

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

EDGE-CANNON LAY ORGANIZATION



ANNUAL

LAY DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 @10AM

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNUAL LAY DAY

"WE ARE AND WE DO"~1 PETER 3:15

WORSHIP LEADER: MR. JORY YOUNG

THE PRELUDE

MR. PHILIP SKERRETT, JR.

• **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 unto me. "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are 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 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: For 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

MS. LEIGH HAYNES

AMEC HYMN #582 (IN THE TUNE OF HYMN #53) —LAYMEN'S SONG

1. Laymen now have thus assembled, In Thy blessed name, O God. Guide us in our true endeavor, Light the pathway that we trod; Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause, Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.
2. We are banded one in union, to fulfill Thy just command. May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand; Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love, Give us blessings from the fountain of thy love.
3. May we stand before Thine Altar, pledging, Lord, to work for Thee. In the Vineyard, in the pastures, Let us, Lord, Thy Pilgrims be; Let us lift the Cross forever to the skies, Let us lift the Cross forever to the skies. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

MR. JEROME ODEN

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

1Peter 3:1-17

Ms. KAWANZA ALSTON SMITH

Leader: ⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

People: ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing

Leader: ¹⁰ For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

People: ¹¹Let him turn away from evil and do good;

Leader: ¹² Let him seek peace and pursue it.

People: ¹³ And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

Leader: ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed. “And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubles.”

People: ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Leader: ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

All: ¹⁹ For all is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

***THE PREFACE OF 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**

Ms. JOI STINSON

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, 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 it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

AME HYMNAL #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

THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE HONORABLE VIOLET TRAVIS RICKS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE LAY DAY MESSAGE

**THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER KHADIJAH ABDUR-RAHMAN,
VICE CHAIRPERSON, FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

MR. JORY YOUNG

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS

Ms. SHAWN TIDWELL

THE REMARKS

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE LAY BENEDICTION

MAY GOD BLESS US WITH THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIANITY, THAT WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER,
NOT AS MAN OVER MAN, BUT AS LAY PERSONS WORKING WITH GOD. AMEN.

**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!!!!



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
April 14, 2024	* Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	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
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
Sis. Elizabeth Parks (Liz) (404) 691-4590

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH



SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

Monthly Health Awareness
A.M.E. Church News
Election Information

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SCAN THE QR CODE



The Woke Express
BIG BETHEL SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION
APRIL 2024

APRIL EDITION
Hard copies available at the vestibule and elevator entrances

Grab Yours Today!!

NEWSLETTER

Survey Editorials And Much More

SMALL GROUP FOR BIG BETHEL SENIORS!

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.,
Senior Pastor

A bi-weekly check-in to share stories, talk, and pray for the concerns on our hearts.

**Next Session: April 18, 2024.
Join Us @ 12 Noon**

Dial in #: 1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: 826 5569 8611
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82655698611>





The Honorable Khadijah Abdur-Rahman

Meet Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, affectionately known as "Commissioner Khadijah," the committed representative for District 6, fondly referred to as "The Mighty 6" in Fulton County, Georgia

Khadijah is not just a Commissioner but also a successful business owner, community organizer, and advocate for human rights. Her leadership is driven by a genuine passion for people and a commitment to purposeful decision-making. Before her role as Commissioner, she had established herself as a prominent figure in the social justice movement. Growing up in Atlanta, she witnessed firsthand the city's ongoing struggle for equity and empowerment with parents who were deeply involved in the civil rights movement.

As Commissioner, Khadijah encounters and advances solutions for relevant and critical issues including public safety, human trafficking, criminal justice reform, juvenile delinquency, senior services, youth programs, environmental justice, public health, housing crisis, economic development, arts, cultural programming, and mental health. The Commissioner's leadership is transformative, bringing about life-changing and life-saving initiatives.

One notable example of Khadijah's collaborative skills was when she joined forces with Georgia's First Lady, Marty Kemp, and the State's Attorney General to address the pressing concerns of human trafficking. This partnership is demonstrative of her ability to work effectively with individuals and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.

Khadijah's legislative expertise is widely recognized and respected. Her dedication, expertise, and leadership have earned her the admiration and esteem of her colleagues, constituents, and fellow public servants. In response to the needs and challenges faced by County Employees, she successfully passed legislation that provided a Pandemic relief bonus check. Additionally, she secured enhanced funding for public safety and justice as well as the Office of the District Attorney. Khadijah also championed voter-rights legislation, ensuring every citizen's voice was heard and valued. In a spirit of bipartisanship, she collaborated with her Republican colleague to establish a pre-arrest diversion center, offering non-violent offenders access to medical treatment instead of incarceration. This center is a humane and practical alternative, setting an example for other communities.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Khadijah has humbly received many prestigious awards and recognitions which include the honors listed below.

- South Fulton Impact Award, Destination Tomorrow's Ally of the Year Award
- Greater Works Ministries G.E.M.S. Award for Empowering Women
- Healing Community Center's International Women's Month Award for Outstanding Commitment and Leadership in the Community
- Georgia Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent Award for Outstanding Community Service
- The Impact Award (for her dedicated service to senior citizens)
- Minority Business Association's Commissioner of the Year
- In 2023, she received the Joseph R. Biden Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her years of dedicated service and her positive impact on countless lives.
- Additionally, she enjoys two distinct and independent designations as Queen Khadijah Abdur Rahman, granting her direct access to African and Caribbean governments. As Queen Mother, she plays a crucial role in addressing important government and leadership issues impacting the Kingdom.
- The Emma Darnell Award, and
- The GMO Movers and Shakers Award
- The 2024 Trailblazers Award from The Links, Incorporated for Links Day at the Capital

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (continued)

In January 2024, Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman was elected with bipartisan support to serve as the Vice Chair of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

Khadijah's commitment to lifelong learning is evident in completing the highly respected University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute's Lifelong Learning Academy, where she earned certification as a County Commissioner. She actively serves on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. She is the fundraising chairperson at Humanitarian Relief Inc., a faith-based program providing food to needy people. She is also a Committee Member for the National Association of County Officials and a member of the Advancing Georgia's Counties Association.

Commissioner Khadijah's roots are steep in Big Bethel A.M.E. Church; her Great-Great Aunt Hattie Mozley (deceased) attended Big Bethel in the early 1900s through 1972; her Great Uncle Arthur Travis (deceased) was a member from the 1930s through 1990s; her mother, Victoria Travis Jackson (deceased) was a member, and served as a choir member and volunteer, from childhood through 2013; her Aunt Joyce Travis Spearman (deceased) volunteered in various areas until 2021; her Aunt Violet Travis Ricks, Esq., is currently a member; her brother, Ricky Jackson (deceased) was a member; and her sister, Audraine Jackson is currently a member of this historic church.

Commissioner Khadijah is the proud mother of three children, Maleka Abdur-Rahman, Mustafaa Al-Uqdah, and Madinah Al-Uqdah, who all work in public service careers. She is a product of Atlanta Public Schools, having attended Peyton Forest Elementary, Southwest Atlanta High, and Benjamin E. Mays High. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the Ambassador Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.

Commissioner Khadijah's contact information is 141 Pryor Street, S. W., 10th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-612-8222, Mighty6@fultoncountyga.gov



HOLY GHOST Prayer Power

SPRING SUMMIT 2024

Relationships Miracles Deliverance

APRIL 23-25
Virtual call-in 6:30-7:30 PM nightly

virtual call-in number: (605)472-5512
access code 772576

Moderators



Rev. Charmain Purvis



Bro. Chris Parker

www.bigbethelame.org Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

THE SWEET AUBURN YOUNG ADULT COLLABORATIVE



BOWLING WITH THE HOMIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
1:00 PM EST
\$25 PER PERSON

JOIN EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH & BIG BETHEL A.M.E. YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES
BOWLER LANES - ATLANTIC STATION
261 19TH ST NW SUITE 1150, ATLANTA, GA 30363

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TO RSVP OR FOR MORE DETAILS

THE SOCIAL OUTING COMMITTEE PRESENTS



MINIATURE GOLF SWING

8480 SENOIA ROAD
FAIRBURN, GA 30213

\$10 AGES 13 AND UP; \$8.50 AGES 4-12; \$7.50 SENIORS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
1PM-3PM**

Contact Dr. Andrea Lewis to RSVP
alewis@bigbethelame.org or (404) 827-9707

 **BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**
REV. JOHN FOSTER, PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

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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Saturday | Apr. 27, 2024 | 9 am - 1 pm
Big Bethel AME Parking Lot
Corner of Jesse Hill Dr. and John Wesley Dobbs

Another day of LOVE with Showers, Washers/Dryers, Haircuts, Toiletries, Clothes, and Hot Breakfast



For more information Contact Roz Thomas or Keith Burnett

ALL are WELCOME and FREE to ALL



BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUJgvakMfYvM9uae7rK5w6g>

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUJgvakMfYvM9uae7rK5w6g>



NEW

Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZ1lsaEFlL3ROdlBNQVpFGQT09>



Women's Bible Study

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

Youth Church 2nd Sundays 10:00AM

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=NzI0RG1qNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZG1MZz09>



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

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