

Youth Emphasis Month



Sunday, July 16, 2023

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN NO. 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: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

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 to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

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. (Psalm 19:14)

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. (Psalm 98:1,4)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....A.M.E. HYMN # 413 - YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

1. Yield not to temptation. For yielding is sin; Each victory will help you Some other to win; Fight manfully onward, Dark passions subdue; Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.

REFRAIN: Ask the Savior to help you, Comfort, strengthen and keep you; He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

2. Shun evil companions, Bad language disdain, God's name hold in reverence, Nor take it in vain; Be thoughtful and earnest, Kind hearted and true; Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through. **Refrain**
3. To him that o'er cometh God giveth a crown, Through faith we shall conquer, Though often cast down; He, who is our Savior, Our strength will renew; Look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through. **Refrain**

The Invocation

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Matthew 13:18-23

People: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....Matthew 13:18-23

Minister: ²⁰ **As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;**

People: ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

Minister: ²² **As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.**

ALL: ²³ **But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and under stands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."**

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....AME HYMN #69

*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

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 BIG BETHEL GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP



THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE BENEDICTION

****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!!!!**





**ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS
MEETING BIG BETHEL
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
July 31, 2023**

Please join us for the annual shareholders meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 6:30pm. For additional information, email your contact information to BBAMEC@netzero.net

Sincerely,
Board of Directors

♥ *Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our calls.* ♥

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806

Bro. Horace Ford (770) 478-3013

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

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

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Deborah Stephens-Lattimore

(678) 945-4001

Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
July 16, 2023	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Big Bethel
Scholarship Committee
presents



OUR 2023
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Big Bethel AME Church
2023 Scholarship Award Recipients



Charis Jade Eppes



**Curtis Dwayne
Knowlton**



Brenda Gale Smith



Linda Gale Smith

May God Bless & Keep You!

Charis Jade Eppes



Charis is a 2023 graduate of the DeKalb School of the Arts. At the School of the Arts, Charis was a member of many groups, including the National Honor Society, the Girl Scouts, the Showtyme Dance Team, and the Southwest DeKalb Dance Team.

Charis was a member of the Bearden-Scott Youth Choir, Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry, Junior Usher Board, the Azira G. Hill Acolyte Ministry, a Debutante (AME Church), and has served as a volunteer at Trinity House-Big Bethel.

Charis will be attending her Grandfather's legacy this Fall -North Carolina A&T University where she will seek a BS degree in Nursing while continuing her interest in Dance at A&T's Dance program.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Charis Jade Eppes

Curtis Dwayne Knowlton



Curtis is a 2023 graduate of North Atlanta High School where he was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and of SkillsUSA (a club where students learn to become a part of America's skilled work force in Graphic Design, Law, and Health Care). He was a member of the Film team where he helped film and write stories of the school activities and of the community for the daily news shows.

Curtis has been a community volunteer, serving as a tutor at a Saturday School, helping children in reading and math. He has worked in the annual School Supply materials drive, and this past year, worked in the "Clean up and beautify neighborhood project.

At Big Bethel, Curtis was active in the Young People's Department (YPD), in the Azira G. Hill Acolyte Ministry, and the Bearden-Scott Youth Choir.

Curtis will be attending **Morehouse College** where he will be majoring in *Computer Science*.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



**Curtis Dwayne
Knowlton**

Brenda Gale Smith



Brenda is a 2023 graduate of Kipp Atlanta Collegiate High School. She was an active member of the school's Mu Alpha Theta Math Honors Society.

Brenda was an active member of Big Bethel's Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry. She was also a member of the Bearden-Scott Children choir, the Junior Usher Board, the Sunday School, the youth church, YPD, and served in the Azira G. Hill Acolyte Ministry for many years.

Brenda plans to attend **Columbus State University** this Fall and major in *Elementary Education*.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Brenda Gale Smith

Linda Gale Smith



Linda is a 2023 graduate of Kipp Atlanta Collegiate High School where she was section leader of the trombone section of her school Band. It was there she developed strong leadership, and communication skills. Linda has been engaged in numerous volunteer activities in the community, accumulating over 300 hours of community credits.

At Big Bethel, Linda was a member of the Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry, the Bearden-Scott children Choir, the Junior Usher Board, the Sunday School, the YPD, and served in Azira G. Hill Acolyte Ministry for many years.

Linda plans to attend **Georgia Southern State University** this Fall with an interest in a degree in international business.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Linda Gale Smith



Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc

COLLEGE AND LIFE SUCCESS SEMINAR

This annual program presented by Big Bethel members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. provides pertinent information for our Big Bethel high school graduates on topics such as surviving the freshman year, living on campus, medical information for young people, security tips, and maintaining a spiritual life.

Presenters include current college students, and professionals in various fields.



Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

During the administration of now Bishop James Davis, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members of Big Bethel selected a project to implement. The project selected was to provide graduating high school seniors going to college a scholarship. Since that time, we have been blessed to be able to award all these deserving students college scholarships.





Message of Appreciation

The Big Bethel Scholarship Committee wishes to thank the Big Bethel Family and friends for the support given to the youth of our church going to college.

In addition to the Big Bethel Scholarships, we are pleased to announce the continued support of the Big Bethel Ladies of **Alpha Kappa Alpha** for hosting a *“College Success Launch Reception”* for the awardees and their families. We express our thanks to the Big Bethel Ladies of **Delta Sigma Theta** for Book scholarships for the 2023 -2024 scholarship awardees.



Big Bethel AME Church 2023 Scholarship Committee



Michael Brown

Shirlynn Bulls

Donna Crim

John Gaston

Shirley Duhart-Green

Guy Howard

Joseph E. Patterson

Sharon Pritchett

Susie M. Senter

Vera Thomas

Shawn Tidwell

Donna Williams

Price M. Michael, Chairperson

Graduate Recognition



Bella Alisa Johnson

GRADUATED FROM
Genesis Innovation
Academy (Kindergarten)

PARENTS/RELATIVES
Rev. Shrala Askins and
Calvin Rosby



Christian Pettway

GRADUATED FROM
Kipp Strive Primary
(Kindergarten)

PARENTS/RELATIVES
Cornelius Pettway &
Jakeilla Rouse



Ciera N. Robinson

GRADUATED FROM
Columbia University

PARENTS/RELATIVES
Clarissa Robinson, Janae
and Chantia Robinson,
Willie Louise Robinson,
Joseph Robinson Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS!
CLASS OF 2023



May God guide your footsteps
and your future hold all that you hope for!

Youth Emphasis Month

Theme: Shine A Light

Matthew 5:14-16

JULY
10-14 **SOCIAL MEDIA**
TAKEOVER

JULY
15 **YOUTH SKATE PARTY**
12PM-3PM

JULY
21-22 **Youth Lock-In**
~8PM – 9AM

JULY
23 **YOUTH**
Emphasis
SUNDAY 10AM

JULY
28 **Trinity House Big Bethel**
TEAM Dinner hosted by YOUTH
4:30 PM

JULY 2023

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THE PHILIPPIANS MINISTRY



The Philippians Ministry welcomes all who visit Big Bethel AME Church. We invite you to join us in this ministry of greeting our visitors with the joy of Jesus! For more information, please contact: Sis. Racquel Battle benita7816@att.net

Big Bethel-Trinity Partnership Ministry



Trinity Table Volunteer Servers Needed!

Sunday, July 30th Noon – 1:30 PM @ Trinity United Methodist Church

Big Bethel AME Church's Bethel-Trinity Partnership Ministry will host the Trinity Table on Sunday, July 30th at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Trinity Table is the oldest and currently the only large-scale soup kitchen in downtown Atlanta that provides meals to the homeless on Sundays.

Send an e-mail to bettydc Cox24@gmail.com to volunteer and for additional info.

Trinity United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Washington Street, two blocks south of the Capital and across the street from City Hall.

DONATE the following items and deliver to the Big Bethel Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 30th

- 12 oz. Bottled Water (packages of 6 - 24)
- Individually-packaged cookies, i.e., Little Debbie's Oatmeal Cookies

The Big Bethel AME Church Women's Emphasis Ministry presents:



SAVE THE DATE:

July 22, 2023

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

POSTPONED

womensemphasis@bigbethelame.org
or 404-277-9541

Contribution: \$10.00

Intergenerational Fellowship & Fun!!

Join Us

HEAVEN BOUND

The organization and planning meeting for **HEAVEN BOUND 2023** will be held on **Saturday, July 29th 11:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

All persons interested in participating in the production or behind the scenes are welcome!



**MISSING OUT
ON BIG BETHEL
NEWS & EVENT
INFO?**

Perhaps
your contact
information
needs
updating!!

Be in the know!!

**All members
are asked to
please update
your contact
information.**



SCAN ME

**An update can be provided using the
member update form available online at**

www.bigbethelame.org/member-services

Click on the "Member Contact Update Form" button

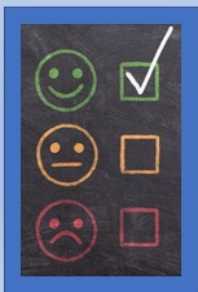
Your feedback is valuable!



FEEDBACK

We'd Love To
Hear From You

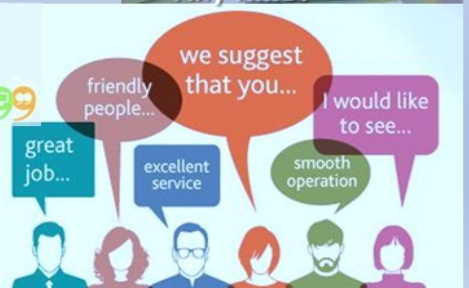
Any Time!



**"Tell us what
you think!"**

ANY TIME!

**We're
Listening**





Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelbma.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugv6bWfYvMpuoc7H3w6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL *Blessings*

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelbma.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugv6bWfYvMpuoc7H3w6g>



Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

Zoom ID: 406 713 1874
(312) 626-6799, access
code 4067131874#

Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD
202-926-1123
Code: 673674#

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

202-926-1123 Code:
673674#

Big Bethel Village Worship Sunday 3PM

202-926-1123
Code 673674#



Prayer Call

6AM Mon-Sat
605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study

605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Youth Church 2nd & 3rd Sundays 12:30PM

Zoom Meeting ID:
775-4987-0483
Password: YE10W

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
jolly@comcast.net

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

Adult Sunday School
8:30AM
605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Big Bethel Saturday
School 12:30 -2:00PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/821829457277pwd=K2N8bkdMNh05VpoWEidZPhDYzNjZz09>



During this season of Covid-19, Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!