

**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
**Women's Emphasis Sunday**



**1901-1944**



**1946-1964**



**1965-1979**



**1980-1994**



**1995-2009**



**2010-2025**

**SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025**

**BISHOP MICHAEL L. MITCHELL, PRESIDING PRELATE, 6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**  
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# Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE SENIOR PASTOR

## WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025 | 10:00 AM



"For all the ladies in the place with style & grace" Psalm 145:4

"one generation shall praise your works to another. And shall declare Your mighty acts."

**Rev. Jessica Buford—Millennial —Worship Leader**

### THE PRELUDE

**BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT JR.**

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

**(IN THE TUNE OF #69)**

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. JESSICA BUFORD, MILLENNIAL**

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

**People:** Today, O Lord, we honor black 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.

**Minister: We remember Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Pauli Murray and Rosa Parks. The black woman was 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 woman now, Lord, as they fight against injustice through strategies for hope, survival, and advancement.**

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

**Minister: We remember Rahab, Zipporah, Jarena Lee, Julia Foote, and Zilpha Elaw. Black women prayed and 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:** Thank you for black women, Lord. Their descendants have blessed the earth.

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

**AME HYMN #21—To God Be the Glory**

**REV. JOYCE YOUNG, BABY BOOMER**

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory; great things He has done.**

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. ~Refrain~

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.. ~Refrain~

### THE INVOCATION

**SIS. TRINITY WHITE, GENERATION ALPHA**

### THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

**BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S DAY CHOIR**

**Minister:** <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**People:** <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**Minister:** <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**People:** <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Minister:** <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**People:** <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**All:** <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

#### 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

Sis. Avril Copeland, Gen X

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 commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

#### THE 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 PHILIPPIN MINISTRY

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW PASTOR WITH VIDEO WELCOME

DR. STANLEY PRITCHETT  
STEWART PROTEM

#### THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Sis. JOI STINSON, GEN Z

#### THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S DAY CHOIR

#### THE SERMON

THE RIGHT REVEREND ERIKA D. CRAWFORD,  
143RD ELECTED AND CONSECRATED BISHOP IN THE AME CHURCH  
PRESIDING PRELATE— EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

#### THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

#### THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

Sis. GERI DODSON CHANDLER, BABY BOOMER

#### THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Nehemiah 10:35-37

"We assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the first fruits of our crops... will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God...offerings...(and) tithes.



## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

**"ALL THINGS COME OF THEE O LORD,  
AND OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE"**



## THE SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REMARKS

**SIS JOI STINSON & SIS. JA'KEILLA ROUSE**  
CO-CHAIRS OF THE WEM COMMITTEE

## THE DOXOLOGY

(IN THE TUNE OF #69)

## THE BENEDICTION



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<a href="#">Sixth Sunday of Easter</a>	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
May 25, 2025	* <a href="#">Acts 16:9-15</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 67</a>	<a href="#">Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</a>	<a href="#">John 14:23-29</a> or <a href="#">John 5:1-9</a>

♥ **Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our calls & Prayers!** ♥

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806  
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841  
Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Miriam Redding  
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 Right Reverend Erika D. Crawford*

143RD ELECTED AND CONSECRATED BISHOP  
IN THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PRESIDING PRELATE— EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Bishop Erika D. Crawford, a disciple whom Jesus loves, is a Proven Leader, Trusted Servant, and Kingdom Citizen. She is a spiritual daughter of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Stamford, CT. She embraced the work and call of the itinerant ministry, having served God through Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Stamford, Connecticut; Reid Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbia, SC; and Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Harlem, NY, before receiving her first pastoral appointment in 2006.

In her pastorate, Bishop Crawford was blessed to have led the Believers at Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church of Mt. Vernon, NY; African Methodist Episcopal Ebenezer Church of Rahway, NJ; and Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church of Dover, DE. She led these congregations in debt and mortgage liquidation, property acquisitions, renovations, and at Mt Zion, a 3000 sq ft building addition.

In addition to Pastoral Ministry, Bishop Crawford was blessed to have served as the Coordinator of Ecumenical and Interfaith Ministry for Fordham University (a Jesuit-Catholic University), New York Liberty Team Chaplain and Consultant for the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), and Director of the Pastoral Care Department at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (Rahway, NJ).

She made history at the 52nd Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, when 1019 of the 1720 delegates cast their ballots, making her the first woman to lead an episcopal class in the church's history. Bishop Crawford serves as the 143<sup>rd</sup> elected and consecrated Bishop and is assigned as the Presiding Prelate of the 8<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District, encompassing the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. In addition to that assignment, she serves as the Commission Chair for the Department of Church Growth for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Before serving in a “fully funded/full-time” pastoral capacity, Bishop Crawford worked extensively in management and administration in the health insurance industry. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management at Voorhees College (Denmark, SC), a Master of Divinity at New York Theological Seminary (New York, NY), and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Fordham University (Bronx, NY). She has also done postgraduate work at Regent's Park College at Oxford University (Oxford, UK).

Other work previously assigned to Bishop Crawford's hand includes two terms as Connectional (International) President of AME Women in Ministry; Director of Stewardship for the First Episcopal District; Dean of the Ministerial Institute (Delaware and New Jersey Annual Conference); Vice-Chair of The Conference Trustee Board (Delaware Annual Conference); The City of Dover (DE) Ethics Commission, and a plethora of other religious and civic organizations.

Bishop Crawford is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; The Links Incorporated; The National Council of Negro Women (life member) and the NAACP (life member).

She is EXCITED about the Lord's PLAN for her ministry as she continues **Working for God's Glory and Our Good.**







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# WELCOMES OUR NEW PASTOR



Mrs. Michelle Burks Augustine

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan  
C. Augustine**



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# 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



# Thrive WORSHIP

& CONVERSATIONS

Join us for worship  
in a different way –  
through  
conversation and  
mental check in

It's mental health awareness month, and it's perfectly okay to not be okay. However, there's a community that wants to accept and embrace you. They'll remind you that you're not alone. Come and have a chat.

## Worship Fellowship Conversation Service

*See you there!*



Date: Sunday May 25, 2025  
Time: 2pm-3pm  
Venue: Big Bethel AMEC  
Fellowship Hall

### *Highlights:*

- Inspiring conversation led by mental health expert
- Encouragement from a spiritual leader
- Interactive activities
- Supportive community discussions
- Tools to walk out this mental health journey
- Resources for continued support
- Pack bags and give to the less fortunate

For questions and resources,  
contact us - Thrive Ministry -  
[bigbethelame.org](http://bigbethelame.org)

Email: [JBuford@bigbethelame.org](mailto:JBuford@bigbethelame.org)  
Instagram: [@BigBethelThrives](https://www.instagram.com/BigBethelThrives)  
Facebook: [BigBethelThrives](https://www.facebook.com/BigBethelThrives)





ATLANTA  
*Sustaining the Sisterhood*

NATIONAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SPELMAN COLLEGE, INC. (NAASC)  
ATLANTA CHAPTER

Spel-Moms Committee Presents

# Pre-Birth to Perimenopause



*Kelli Jackson*

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies  
Coalition of Georgia



*Jada Wingo-Metcalf*

The Milk & Honey Co.



*Chanel Stryker*

Georgia Community Doula  
Coalition



*Wanda Lee*

All Things Earthy Community  
Food Project, Inc.



*Rev. Ali Holness-Roland*

Moderator and Chair of SpelMoms  
NAASC-Atlanta Chapter



*Dr. Ayana Herbert*

Path Health

Join the Spel-Moms for an empowering and insightful panel discussion. From maternal health to perimenopause, we'll examine how care, education, and support systems must evolve to meet the needs of women at every age. There will be raffles and prizes for attendees.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 6pm to 7:30pm

Big Bethel AME Church

220 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

*Register Today!*

[www.naascatlanta.org/events](http://www.naascatlanta.org/events)

This event is free and open to the public.





# Volunteer on the Atlanta Habitat Summer Faith Build



## Build Community

Join volunteers from the Big Bethel AME community and other local congregations in seven weeks of faith, service, and fellowship.

Saturdays

7:30am-3:30pm

June 7, 21, & 28

July 12, 19, & 26

August 2



## Build a Home for Sierra and Her Growing Family

Sierra has just given birth to a new baby!  
Help make a difference by creating a  
lasting home for them.

## Sign Up Today

## <https://vhub.at/bigbethel>

Scan the QR code on the right or use the link above to create a profile on VolunteerHub, sign a waiver, and choose the day(s) you want to volunteer on site.








Big Bethel Senior Ministry  
is planning a trip to

# Lane Peach Orchard

June 24, 2025

Please let Sis. Martha Thomas  
404-783-2290 know if you are  
interested in going by  
May 30, 2025

*It will be another Fun Trip!*

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**  
PRESENTS

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP CONGRESS**

# Journey 2025

**JUNE 23-26, 2025**

**TURNER CHAPEL AME CHURCH**  
492 N. MARIETTA PARKWAY | MARIETTA, GEORGIA  
REV. DR. TAR-U-WAY RICHARD ALLEN BRIGHT, HOST PASTOR

REV. DR. JAI HAITHCO, CHAIR, 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
REV. DR. GARLAND HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
MRS. CORDELIA DANIEL MITCHELL, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR  
BISHOP MICHAEL LEON MITCHELL, PRESIDING PRELATE






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## Big Bethel HAND BELL CHOIR

is looking for *NEW* members  
high school age and above.

For more details contact:  
Bro. Phillip Skerrett, Jr. 404-918-5278

*Beauty for Ashes*  
Genesis 41:1-5

## JUST FOR YOU

Saturday | May 31, 2025 | 9 am - 12 pm

Big Bethel AME Parking Lot  
220 Auburn Ave.  
Corner of Jesse Hill Dr. and John Wesley Dobbs

*Another day of LOVE with Showers, Washers/Dryers,  
Haircuts, Toiletries, Clothes, and Hot Breakfast*




ALL are WELCOME and FREE to ALL







### Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelholama.org](http://www.bigbethelholama.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9r6dM7vWlPuaa7tE3wkg>

## BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

### Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

[www.bigbethelholama.org](http://www.bigbethelholama.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9r6dM7vWlPuaa7tE3wkg>

### Thrive - Tuesdays @ 7pm -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238857567>

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



### Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaThwZlloEFL3R0d0lBNQVpFGTD9>

NEW



### Wednesday

#### Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD

**SAME AS Adult Sunday**

**School ZOOM LINK**



### Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

PH: (605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

### Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study

PH: (605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

### Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM Worship Sunday 3PM

PH: (202)926-1123

Code: 673604#

Isaiah 43: <sup>19</sup> See, I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

### Youth Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 775-497-0483

Password: YB10W

### Seasoned Saints - Thursdays @ 12pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8243260891>

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Meeting ID: 820 5589 8811

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293

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### 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=NzI0RGliQmVYY0RzRFY2VzV6ZGMZz09>

### Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly  
[jolly@comcast.net](mailto:jolly@comcast.net)

**Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!**