

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH **WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH**



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025



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: All knowing God, who sees and helps to bear the pains and disappointments of every black mother, we ask that you extend to our mothers comfort and strength.

People: Divine Nurturer, fortify our mothers. Continue to make them a refuge in the time of trouble.

Minister: We cherish mothers who teach, write or preach the truth and who open the minds of children to limitless possibility. We celebrate mothers who are homemakers, educators, authors and pastors, who formulate ideas, expend creative energy and inspire young people to become leaders.

People: God, empower black mothers to enrich the lives of their families. Aid them as they teach sons and daughters determination and the value of investing in the future.

Minister: We pray for black mothers of old who have bent their backs cleaning homes, picking cotton and working by the sweat of their brow. We thank them for their determination and their belief that education is a door to liberation and success.

People: Because our mothers taught us that “the Lord will make a way out of no way”, we have the inheritance of a powerful spiritual legacy. We give black mothers bouquets of gratitude and honor. Kind and Gentle Savior, ever bless them.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME Hymn # 430 - Faith Of Our Mothers

1. Faith of our mothers, living still In cradle song and bedtime prayer, In nursery love and fireside love, thy presence still pervades the air:

Refrain: Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith, Fount of our childhood's trust and grace, O may thy consecration prove, Source of a finer, nobler race; **[Refrain]**
3. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, In truth beyond our stumbling creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church, And breathe thy spirit through our deeds: **[Refrain]**

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

Minister: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Minister: ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Minister: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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

*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 PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE SERMON..... PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Exodus 35:5

From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering.

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!!!!**





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

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 Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
 Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Miriam Redding
 Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
May 11, 2025	* Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

"FOR ALL THE LADIES IN THE PLACE WITH STYLE & GRACE"
PSALMS 145:4 - "ONE GENERATION SHALL PRAISE YOUR
WORKS TO ANOTHER, AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR
MIGHTY ACTS."



Upcoming Events



MAY
3
LOVE FEAST
TBD
BOUQUET CLASS
2 PM - 4 PM

MAY
6
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
LINE DANCE

MAY
10
TBD
CHAT & CHEW

MAY
13
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
ZUMBA

MAY
20
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
LINE DANCE

MAY
24
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
TEA AROUND TOWN

MAY
25
10 AM
WOMEN'S EMPHASIS
DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY
27
7 PM - 8:15 PM
\$2 TUESDAYS
ZUMBA

MAY
30
2:00 PM (DROP OFF)
/ 5:00 PM IN PERSON
TRINITY HOUSE
TEAM DINNER





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WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

**SUNDAY 25
MAY**

P R E S E N T S

WOMEN'S DAY

10:00AM

FOR ALL THE LADIES IN THE PLACE WITH

Style and Grace

Psalm 145:4

Guest Preacher

BISHOP ERIKA D. CRAWFORD

PRESIDING PRELATE

8TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT



DRESS FOR YOUR GENERATION: 1901-1945: BLUE 1965-1979: GREEN 1995-2009: YELLOW
1946-1964: PINK 1980-1994: LAVENDER 2010-NOW: ORANGE

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Forty Years of
Itinerant Ministry



Forty Years of
Matrimony Team



Twelve Years of
Service at Big Bethel

LET'S CELEBRATE!!!
John and Mary Ann Foster
PRAISE GOD FOR THE JOURNEY!!!

Save the Date

THURSDAY

MAY 15 2025



4:30 pm

Refreshments will be served!!!

St. Philip AME Church
240 Candler Road, Atlanta, Georgia
George Moore Center

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in this Life-Long
Celebration of the
Foster Family as We
praise God for
their Service!!!



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BBAMEC CHURCH FAMILY'S
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LOVE & PRAYERS ON
OUR "FOSTER CELEBRA-
TION" HELD ON MAY 4,
2025. THE DAY WAS
HEARTFELT. ALL OF
US ENJOYED IT.
PRAISE GOD FROM
WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW.
PASTOR & SIS. MARY ANN



FIRST
Sunday
WHITE & GREEN



SECOND
Sunday
HIGH FASHION
SUNDAY BEST



THIRD
Sunday
DENIM, DIAMONDS
& PEARLS



FOURTH
Sunday
ASSIGNED
GENERATIONAL
COLORS



1901-1945

1965-1979

1995-2009

1946-1964

1980-1994

2010-NOW