

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

EDGE-CANNON LAY ORGANIZATION



ANNUAL LAY DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 @10AM

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNUAL LAY DAY

"REMEMBERING OUR HERITAGE: SHAPING OUR FUTURE"

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

MR. JORY YOUNG

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

MRS. MARTHA THOMAS

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

MS. CLARISSA CARMICHAEL

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL COMBINED CHOIRS

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Joshua 4:4-9

MRS. EUNICE DAVIS

Leader: ⁴Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of Every tribe a man:

People: ⁵And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

Leader: ⁶That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones?

People: ⁷Then ye shall answer them That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial I unto the children of Israel forever.

Leader: ⁸And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

All: ⁹And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

***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**

MR. TONY JONES

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 PHILIPPIN MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE REMARKS

MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS
61st Mayor, City of Atlanta

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

MR. GUY HOWARD
President, Edge-Cannon Lay Organization

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL COMBINED CHOIRS

THE LAY DAY MESSAGE

MRS. ALFREDA BROOKS,
President, 6th Episcopal District Lay Organization

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE SPECIAL PRESENTATION

BIG BETHEL LAYPERSONS OF THE YEAR

MR. GUY HOWARD

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS

DR. STANLEY PRITCHETT

THE PASTOR’S REMARKS

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE DOXOLOGY

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 27, 2025	* Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	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

JOIN US!



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



Special
Church Restoration Project
DEDICATION Service
Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 9:30AM
@220 Auburn Ave. in front of the church



Alfreda Young Brooks

is a native of Buffalo, New York, where she completed her early education from elementary to high school. She attended Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, where she earned her BA degree in Sociology /Education. After graduation she moved to Rochester, New York there she worked for Allstate Insurance Company in several positions and ended her 37 years with Allstate Insurance in Atlanta, Ga, as an Analyst.

Sis. Brooks was raised in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church and was very active in the AMEZ church as a YPD officer. She joined the Baber AME church in 1980 after her marriage to John Brooks and started working in the church. During her tenure in Rochester, she became the local Lay president, Western New York conference Director of Lay Activity, and the First District Lay Organization, Recording Secretary. Upon transferring to Georgia, Sis. Brooks joined Antioch AMEC Stone Mountain; there she became the local lay president and director of lay activity. Since then, She's served as the recording secretary for the Atlanta North Georgia Conference, and the Sixth District Lay Organization. She has been the Director of Lay Activity for the Atlanta North Georgia Conference and the Atlanta East District Lay Organizations; She served as the First Vice President of the Sixth Episcopal District Lay, delegate to the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference and delegate to the 2021 General Conference serving on the Revision and Compilation committees. She has received the outstanding award as the Lay Person of the Year for the Atlanta North Georgia Conference. She currently holds the position President of Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization which encompass the entire state of Georgia, (approx. 500 churches)

She enjoys conducting seminars, training, reading, sewing, arts and crafts, traveling and singing just to name a few hobbies. She has been married to John Allen Brooks for 49 years; they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Her favorite color is yellow, and scripture is Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"

The 2024 Trailblazers Award from The Links, Incorporated for Links Day at the Capital





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Senior Pastor

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WHAT DO I NEED?

Immediately after 10:00 AM Worship

APRIL 27, 2025

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

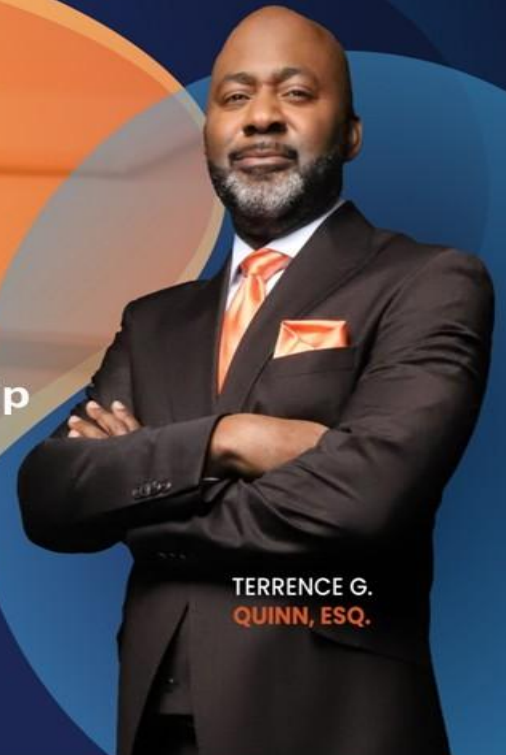
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Have you ever wondered:

What will happen to your
children and assets
when you die?

If you cannot make decisions for
yourself, who will make them for
you, and what will they decide?



TERRENCE G.
QUINN, ESQ.

Trinity Table

Big Bethel A.M.E. and Trinity UMC

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 12:30 – 2 p.m.

**Volunteer to serve hot meals at
265 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA 30303
AND**

**Between now and Saturday, April 26th,
bring cases of bottled water and packaged desserts
(cookies, pudding cups)
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. The TRINITY HOUSE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY and USHER BOARD #1 champions the work of this program and is asking Big Bethel members to donate, volunteer to serve hot meals and provide to-go lunch bags to support Trinity Table.

**FOR MORE INFO E-Mail Greling Battle
Battlegreling@gmail.com**

Dear Rev. Foster, Ph.D.,
Again we are so grateful that you took the time to leave your big house and come back to your humble beginnings to share insight, wisdom and love with us here at Pleasant Hill Victory A.M.E. Church. We enjoyed the fellowship with your family, music ministry and other members from Big Bethel A.M.E. Church. We look forward to you coming to visit us again in the future.

April 9, 2025
Dear Rev. John Foster,
Ph.D.,
With sincere thanks
and appreciation.
Sincerely,
Pastor Lola Scott Russell, Ph.D.,
and the
members of Pleasant
Hill Victory A.M.E. Church
South Fulton, Georgia

Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference – May 14-16, 2025

AGENDA | DAILY SCHEDULE

Pre-Conference Meetings	
WEDNESDAY MORNING May 14, 2025	
9:00 a.m.	WMS ANNUAL CONVENTION
9:30 a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with the Presiding Elders
10:30 a.m.	Bishop's Meeting with the Board of Examiners
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON May 14, 2025	
1:15 p.m.	DEVOTION (Board of Examiners Candidates)
1:30 p.m.	OFFICIAL OPENING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Business Session)
	• Expressions from Bishop Michael L. Mitchell
	• Roll Call
	• Presentation of Transfers
	• Organization of Conference
	• Presiding Elders' Summary Report
	• Board of Examiners Report
	• Conference Trustees Report
4:30 p.m.	Break/ Dinner
6:00 p.m.	WMS Night in White Worship Service
THURSDAY MORNING May 15, 2025	
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	OPENING WORSHIP (Annual Sermon/Holy Communion)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
THURSDAY AFTERNOON May 15, 2025	
1:30 p.m.	BUSINESS SESSION
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE - Lay Witness

AGENDA | DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MORNING May 16, 2025	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	SONS OF ALLEN WITNESS
10:00 a.m.	BUSINESS SESSION
11:30 A.M.	WOMEN IN MINISTRY WITNESS
1:00 P.M.	Lunch Break
FRIDAY AFTERNOON May 16, 2025	
2:30 p.m.	BUSINESS SESSION
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break
5:30 P.M.	CHURCH SCHOOL EXPLOSION
6:30 P.M.	CLOSING & COMMISSIONING WORSHIP SERVICE
	• Resolution Committee Report
	• Pastoral Appointments
SATURDAY May 17, 2025	
9:00 a.m.	YPD BUSINESS SESSION
11:00 a.m.	YOUTH EXPLOSION WORSHIP SERVICE
1:00 p.m.	RAYAC
Sunday DMC May 18, 2025	

YOU ARE INVITED
AS WE CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF

Dr. John and Mary Ann Foster



SUNDAY
04 TH MAY, 2025

**"Faithful in the Call: Honoring
a Legacy of Love & Leadership"**

**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith."**

2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

**Join us directly after 10am worship service, as we
celebrate through food and fellowship.**



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