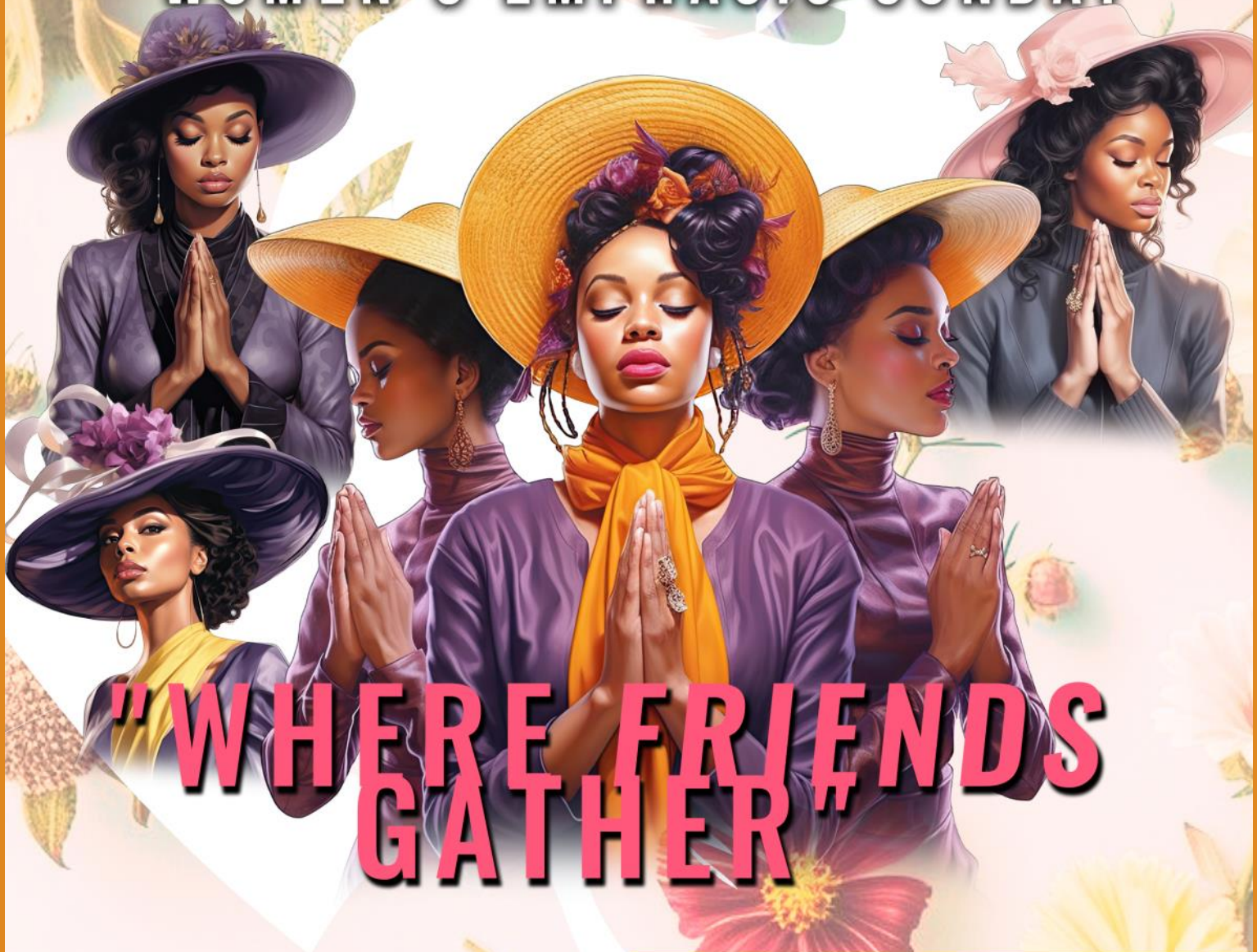


BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
WOMEN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY



"WHERE FRIENDS
GATHER"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

SUNDAY May 26, 2024

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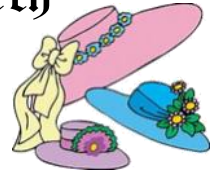


Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

Women's Emphasis Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024
10:00 AM



Where Friends Gather

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Rev. Jessica Buford—Worship Leader

THE PRELUDE

BRO. PHILLIP 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

Minister: For Eve, mother of us all, sinful and beloved, we say: Thank you, Lord!

People: For Miriam, who danced beside the Red Sea, we say: Thank you, Lord!

Minister: For Mary, mother of Jesus, who pondered the angel's words in her heart, we say: Thank you, Lord!

People: For Mary Magdalene, first to hear the voice of the Risen Christ, we say: Thank you, Lord!

Minister: For the persistent widow, who would not rest until she won justice, we say: Thank you, Lord!

People: For Esther, who refused to be silent because she knew that God would go before her as she prepared to go before the king of the land on behalf of her people, we say: Thank you, Lord!

ALL : There have been bold women all around us on our way, if only we look for them. For whom do we thank the Lord today? (Name her aloud and let us thank God for her witness.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME HYMN #226—Amazing Grace

Sis. Maria White Tillman

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace
appear The hour I first believed!
3. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing
God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

THE INVOCATION

SIS. COLETTE HUGHEY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

Leader: ¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

People: ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

Leader: ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

People: ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

Leader: ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

People: ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

Leader: ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

ALL: ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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. TONRETHA HARRIS

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 PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

DR. ROSA McCLOUD BAXTER

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

THE SERMON

REV. JENNIFER WATLEY MAXELL
CO-FOUNDER OF THE BREAKTHROUGH FELLOWSHIP

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REV. CHARMAIN PURVIS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

SIS. JA'KEILLA ROUSE

THE REMARKS

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE BENEDICTION



♥ WELCOME ♥

Pastor Foster, Sis. Mary Ann & The Foster Family

**IT'S GREAT
TO HAVE YOU BACK!!**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
May 26, 2024	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29		Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

♥ **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. Elizabeth Parks (Liz) (404) 691-4590

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
 Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



The 2024 Annual Report is also available on the church website under Resources/Member Services/Informational Links .

**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!!!



VISITOR REGISTRATION



Rev. Jennifer Watley Maxell

affectionately known as “Rev. Jenn” is a woman of all seasons who is passionate about introducing a traumatized world to the healing balm of Jesus Christ.

An Itinerate Elder ordained in the AME Church, she and her husband Rev. Charles A. Maxell, Jr. founded The Breakthrough Fellowship, a vibrant worshipping community located in Cobb County, Georgia. There she also founded “The Ellipsis Experience” a ministry for women and teen girls that provides safe space for transformation, healing and wholeness. Called to make an impact domestically and globally Rev. Jenn has ministered on several continents including Asia, Africa, and Europe. She has also been a featured speaker at the Women In Ministry Conference, The IC3 Church Growth and Development Conference, The Power of a Thinking Church Conference and The Hampton University Ministers Conference among others.

Possessing over three decades of leadership experience honed on Capitol Hill, in the corporate world and in the field of higher education, Rev. Jenn is a highly sought after leadership consultant and success coach. She serves as the Program Curator for The Ministry Collaborative as well as the Cohort Facilitator and a Doctoral Candidate in the Risking Faithfully Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jenn is a published author, blogger and podcaster who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Howard University, and her Master of Divinity degree from Emory’s Candler School of Theology. She currently resides in Smyrna, Ga. with her husband Charles and three children Madison, Charles III and Skylar.

Rev. Jenn can be found on Facebook and Instagram @ jwatleymaxell or on her website www.jenniferwatleymaxell.com.





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 3, 2024**

Go to <https://www.bigbethelame.org/Member-Services> and click on the button for application and instructions

Scan the QR code



OR

BBAMEC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Must be Postmarked by June 3, 2024)



Today's Womens Ensemble Guest Director

Lori Ann Christian

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania holds degrees from Duquesne University and the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. As an educator, she has served on the faculties of Clark-Atlanta University and Spelman College as a voice instructor. Ms. Christian currently serves on the music staff at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church and is the Director of Choral Activities at Tri-Cities High School Visual and Performing Arts Magnet. Under her direction, Tri Cities High School choirs regularly receive superior ratings in both

performance and sight reading from the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) Large Group Performance Evaluations (LGPE) and enjoy an active performance schedule having performed at national conventions, recitals and colleges throughout the southeast. She has also received two Schuler Awards for Outstanding Ensemble preparation for her work on the musicals, Once On This Island and Dreamgirls and two nominations for Best Musical Direction for The Color Purple and Fela!

An accomplished soprano, Ms. Christian has appeared in recitals, concerts and operas and has premiered several contemporary works in Atlanta. She regularly performs as part of the duo, Amandla and their debut CD, Witness! Amandla Sings Spirituals and Jazz, features their own arrangements of standard popular music selections. Ms. Christian currently resides in McDonough, GA and enjoys biking, reading, video and board games and playing with her dog, Maestro.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Revival

A CLASS FOR EVERYONE!!



Bro. Everett Jolly, Sunday School Superintendant
Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D., Christian Ed. Director
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

All Are Welcome!

When: June 9, 2024
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 8:15 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.



Thank You

FOR THE MANY CLOTHING DONATIONS RECEIVED.

DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE SPACE WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT MORE CLOTHING.

We are gladly accepting donations of the following items:

- Smaller sized underwear
- Socks
- Travel sized Toiletries
- Dental hygiene items
- Dental hygiene items
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Combs/ brushes
- FOOD GIFT CARDS

Emily's Haven

OPEN WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY 1 PM-3 PM

Come work with us!

*to whom much is given,
from them much will be required.
~ Luke 12:48b*

BBAMIC VIRTUAL Blessings



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelama.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9rd6R7vM7Pua07rE3wkg>

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelama.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9rd6R7vM7Pua07rE3wkg>

Thrive - Tuesdays @ 7pm -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238867567>

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaThwZlloaEFLZkRCdDlBNQVpFGTD9>

NEW



Zoom Meeting ID



Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

PH: (605)-472-5512

Code: 772576#

Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Marloa Jones, PhD

SAME AS Adult Sunday

School ZOOM LINK

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: ¹⁹ See, I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Youth Church 2nd Sundays 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 775-497-0483

Password: YB10W

Seasoned Saints - Thursdays @ 12pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/826520091>

Did In #1 929 285 0066 -
Meeting ID: 826 520 0911

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293

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=NzI0RGliQmVYY0RzRFY2VzV6ZGMZz09>

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

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