

Sunday  
July  
13



## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District

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# WELCOME

to

# Big Bethel

## *Atlanta's First Black Church*

220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

T: 404.827.9707



[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org)

Worship Times:

10:00 am Traditional

2:00 pm Contemporary



**Pastor Jay and  
Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**

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# You're Invited!

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE

Big Bethel AME Church joyfully invites college presidents, school superintendents, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and our surrounding city and county schools to come together for a special Back-to-School Worship Service.

Let's unite in prayer and fellowship as we uplift and cover our schools, educators, students, and communities for a safe, successful, and blessed academic year!

**10 AUG 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela*



**Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor**  
**Michelle Augustine, Leading Lady**

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**Youth Emphasis Month**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025 | 10:00AM**  
**The Order of Liturgy**

**Worship Leader—Reverend Jessica Buford**

**The Organ Prelude.....Brother Kelvin Thompson**

**The Doxology.....(In the tune of AME Hymn No. 69.....All Worshipers (standing)**  
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.....Reverend Gwen Senatle**

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 #413 Yield Not To Temptation.....Reverend Gwen Senatle**

**The Prayer of Invocation.....Reverend Dr. Lairalaine White**  
(prayer chant)

**The Worship In Music.....Remnants of Praise Ensemble**  
Sister Monque Griffith, Director

**The Responsive Scripture Reading.....Psalm 82:1-5; 7-8.....Brother Maurice Eckstein**

Minister: <sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**People: <sup>2</sup> "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"**

Minister: <sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**People: <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**







Minister: <sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**People: <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."**

**All : <sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!**

**The Preface to the Decalogue.....(In the Tune of) AME Hymn #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.....Brother 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 it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri.....	AME Hymn #627
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, Amen.	
The Welcome to Big Bethel.....	The Philippian Ministry
The Announcements.....	Reverend Dr. White
The Pastor’s Perspective.....	Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AMEC
The Christian Stewardship Reading.....	Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D. Deuteronomy 16:17 Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.
The Worship In Giving: Tithes & Offering.....	Reverend Dr. Jones
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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 Worship In Music.....	Remnants of Praise Ensemble Sister Monque Griffith, Director
The Proclaimed Word.....	"Who is YOUR Neighbor?" .....Pastor Jay Augustine Luke 10:25-37(NKJV)
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Reverend Buford
The Doxology.....	All Worshipers (standing)
The Benediction.....	Pastor Jay Augustine



Visitors, please register your attendance on the Big Bethel Guest Registration Form by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for worshipping with us. You are always welcome!!!!





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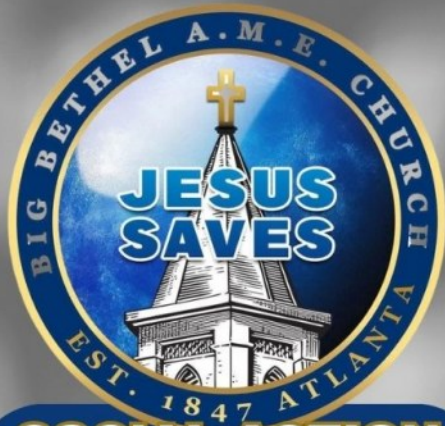


**JULY 14-16, 2025**

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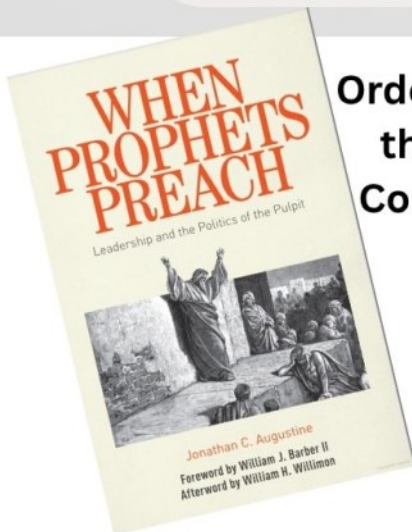
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COMMISSION**

***Not Afraid to get in some  
Good Trouble!!***

# Presents **A Book Study**

**Begins Tuesday,  
August 5, 2025 at 7:30pm,  
Fellowship Hall**

The Big Bethel's Commission on Social Action has invited Pastor Jay to lead us in our charge to engage the urgency of the church to get in "good trouble," to reassume its role in speaking truth to power on social justice issues and dig deeply into the "politics of the pulpit." We invite you to follow our four week discussions through Pastor Jay's book "When Prophets Preach: Leadership and the Politics of the Pulpit" The commission has several copies for sale using the QR codes below. We look forward to see you there!



**Order your copy from  
the Social Action  
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# BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

JULY 15-17 | 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH & SCIENCE

5:30 PM Arrival & Dinner  
6:30 PM Bible Instruction

7:00 PM S.T.E.A.M. Activity  
7:30 PM Group Wrap-Up & Worship

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, **Senior Pastor**

The Reverend Dr. Monica C. Jones, PhD, **Director of Christian Education**  
Bro. Khamisi Walters, **Church School Superintendent**

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:  
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# 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.







**SOCIAL ACTION  
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*Don't Forget to vote!!  
July 15th*

**Georgia Public Service  
Commissioner  
District 2  
DEMOCRATIC Primary**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CLASS OF 2025**



We are **Proud** of You!!

All graduates are asked to complete the Graduate Recognition Form by **July 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registered graduates will receive special recognition on **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ the 10 AM worship service**. Scan the QR code or go to the "Graduate Recognition" button on the Resources tab of the church website:  
[www.bigbethelame.org/member-services](http://www.bigbethelame.org/member-services)

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**



BBC Graduate Honors



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#).....	Monday - Saturday, 6:00 - 6:30 am
Church School.....	8:30 am
Traditional Worship Service .....	10:00 am
Contemporary Worship Service (THRIVE Next Shift) .....	2:00 pm
Women's Bible Study (Zoom ID: 87171726645 Access Code: 401478#).....	7:00 pm Tuesdays
Wednesday Virtual Bible Study (ID: 847 251 8679 Password: adultclass).....	12:00 noon
Love Feast.....	8:00 am Saturday before First Sunday
Holy Communion.....	First Sundays
Discipleship New Members Class.....	8:45 am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
Baptism.....	As Announced

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday—Friday.....	10:00 am—4:30 pm

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Big Bethel Mass Choir .....	Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before First Sunday
Johnson-Schofield Men's Choir.....	2 Saturdays before Second Sunday
Babcock-Young Voices of Unity/Big Bethel Chorale.....	Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before Third Sunday
Bearden-Scott Youth Choir.....	2 Saturdays before Fourth Sunday
Big Bethel Praise Ensemble.....	2Thursdays @7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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