

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

Women's Emphasis Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

10:00 AM

Elevating the Next Generation



THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

*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

REV. ANDREA LEWIS. PH.D.

Leader: Today, O Lord, we honor women – carriers and cultivators of culture. In a lush African garden, your

hands fashioned her as Mother of Creation. Bless her now as she continues to pass culture on to

future generations.

People: Thank you for women, Lord. Their descendants have blessed the earth

Leader: We remember our African queens. Through the centuries they grew in wisdom and strength. Fertile minds were formed at their knee. They nurtured kingdoms as queen rulers of mighty nations. Bless women now,

Lord, as they continue to educate and lead their people.

People: Strengthen women, Lord. Their genius has enriched the earth

Leader: We remember Black women who were treated as property during the enslavement and the Middle Passage.

Yet she survived and her vision of freedom ignited a determination to struggle for human and civil rights. Bless Black women now, Lord, as they fight against injustice through strategies for hope, survival, and advancement.

People: Empower women, Lord. Their bravery has ennobled the earth.

Leader: We remember Black women who prayed, preached, healed and helped faithfully at all times. As prayer warriors, they knew how to trust you, O God, especially in times of trouble. Their triumph has sparked fire in

our souls. May the light that radiates from you today cast beautiful patterns on our lives through them.

People: We rejoice now, O Lord, with women everywhere. Thank you, Lord. Their work blesses the earth.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE AME Hymn #351—Just A Little Talk With Jesus Sis. Paige Thomas

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 SIS. MARY ANN FOSTER

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Luke 8:11-15 Sis. Rose Schofield

Leader: ¹¹ "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

People: ¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from

their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Leader: ¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

People: ¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

ALL ¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.

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."

*SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

SIS. BRAUNWIN CAMP

And Jesus, said to him, 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 unto it, you shall love your neighbor as thyself. On these two laws depend all the law and the prophets.

GLORIA PATRI AME HYMN #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 PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

RETIRED SUPERVISOR DOROTHY J. YOUNG

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

THE SERMON

REV. DR. TONI BELIN INGRAM
PRESIDING ELDER, AUGUSTA NORTH DISTRICT SED

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. DR. LAIRALAINE MORGAN WHITE

THE REMARKS

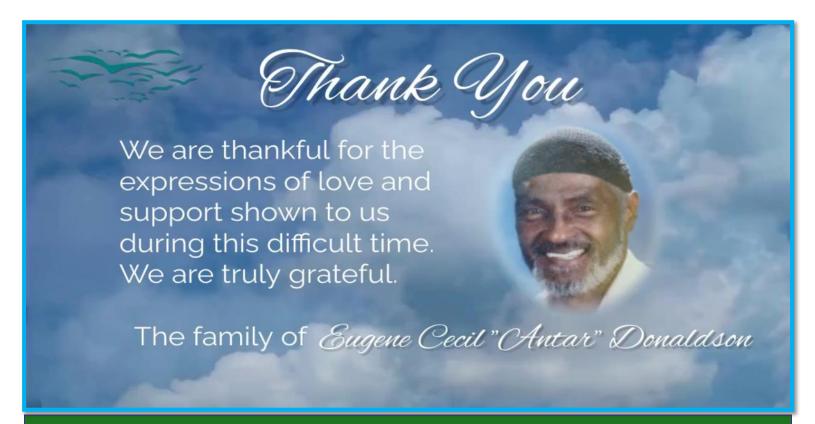
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THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE BENEDICTION







WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS				
Sixth Sunday of Easter	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
May 21, 2023	*Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

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

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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

**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!!!





THE FOLLOWIG ACTIVITIES ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED









Rev. Dr. Toni Belin Ingram

Reverend Dr. Toni Belin Ingram is an ordained itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and is the Presiding Elder of the Augusta North District. Under her leadership, Augusta

North strives to be a people that embodies and abides in God's love and seeks to serve God by serving God's people.

Toni's vision is to ensure that more of God's people reach their full potential and fulfill their divine purposes. To that end she has lead #DailyPrayer at 6:45am EST seven days a week since 2013. She has served on the Board of Directors for Interfaith Children's Movement, Whitefoord Community Programs and Board of Examiners, AME Church. She pastored Greater Smith Chapel and Greater Turner Chapel where both significant capital improvements and spiritual growth was made. Under her leadership, the people of Greater Turner Chapel purchased a home with five acres and were able to have the zoning converted to the church's benefit. Toni served as Director of Black Church Studies at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and is a member of the 2014 class of Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers. Toni is a certified Coach and Speaker with the John Maxwell Team.

A believer in the Power and Provision of Prayer, Toni has led #DailyPrayer at 6:45am est seven days a week for the past ten years.

Toni earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia and a Master of Divinity Degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She completed her Doctor of Ministry at Payne Theological Seminary where her focus was an Adaptive Leadership approach to Intergenerational Ministry. A Lifelong Learner, Toni is currently enrolled in a Master of Marriage and Family Program at Mercer School of Medicine.

Toni is married to Raymond Ingram and they are the proud parents of three adult children, Omar, Iman and Asha and the excited grandparents of Zion, Saniyah and Jacques Zaire.





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10th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration Digital Souvenir Journal Ads

May 19, 2023

Dear Friends of Big Bethel A.M.E. Church:

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is hosting a 10th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration for Pastor John and Sister Mary Ann Foster on June 11, 2023. As part of the celebration, we would like to publish an outstanding digital souvenir journal. To achieve this goal, we need your help. We are asking you and/or your organization/church/business to support the journal by purchasing a digital ad. When submitting the ad, please make sure it is "camera ready" (ready for publication). All photos/artwork need to be "finished work", as desired.

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Yours in Christ, Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., Committee Chair Brother Floyd and Dr. Rosa Baxter, Honorary Chairs Dr. Stanley and Dr. Sharon Pritchett, Honorary Chairs Brother Charles Moore, Honorary Chair

cc: Martinique Mix, Souvenir Journal Committee



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Scholarship Application
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(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-

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

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Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Sludy

Zoom ID: 406 713 1874 (312) 626-6799, access code 4067131874#

Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD. 202-926-1123 Code: 673604#

Big Bethel Village **Bible Study** Monday 4PM

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Big Bethel Village Worship Sunday 3PM

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Adult Sunday School 8:30AM

605-472-5512 Code:772576# ZOOM LINK:

https://us06web.zoom.us/i/8472518679? pwd=NziDRGlaNmVYY0RsRFY2VzV6ZG1

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

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Prayer Call

&AM Mon-Sat 605-472-5512

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Youth Church 2nd & 3rd Sundays 12:30PM

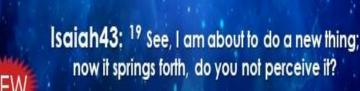
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Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

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