BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH MEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 01, 2025 "Man on a Mission: Living with Purpose"

Fatherhood, Community Responsibility, and Spiritual Leadership Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell, Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District Reverend Kimberly McMichael, Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District Reverend Dr. Jonathan "Jay" C. Augustine, Senior Pastor 220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 Phone number (404) 827-9707 Fax Number (404) 223-3060 Website: www.bigbethelame.org Email: jesus.saves@bigbethelame.org



The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor

Remember

Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION



Kelvin Thompson

*The Doxology

The Prelude

(In the tune of AME Hymn #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. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

- Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- 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 dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good.
- People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
- Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.
- People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
- 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.
- 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.

The Hymn of Praise AME Hymn # 84 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou for ever will be.

- 2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars, in their courses above, Join with all nature to manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Refrain**
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Think own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. **Refrain**

The Invocation

Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

The Choral Response

The Worship Through Music

Big Bethel Mass Choir Tamika Kelly—Director

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning to morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided: Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

JESUS SAVES

The Responsive Scripture

Minister: ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates,

Revelation 22:14, 16-17, 20-21

People: ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Minister: ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

All: ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen

The Sermon "No Risk, No Reward"-Matthew 25:14-29(NKJV)

*The Preface to the Decalogue

"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

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

"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

Special Presentation

The Pastor's Words

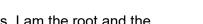
The Worship Through Music

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord, I recognize that I am a sinner. Lord, I am sorry for my sins, and I am ready to change my life. I accept your forgiveness. I confess with my mouth that you are Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead; therefore, according to the word I am saved. The Bible says "if any person be in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old is passed away and behold all things become new." Lord, I thank you for my salvation.





(in the tune of #258)

AME Hymn #626

Philippian Ministry

Rev. Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White

The Honorable Inga S. Willis

Georgia House of Representatives

Big Bethel Mass Choir Tamika Kelly—Director

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Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

Form. Thank You for worshipping with us and feel free to come again!!!!

**Visitors may register their attendance online on the Big Bethel Guest Registration

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People: ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Christian Stewardship Reading Matthew 5:42

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

The Worship Through Giving: Tithes & Offering

Rev. Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White



The Choral Response All Things Come of Thee - AME Hymn #644

"All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee". Amen

+The Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

The General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sin and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Doxology

The Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

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Join us after service in the Fellowship Hall to Meet & Greet our new Pastor and Leading Lady!!

🖝 Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our calls and 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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS						
<u>Seventh Sunday of</u> <u>Easter</u>	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel		
June 1, 2025	* <u>Acts 16:16-34</u>	Psalm 97	<u>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21</u>	<u>John 17:20-26</u>		

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Sis. Ariel Nash., Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor

The Reverend Monica C. Jones Ph.D., Director of Christian Education & Chaplain for Big Bethel Village

Reverend Jessica Buford, *Thrive* College & Young Adult Ministry Director Bro. Jeremy Johnson., Minister of Worship & Arts

Itinerant Elders

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine The Reverend Shrala Askins, The Reverend Jessica Buford, The Reverend Wilbert Hobbs, The Reverend Ali Holness-Roland, The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D., The Reverend Dr. Charlene Maddox, The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker, The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White, The Reverend Joyce Young

Superannuate

The Reverend George Davis, The Reverend Bessie Donaldson, <u>Local Elders</u> The Reverend Betty Miley, The Reverend Evelyn Jones, The Reverend Charmain Purvis, The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle <u>Licentiates</u> Bro. Jermaine Lawrence Bro. Maurice Eckstein Sis. Ariel Nash

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

R.T. Bușsey & Eva Watson Ștewardess Ministry	Acolytes		Stewards	Dr. Stanley Pritchett & Dr. Chris Parker
R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry	Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~ Tamika Kelly, Director	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry Jacqueline Epps and Ruth McKenzie AV Ministry Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins	Philippians	Dr. Chris Parker	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
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The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine (a/k/a Jay Augustine) serves as senior pastor of Big Bethel AME Church, the oldest Black church in Atlanta, GA, and as a member of the inaugural faculty at the Hampton University School of Religion. Dr. Augustine is an accomplished author, sought-after speaker, and internationally recognized academic leader.

Prior to leading Big Bethel, for six-years, Augustine led St. Joseph AME Church (Durham, NC), while serving on the faculties of North Carolina Central University Law School and Duke University Divinity School, where he was a member of the Board of Visitors and chaplain to the Duke Football Team. For the four years prior to leading St. Joseph, Augustine served as senior minister at Historic St. James AME Church (New Orleans, LA) the oldest predominantly Black, Protestant congregation in the Deep South, while also teaching at Southern University Law Center. He also served eight years as the general chaplain of his beloved Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

An accomplished author, his most recent books are *When Prophets Preach: Leadership and the Politics of the Pulpit* (Fortress Press, 2023) and *Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity and Inclusion* (Baker Academic, 2022). His scholarly articles appear in publications including, the *University of Richmond Law Review, Howard Law Journal, Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal, Louisiana Law Review, Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, and *Theology Today*, among others.

Augustine serves as chairman of the board of the Agora Strategy Council of the Payne Center, a research-based "think tank" and affiliate of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of Partners Global, Inc., a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, DC. He has been invited to lecture, internationally, in Heidelberg, Germany and Accra, Ghana; and has been nationally featured on C-SPAN Book-TV. His leadership was also nationally profiled in March 2024, on the front page of *USA Today*.

A gifted and nationally celebrated communicator, Augustine was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers (2024) and elevated to serve as vice president of the Judicial Council (Supreme Court) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was twice awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service (2024 & 2017), and previously named "Outstanding Alumni Brother of the Year," by Alpha Phi Alpha (2017). He also won the fraternity's Belford V. Lawson National Oratorical Scholarship (1994). As an emerging leader, Augustine received the Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award, from the U.S. Jaycees (2004) and was named to *Ebony* Magazine's "30 Leaders of the Future" (2001). He is an active member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Alpha Tau Boulé).

After graduating from Howard University, with a degree in economics, Augustine served as a decorated infantry officer in the United States Army. He subsequently earned his law degree at Tulane University and served as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice (then-Associate) Bernette Joshua Johnson, before practicing law and serving in both publicly elected and gubernatorially appointed offices. He earned his Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary, completed a fellowship at Princeton Theological Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry degree at Duke University. He is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Education degree at The University of Alabama. Dr. Augustine is married to his partner and friend, Michelle Burks Augustine. They are the proud parents of two college students, Mason and Jillian.



WELCOMES OUR NEW PASTOR & LEADING LADY

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 Worship Service 10:00 AM EST

Rev. Dr. Jonathan *"Jay" C. Augustine* & Mrs. Michelle Burks Augustine, Esq Meet and Greet Following Worship

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n a Mission: Living with Purpose" d, Community Responsibility, and Spiritual Leadership ey Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13–14





I pray for you...You pray for me... We're all apart of God's body. You are important to me, I need you to survive...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays during the month of June!!!





- 6/3 Richard Marion, Stacey-Ann Young
- 6/5 Caleb Moore
- 6/6 Jamier Ridgeway, Niko Senatle
- 6/7 Rev. Andrea Lewis, Theodore Roberson
- 6/8 Ruth McKenzie, Jerome Oden
- 6/10 Eunice Davis, Morgan Freeman, Luel Sutton, Emanuel Amos
- 6/13 Marcus Black, Rodney Dye
- 6/14 Debra Harrell, Keith Burnett
- 6/15 Asher Brazil, Shrala Askin
- 6/16 David Banks, Alexis Wilson, Christopher Greene
- 6/17 Joel Boykin III, Miya Burrus, Louise Morris

- 6/18 Juanita Aiken
- 6/19 Dorothy Glass, Rosaland Thomas, Fred Hughey Jr,
- 6/20 Nadia Hicks, Charlene Maddox,
- 6/21 Phillip Skerrett, Jr., Davion Franklin
- 6/22 Bianca Thomas, Britt Miley, Roane Henry, Susie Senter,
- 6/23 Sean Bogan, Stacey Brayboy
- 6/24 Charles Barksdale, Toni Hicks, James Jackson
- 6/26 Shirley Kimble
- 6/29 Troy Nelson
- 6/30 Tamara Broadnax, Kenya Wilkerson





BRAVES GAME - 1:35 PM

Cost - \$38





JESUS SAVES





IT'S TIME TO PLAN OUR CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR AT BIG BETHEL!!!

All Ministries are asked to submit their event calendars for the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Conference Year to the Church Office via email to (psmiley@bigbethelame.org) by June 15, 2025.

. Thanks for your cooperation! \odot

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A College and

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Ministry



MAY IS BUDGET PLANNING MONTH FOR THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR AT BIG BETHEL!!!



All Ministries are asked to submit their budget request for the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Conference Year to Bro. Ed Jones (ejones@bigbethelame.org) by June 15, 2025.



Thank you





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Worship Service

EVERY Sunday @

Vision Statement

A spirit-filled fellowship engaging in fervent worship, Bible-based teaching and preaching, and compassionate missions driven to be the miracle in downtown Atlanta.

Mission StatemenT

The mission of Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to communicate to the world through preaching, teaching, evangelizing, worshipping, and stewardship, that "Jesus Saves!"

Values Statement:

We are a God centered, people-oriented Christian community operating in an environment of excellence and love. All that we do is undergirded by prayer.