

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

**Luke 24:16 but their
eyes were kept from
recognizing him.**

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023



THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

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

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Minister: For He is the Lord our God.

All: And we are the people of His pasture. And the sheep of His hand.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE..... A.M.E. Hymn #215 I've A Message From The Lord

1. I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah! The message unto you I'll give,
'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."

REFRAIN: "Look and live," my brother, live, Look to Jesus now, and live;
'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."

2. I've a message full of love, Hallelujah! A message, O my friend, for you,
'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah! Jesus said it, and I know 'tis true. [REFRAIN]
3. I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah! To Jesus when He made me whole—
'Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah! I trusted and He saved my soul. [REFRAIN]

The INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 16:1-8

Minister: ¹ **Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.**

People: ² **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

Minister: ³ **As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.**

People: ⁴ **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

Minister: ⁵ **The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

People: ⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Minister: ⁷ **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

ALL: ⁸ **I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....AME HYMN #72
(IN THE TUNE OF COME O MY SOUL...)

*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.....KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE SERMON.....REV. ROBERT L. JOHNSON, III
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS, FACILITIES & RESIDENTIAL LIFE ~ TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ASSOCIATE MINISTER BIG BETHEL AMEC

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING ON EXIT

****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!!!**





Reverend Robert Lee Johnson, III

Reverend Robert Lee Johnson, III, affectionally known as “RL” received an Associate Degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration from Delgado Community College; a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix; and, a Master of Divinity Degree from Payne Theological Seminary, where he served as Senior Class President.

Rev. Johnson answered his calling into the ministry in 2004 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in New Orleans and was ordained an Itinerant Elder in 2013.

Rev. Johnson pastored for fifteen years in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where his ministry focused on serving individuals, couples, and families in need of spiritual, emotional, and mental support and care. Rev. Johnson served the congregations of Days Chapel A.M.E. in Clinton, Louisiana; Salter Chapel A.M.E. in Denham Springs, Louisiana; Greater Matthews Chapel A.M.E. in Darlington, Louisiana; St. Paul AME in Madison, Mississippi; McMichael AME Church in Amite, Louisiana; and St. James A.M.E. in Picayune, Mississippi. He currently serves as Director of Business Operations, Facilities and Residential Life at Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center.

In 2018, Rev. Johnson was commissioned and received Active Duty orders to serve in the Chaplain Corps in the United States Navy. He was assigned to serve at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) in New Orleans, Louisiana at the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and later promoted to n Lieutenant (LT). LT Johnson successfully served in the positions of Command Chaplain, Deputy Command Chaplain, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Community Liaison and Volunteer Coordinator where he made a significant impact on the Command Religious Program overseeing the spiritual wellbeing of 5,000 plus military personnel and families. Upon retirement in December 2021, LT Johnson received The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for exemplary service and achievement.

Rev. Johnson was inducted into the Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he is one of only 60 preachers worldwide accepted into this prestigious program. He was recently admitted to the Higher Education Leadership doctoral program at Clark Atlanta University.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
April 23, 2023	* Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers & 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



**Planning Meeting for
149th ANG Annual Conference
will be held on Monday,
April 24, 2023 | 6:00 pm**

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667468359?pwd=YjRXc1JlSzMzMk1vVjBRaXc2NlZCdz09>

Meeting ID: 667 468 359 Passcode: 081485

Use Phone: 1-301-715-8592, 667468359# 081485#

 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.



ATTENTION SINGERS!! YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

Annual Conference Choir Rehearsals

EVERY TUESDAY @6:30 PM BEGINNING
APRIL 11, 2023

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT!!



**ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHOIR ROOM
UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED**

**For more information contact:
Big Bethel Minister of Music - Nathaniel Fisher @ 404-849-5217**

COMING *soon...*

THE 149TH SESSION OF THE
ATLANTA NORTH GEORGIA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 10-12, 2023



**CHARACTERISTICS OF
GODLY LEADERS**



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ATTENTION

All Big Bethel

Graduating Seniors!!

The Big Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church

Scholarship Application

IS NOW AVAILABLE

(For those who are active at Big Bethel
and going to college this Fall)

Applications must be postmarked by

June 5, 2023

Go to <https://www.bigbethelame.org/Member-Services> for application and instructions.

Click on the button

BBAMEC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Must Be Postmarked by June 5, 2023)

If you have any questions, contact: *Dr. Price M. Michael*,
Chairperson, Big Bethel Scholarship Committee at
pmichael@westga.edu



23rd ANNUAL
**M.O.B.B.
GOLF**
TOURNAMENT

● **Play Golf
for a Cause**

● All Proceeds
go to provide
scholarships to
our graduating
high school
seniors.

**MONDAY
JUNE 19th**

AT Wolf Creek
GOLF COURSE
3000 Union Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30331

**SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

PLAYER
REGISTRATION

PRESENTING SPONSOR \$1000
CORPORATE SPONSOR \$500
PATRON SPONSOR \$150
IN-KIND SPONSOR

TEAM OF 4 PLAYERS: \$500
INDIVIDUAL PLAYER: \$125

FOR MORE DETAILS:
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Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvakMrYvMfPuae7rKSw6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL

Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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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.
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?

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 & 3rd Sundays 12:30PM

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

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=NzI0RGlnNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZGIMZz09>

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

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