Thee.

Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee."

Hear what Christ our Savior said: You shall love Minister:

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 hang 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. AMEN."

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL

THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE SERMON

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

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 HOLY COMMUNION

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

**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!!!!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers Bereavement Announcement

With great sadness, we announce the following members experiencing bereavement due to loss of family not affiliated with Big Bethel:

Big Bethel Member	Family Member who passed.	Death or Funeral Date	Location
Sis. Racquel Battle	Ms. Dolores Black Woodard	Funeral—April 7, 2024	Senatobia, MS

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS					
Second Sunday of Easter First reading Psalm Second reading Gospel		Gospel			
April 7, 2024	*Acts 4:32-35	<u>Psalm 133</u>	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31	



🛡 📞 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

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson ESQ., Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District The Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson Sr., Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

THE REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

The Reverend Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D., Director of Christian Education & Chaplain for Big Bethel Village

Reverend Jessica Buford, **76rive** College & Young Adult Ministry Bro. Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Worship & Arts

ITINERANT ELDERS

The Reverend John Foster, Ph.D.,
The Reverend Shrala Askins,
The Reverend Jessica Buford,
The Reverend Wilbert Hobbs,
The Reverend Ali Holness-Roland,
The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D.,
The Reverend Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.,
The Reverend Dr. Charlene Maddox,
The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker,
The Reverend William Spottsville,
The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White,
The Reverend Joyce Young

SUPERANNUATE

The Right Reverend Frank C. Cummings, The Reverend George Davis,

LOCAL ELDERS

The Reverend Bessie Donaldson,
The Reverend Betty Miley,
The Reverend Evelyn Jones,
The Reverend Charmain Purvis,
The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle

Licentiates

Bro. Jermaine Lawrence Bro. Maurice Eckstein Sis. Elaine W. Williams

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE			
Acolytes	Bianca Thomas and Henry Walker	Stewards	Tony Jones & Dr. Chris Parker
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~ Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Director	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
Philippians	Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry Dorothy Glass and Delaine Jones	AV Ministry	Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins
Finance Team			



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Annual Lay Day SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 @ 10AM "WE ARE AND WE DO,"

1 PETER 3:15



EDGE-CANNON LAY ORGANIZATION

Guy Howard, President

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER, PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

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celebrating in the month of April

4/2	Yvette Wilson,	4/12	Georgetta Dye, Wesley Jackson III
4/3	Ciara Hill	4/13	Njvon Collier
4/4	Bishop Frank C. Cummings,	4/14	Miles Turner
	Clarissa Robinson	4/15	Walter Carter, Kendall Henry
4/5	Jackie Herring, Dr. Beletia Diamond	4/16	Tina Wilkerson, Cyril Mayes
4/6	Tisha Dease, Lauren Blanchard,	4/17	Willene Freeman, Patricia Tate
	Eric Biggs, Jonathan Davis	4/18	Lisa Tolbert Crawl, Tony Evans
4/7	Kierra Wilcox	4/19	Richard Stowe,
4/8	Kendrick Henry, Leslie Ousley, Dale	4/20	Phillip Brooks, Jr.
	Flowers	4/22	Nyla Pettway, Victor Smith
4/10	Rev. Betty Miley, Aaron Thomas,	4/25	Arnold Pleasant
	Philip Johnson	4/26	Kimberly Childs,
4/11	Bernice Walters, Bobby Edge	4/27	Joel Boykin, Jr., Mary Helen O'Connor
	Jay Patterson, Robbie Bray,	4/28	Amina Brooks
	Willia Robinson George,	4/30	Kim Fulton

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Big Bethel's APRIL 20

SUN	MON	TUE	
Born Again	1 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	2 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	3 6:0 (12:05 Study 7:00P
7 8:45 AM Virtual Sunday School - 8:45 AM Virtual New Members 2:00 PM Next Shift WATCH US LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org FLIVE @ BigBethelAME	8 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	9 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 6:0PM 4TH Quarterly Conference (In-person) Fellowship Hall	10 6 Code 12:05 Study 7:00P
14 8:45AM Church School 8:45AM New Members 10:00AM Worship Service 12:30AM Virtual Youth Church 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT WATCH US LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org FLIVE @BigBethelAME ANNUAL LAY DAY Guest Speaker: Hon. Khadijah Abdur-Rahman	15 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	16 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478 Augusta Annual Col First AME Church, 521 N Hull St	
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Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another ...

1 John 1: 7a

pen to all lay (i.e., non-clergy) Bethel AME Church.







Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82655698611





BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

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Miracles

Deliverance

Moderators



Rev. Charmain Purvis



Bro. Chris Parker

APRIL 23-25 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



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

EVERY 1ST, 2ND, & **3RD SUNDAY**

8:45AM

BIG BETHEL MEMBERS USE THIS OPPORTUNITY!



THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.bigbethelame.org

- o Go to the "Resources" tab, scroll down to "Member Services" o Scroll down and click on the "Discipleship-NewMemberClass" button. o Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the Zoom Class.

LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, CHURCH AND US!



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.





JUST FOR YOU



Saturday | Apr. 27, 2024 | 9 am - 1 pm

Big Bethel AME **Parking Lot** Corner of Jesse Hill Dr. and John Wesley Dobbs

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www.bigbethelame.org/resources/member-services

Click on the "Member Contact Update Form" button



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

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Blessings





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Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Sludy

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Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD. SAME AS Adult Sunday

School ZOOM LINK

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

Worship Sunday 3PM

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

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

> Now meeting in person!



Isaiah 43: 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

PH: (309)205-3325 Code:7789893084#

ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultalass

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Prayer Call

6AM Mon-Sat

PH:(605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship **Bible Study**

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

Youth Church 2nd Sundays 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly ioll@comcast.net

Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!