

**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**



# **FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY**

**Sunday, April 30, 2023  
@10am**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

**Family & Friends Sunday**

**10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**APRIL 30, 2023**

**THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRITT 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:** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

**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)

**Minister:** 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)

**Minister:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

**People:** But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

**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. (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.....364 - My Hope Is Built**

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**REFRAIN:** *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. ~~**REFRAIN**~~
3. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne! ~~**REFRAIN**~~

## **THE INVOCATION**

**The Worship Through Music**

**Big Bethel Chorale**

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE**

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

**Minister:** <sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

**People:** <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

**Minister:** <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

**People:** <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

**Minister:** <sup>21</sup> **Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

**People:** <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

**ALL:** <sup>23</sup> **You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.**

**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 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.....PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC..... BIG BETHEL CHORALE**

**THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE TITHES & OFFERING ON DEPARTURE**

**\*\*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!**





**Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our 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

# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>April 30, 2023</b>	<a href="#">*Acts 2:42-47</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 23</a>	<a href="#">1 Peter 2:19-25</a>	<a href="#">John 10:1-10</a>

# Thank You

Dear Members of Big Bethel,  
The family of the late *Walter M. Metzger* acknowledges with great appreciation the many kindnesses shown to us on the occasion of his transition. May God's richest blessings be yours.  
Sincerely,

*Sister Marie Robinson-Metzger  
and Family*

## PLANNING MEETING

**149<sup>th</sup> ANG Annual Conference**  
**PLANNING MEETING**  
**will be held on Monday,**  
**May 1, 2023 | 6:00 pm**  
**IN-Person**  
**@ the Fellowship Hall**

**Calling All Volunteers!!**  
Big Bethel Family & Friends:  
We need volunteers to assist in various areas as we prepare to host the 149<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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

ATLANTA-NORTH GA RAYAC PRESENTS

# HOUR OF POWER

*Worship Service*

GUEST PREACHER

REV. **LAMONE GIBSON**

**3:00  
PM**

**MAY 6, 2023**

**BIG BETHEL AMEC**

220 AUBURN AVE, ATLANTA, GA 30303

\*CONFERENCE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2:30PM

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



### CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY LEADERS



**BISHOP REGINALD T. JACKSON**

PRESIDING PRELATE, 6th EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

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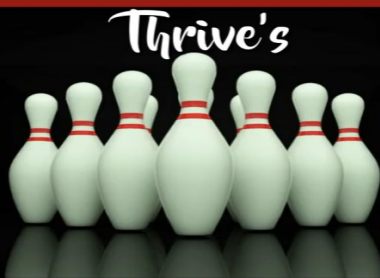
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220 AUBURN AVENUE, ATLANTA, GA 30303

**"JESUS SAVES"**

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Join Us  
@2:00PM



# Social Sunday BOWLING

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 2PM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

MIDTOWN BOWL

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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](mailto:pmichael@westga.edu)

23rd ANNUAL  
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● **Play Golf  
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scholarships to  
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seniors.

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JUNE 19th**  
AT Wolf Creek  
GOLF COURSE  
3000 Union Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30331

**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**

PLAYER  
REGISTRATION

M.O.B.B. Golf Tournament Registration

MORE DETAILS TO COME VIA:  
[WWW.BIGBETHELAME.ORG/MINISTRY](http://WWW.BIGBETHELAME.ORG/MINISTRY)  
HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

M.O.B.B. Golf Sign up





### Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvakMrYvMfPuae7rKSw6g>

## BBAMEC VIRTUAL

# Blessings

### Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvakMrYvMfPuae7rKSw6g>



### 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: <sup>19</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays 12:30PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

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=NzI0RGlnNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZGIMZz09>



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

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!**