



MEN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY
**“STRENGTH IN UNITY:
CELEBRATING BROTHERHOOD AND
RESILIENCE IN GOD”**

*“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when
brothers dwell in unity”*

Psalm 133:1

June 09, 2024

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 09, 2024

10:00 A.M.

MEN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY THEME:

"Strength in Unity: Celebrating Brotherhood and Resilience in God"

Scripture: Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity Psalm 133:1

WORSHIP LEADER—BRO. CORNELIUS PETTWAY

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

BRO. ISHMAEL BUFORD

Leader: "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head ... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." (Ps. 133:1)

People: We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

Leader: We call to remembrance the spirit and intellect of our ancient African ancestors. Their civilization reveals the rich endowments of their culture. Their blood courses through our veins, and reminds us that we are creative, capable, and strong.

People: We stand on the shoulders of our forefathers. They survived the passage on crowded slave ships, the humiliation of slavery, the tearing away of wives and children, the ravages of racism, unemployment and underemployment.

Leader: We honor the memory of both named and unnamed black men, who gave their lives in the fight for freedom and peace.

People: Thank you, God, that our lives are enriched because of their sacrifices.

Leader: We now dedicate ourselves to the task of continuing the legacy of great black men. To God we will be true and faithful. To our church we give our time, our talent and our treasure. To our community we pledge our hearts and hands.

ALL: God, our Protector, we pray for solidarity among black men, united, courageous and responsible, strong in the power of your Spirit. Thanks be to you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME Hymn #272 Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Bro. Jerome Oden

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry, while on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy Find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my
unbelief. [Refrain]

3. Thou the Spring of all my comfort, More than life to me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee? [Refrain]

THE INVOCATION

BRO. SAMUEL STEPHENS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

Leader:¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People:² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Leader:³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

People:⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader:⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

People:⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Leader:⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

ALL:⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not for sake the work of your hands.

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.”

***SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE**

BRO. MAURICE ECKSTEIN

And He, 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 yourself. 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

PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

BRO. CORNELIUS PETTWAY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE SERMON

REV. MAURICE WRIGHT, II
SENIOR PASTOR—ST. JOHN AMEC —HUNTSVILLE, AL

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING



BRO. MORGAN JOHNSON

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee. Amen

THE REMARKS

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE BENEDICTION

REV. WRIGHT



Reverend Maurice Wright, II

On September 13, 2016 The Reverend Maurice Wright, II was appointed by the Right Reverend Harry L. Seawright to serve as the Senior Pastor of the Historic St. John AME Church Huntsville, Alabama. His assignment was the first of the Episcopal Ministry of the newly elected Bishop.

He is a native of the Pacific Northwest, having grown up in Tacoma Washington and Portland Oregon. Reverend Wright dedicated his life to Christ at a very young age and was called into ministry at the age of 10. He preached his very first sermon, **“You Got What You Wanted, But Lost What You Had”** at the age of 13 at the Powerhouse Temple Church of God in Christ.

Reverend Wright is a graduate of Grover Cleveland High School in Portland Oregon. His thirst for knowledge would lead him to study at Portland Bible College and Wilberforce University in Ohio. He is a proud graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia earning a degree in the area of Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance. While at Morehouse Reverend Wright was a key member of the World Renowned Morehouse College Glee Club, and was part of the group that toured South Africa. He was also a member of the Martin Luther King Jr, Chapel Assistants and the director of the Chapel Choir. While in Atlanta Georgia, he served on the ministerial staff and was the Minister of Music at Big Bethel AME Church. Reverend Wright was recently admitted to the Master’s program in Interfaith Action at the Claremont Lincoln University in Claremont, California.

In 2012 Reverend Wright received King Chapel’s highest recognition and was inducted into The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity.

He has served as pastor of St. John AME Church in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama, Bethel AME Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, St. John AME Church in Uhrichsville, Ohio and the Historic St. Paul AME Church in Zanesville, Ohio.

In addition to his pastorate, Reverend Wright currently serves as the Associate Director of Music and Christian Arts of the African Methodist Episcopal Church worldwide. He is also the co-director of Evangelism for the state of Alabama. Rev. Wright is a sought after preacher and choir clinician.

Reverend Wright is truly a family man, he is blessed to have the Reverend Joretha Wright as his partner in marriage and ministry for 20 years. They are the proud parents of four children Terrence, Lessie, Isaiah and Joy.



****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 Rt. Reverend Reginald T. Jackson
Presiding Bishop

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SIXTH DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING

JUNE 12 – 14, 2024

TURNER CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

492 N Marietta Pkwy NE, Marietta, GA 30060

Rev. Tar-U-Way Bright- Host Pastor
Rev. Dr. Larry Hudson, Sr., - Host Presiding Elder

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
June 09, 2024	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35



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

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

Men's Day

Men of Big Bethel Emphasis Month

2024

JUNE

JUNE 01	LOVE FEAST - 8:00 AM VIRTUAL
JUNE 08	MEN'S EMPHASIS BRUNCH - 12:00 PM ALEXANDER FARMS SUBDIVISION 2581 Alexander Farms Dr. SW, Marietta, GA 30064 Cost - \$20
JUNE 09	MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - 10:00 AM Rev. Maurice Wright, II - Guest Preacher <i>Men are asked to wear shades of Green</i>
JUNE 22	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 2:00 PM BOWLING - MIDTOWN BOWL 1936 Piedmont Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30324 Cost - \$25
JUNE 24	BETHEL TRINITY HOUSE DINNER - 5:00 PM TRINITY HOUSE BIG BETHEL
JUNE 30	THE TASTE OF BIG BETHEL - 11:30 AM BIG BETHEL AMEC

BOWLING

A MEN OF BIG BETHEL EVENT

JOIN US!

Saturday, June 22nd at 2 PM

1936 Piedmont Cir NE, Atlanta, GA 30324

\$25 covers shoe rental & 2 hours of bowling.

FOR A
FUN-FILLED
EXPERIENCE!



Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

M.O.B.B.

TASTE OF BIG BETHEL

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th
11:30 AM

BIG BETHEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

DONT MISS IT!!



Men's Day

JUNE 9TH

SUNDAY

Service

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

JORY YOUNG

2:00PM

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

@BIGBETHELTHRIVES



Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

Thrive

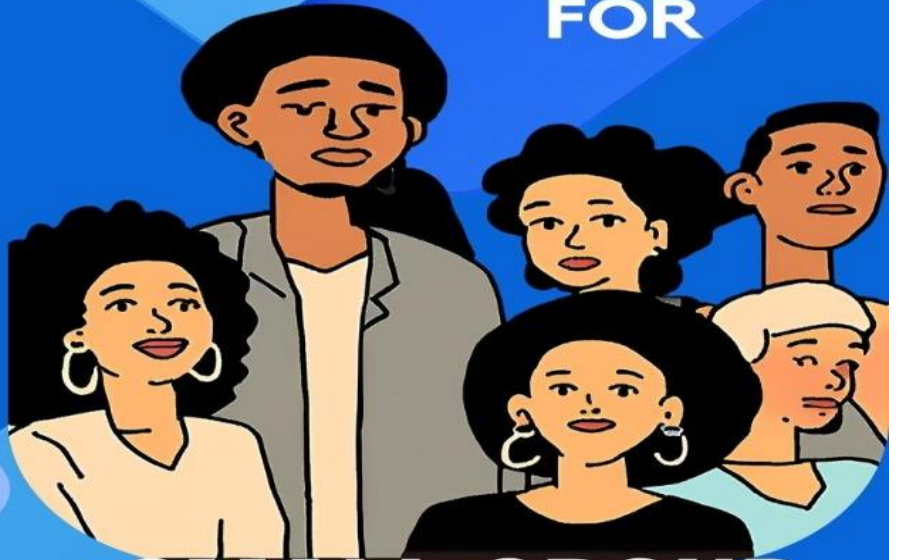
Rev. Jessica Buford
Director





**JOIN US
FOR**

**EVERY OTHER
TUESDAY
@ 7PM**



FOR MORE DETAILS
CONTACT REV. JESS @770-940-0293

SMALL GROUP



Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

Location: Zoom

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

Thrive

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CONNECTED**

Scan the QR code



WORSHIP FOLLOW-UP

Men's Day

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



All Ministries are asked to submit their budget requests for the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Conference Year to Bro. Ed Jones (erjones@bigbethelame.org) by June 20, 2024. Thank you



**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 June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Conference Year to the Church Office via email to (psmiley@bigbethelame.org) by **June 20, 2024.**

Thanks for your cooperation! 😊



June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Learn more at www.alzheimers.gov.



#NIAAlzheimers



The Symptoms of Alzheimer's



KNOW THE SIGNS

Recognizing the early signs of Alzheimer's and dementia is important. Early detection can help find the best care options and maintain independence longer.



MEMORY

Memory loss that disrupts daily life.



PLANNING

Trouble problem solving and planning and doing familiar tasks like tracking monthly bills



DAILY TASKS

Difficulty completing familiar everyday tasks at home, work, or for fun.



TIME

Confusion with time or place; Losing track of dates or seasons



VISION

Difficulty seeing, reading, or avoiding obstacles, trouble coping in bright and/or low light.



LANGUAGE

Trouble following conversations or finding the word; calling things the wrong name



SOCIAL

Withdrawal from social and work activities



MOOD

Beyond confused, depressed, or anxious, easily upset or lashing out at others

Men's Day

BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUgvakMryVM9uae7K5w6g>

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUpa0l1fV1f1ue7K5w6g>
Thrive - Every other Tuesday @ 7pm -
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238857567>
For details contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZl1saEtlL3ROdlBNQVpFQT09>

NEW



Women's Bible Study



Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

PH: (605)-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Wednesday

Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica 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: 775-4987-0483
Password: YEr10W

Seasoned Saints - Thursdays @ 12pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82655628611>

Dial in #: 1 929 205 8099 -
Meeting ID: 828 5689 8611

Contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293

NEW



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

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=NzI0RG1qNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZG1Mz09>

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

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