

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the

10:12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep behind--and the wolf snatches them.

10:13 The hired hand runs away because he does not care for the sheep.

10:14 I am the good shepherd. My sheep know me,

10:15 just as I know them and lay down my life for them.

10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this fold. Bringing them also, I will save them, just as I have saved them. I am the shepherd.

10:17 For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it back again.

10:18 No one takes it from me. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it back again.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN NO. 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 Written by Beth Merrill Neel, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'

**Minister: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:**

People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

**Minister: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:**

People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

**Minister: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:**

People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

**ALL: Thank you all; thank you, God.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....A.M.E. Hymn #351 Just A Little Talk With Jesus

1. I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in And then a little light from heaven filled my soul. It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

**Refrain:** Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, Let us tell Him all about our troubles, He will hear our faintest cry He will answer by and by Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning And you know a little fire is burning You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right

2. Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day. The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. **[Refrain]**

3. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night. I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care, And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. **[Refrain]**

**The INVOCATION**

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Acts 4:5-12

**Minister:5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,**

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....Acts 4:5-12**

People: <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

Minister: <sup>7</sup> **When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"**

People: <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

Minister: <sup>9</sup> **if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,**

People: <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

Minister: <sup>11</sup> **This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'**

ALL: <sup>12</sup> **There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."**

**THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....IN THE TUNE OF AME HYMN #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 #627**

*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 CREATIVE EXPRESSION.....SIGNS OF PRAISE MIME MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY**

**THE SERMON.....BRO. MAURICE ECKSTEIN  
BIG BETHEL LICENTIATE**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING**

**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!!**





BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

HOLY GHOST



Prayer Power

SPRING SUMMIT 2024

Relationships

Miracles

Deliverance

APRIL 23-25

Virtual call-in 6:30-7:30 PM nightly



Rev. Charmain Purvis



Bro. Chris Parker

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

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

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 members experiencing bereavement due to loss of family not affiliated with Big Bethel:

Big Bethel Member	Family Member who passed.	Death and/or Funeral Date	Location
Dr. Marla Thompson-Kendall	Mr. Craig Henry Thompson	Passed — April 10, 2024 Funeral — April 22, 2024	St. Paul, MN

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
April 21, 2024	* <a href="#">Acts 4:5-12</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 23</a>	<a href="#">1 John 3:16-24</a>	<a href="#">John 10:11-18</a>

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](mailto:alewis@bigbethelame.org) or (404) 827-9707



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**St. Phillip A.M.E. Church**  
**851 North Hill Street – Griffin, GA**

*~Rev. Robert L. Johnson, III., Pastor~*

# *Pastor's Appreciation Celebration*



*Rev. Robert L. Johnson, III.*

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Theme: "The Posture of a Servant Leader"**

**Romans 1:1**

*Guest Speaker*

*Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.*

**Senior Pastor**

**Big Bethel A.M.E. Church**

**220 Auburn Avenue**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**



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# 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

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



ALL are WELCOME and FREE to ALL



# BBAMEC VIRTUAL

# Blessings



**Weekly 10AM  
Sunday Worship**

[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUu9vakiM7YvM9uae77K5w6g>

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZ1lsaEtIL3ROdlBNQVpFQT09>



Women's Bible Study



**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>  
Sundays 10:00AM**

**Zoom Meeting ID:  
775-4987-0483  
Password: YEr10W**

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

**Now meeting in person!**

**NEW**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, ZOOM

**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=NzI0RGlqNmVYY0R5REY2VzV6ZGIMZz09>

**Youth Sunday  
School 8:30AM**

Email Everett Jolly  
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**Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!**