

**Sunday
July
27**

Big Bethel AME Church Youth Day *Celebration*

“GOD’S GPS: Finding Direction in a Lost World”

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lean not on your own understanding; 6 In
all your ways submit to HIM and HE will
make your paths straight”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)



Guest Preacher

Sis. Joyce Johnson
Connectional YPD President
of the AME Church

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

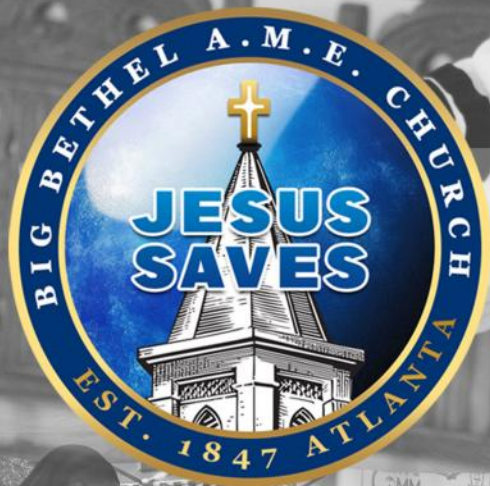
The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District

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WELCOME

to

Big Bethel

Atlanta's First Black Church

220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

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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



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Rev. David Richards
Pastor

NEW HOPE HOMECOMING 2-NIGHT **REVIVAL** TAKING IT TO THE STREETS! ~HEBREWS 12:1

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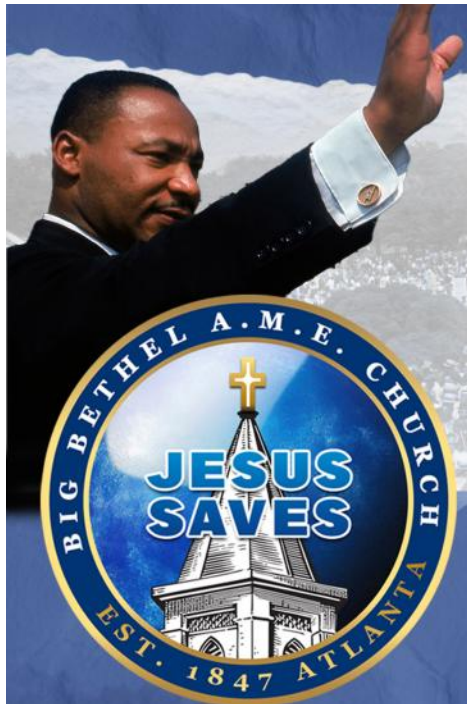
AUG 19TH
7PM

Dr. Keenan D. Hale, Sr.
St. Mark A.M.E.
Church



AUG 20TH
7PM

Dr. Jay Augustine
Big Bethel A.M.E.
Church



Welcome Back to the
"City Hall of Sweet Auburn"
for
Social Justice Sunday

**Honoring the 62nd Anniversary
of the March on Washington**

AUG
24²⁰
25²⁵
10:00 AM

Guest Speaker
Reverend Dr. Robert R.A. Turner
Senior Pastor
Empowerment Temple AME Church
(Baltimore, MD)



Special Recognitions



**Alpha Phi Alpha
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BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL RE-LAUNCH

weekly | in-person | 9:00-9:45 am

**Normal class offerings (Cradle Roll thru
Adult) traditional curriculum
+ New feature class:**

FAITH FROM CONVERSATION

**A CLASS EXPLORING INTERSECTIONS OF FAITH WITH THE
SCIENCES + PUBLIC LIFE**

**WEEKLY Q&A WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS
OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**BEGINS
SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD
IN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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



Joyce Johnson

Joyce Johnson, a proud native of Decatur, GA, is the youngest daughter of Rev. Ferrun and Lorilei Johnson, and two sisters, Loren and Jasmine. Growing up in a family of educators and changemakers, Joyce was inspired from an early age to make a difference in her community. Her passion for social change led her to pursue a career in social work and education, driven by her commitment to empowering others and improving her community.

Joyce graduated in 2024 from the historic Fisk University in Nashville, TN, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Special Education, Summa Cum Laude. At Fisk, she was actively involved in campus life, contributing as a research assistant in the Humanities department, a student worker in the Office of Admission, and president of the Fisk University Student Ambassadors. Joyce is a Fall 2023 initiate of the Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., where she served her chapter and Nashville community as Parliamentarian, Foundations Initiative Chair, and Constitution and Bylaws Chair. In the summer of 2023, she expanded her academic experience by conducting research in the Hearing and Speech Sciences Department at Purdue University. Joyce is currently continuing her studies at Georgia State University, pursuing a master's in social work.



Outside of academic and professional work, Joyce is deeply committed to her faith and service in the community. She was born and raised in the A.M.E. Church within the Soul Saving Sixth Episcopal District, which encompasses the state of Georgia. At a very young age, she has been Growing, Glowing, and Going for Christ. She has been active in the Y.P.D. all her life and has had the opportunity to serve on all levels of leadership. On July 26, 2023, Joyce was elected as the 18th Connectional Y.P.D. President at the 20th Quadrennial Convention, running on the platform “O.U.R. Time.” As president, Joyce is guided by the motto, “God, Show Up and Show Out!” and draws strength from 2 Timothy 1:7: “For God did not give us the spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.” Joyce is excited to lead her transformation administration in transforming the Y.P.D. and continuing her mission of service and faith.



Youth Emphasis Sunday
July 27, 2025 | 10:00AM
The Order of Liturgy

Worship Leader—Sister Zaire Carmichael

The Organ Prelude.....Brother Phillip Skerrett, Jr.

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.....Sister Zaire Carmichael

Leader: Children are precious gifts from God and we love them. Let us remind ourselves that it takes a whole village to raise a child to compassion, competence, and character.

People: **We celebrate their gifts and strengths. We pray for them. Lord, help us to hear the dreams and concerns of children, and to never give up on them.**

Leader: In the twentieth century, many black children were still in desperate need. Every day seven hundred of them were born in poverty, seven were killed by guns, twenty eight never reached their first birthday and others died daily from HIV infection and drugs.

People: **O Lord, position significant and caring adults in their lives to guide them to discover the unique potential which you have placed within them.**

Leader: May you help them to stay in school, to obey their parents, and to resist negative peer pressure. Give them important roles to play in the home, church, school, and community. Give every family and community assets that ensure the positive development of black children.

ALL: **Our hope for the future resides in our children. We pray that they thrive according to your purpose.**

The Hymn of Praise.....Bless the Lord With Me—Darwin Hobbs.....Brother Christian Johnson

The Prayer of Invocation.....Brother Henry Walker, III
(prayer chant)

The Worship In Music.....Bearden-Scott Youth Choir
Sister Racquel Battle, Director

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... Psalm 85: 8-13.....Sister Annya Black

Minister: ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: ⁹**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**







Minister: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: ¹¹ **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Minister: ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: ¹³ **Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

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 Arrington Walters 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.
Welcome to Big Bethel.....	The Philippian Ministry
Welcome to Big Bethel and Historic Sweet Auburn.....	Sister Racquel Battle
The Announcements & Pastor’s Perspective.....	Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AMEC & Brother Khamisi Walters Sunday School Superintendent
The Christian Stewardship Reading.....	Brother Noah Jones Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it..
The Worship In Giving: Tithes & Offering.....	Brother Jones
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The Choral Response.....	All Things Come of Thee..... "All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee". Amen
The Worship In Music.....	Bearden-Scott Youth Choir Sister Racquel Battle, Director
The Introduction of the Speaker	Sister Milani Black
The Proclaimed Word.....	Theme:"God's GPS: Finding Direction In A Lost World"..... Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....	Sister Joyce Johnson Connectional YPD President, AME Church
The Final Remarks.....	Reverend Jessica Buford
The Doxology.....	Sister Tanyika Black
The Benediction.....	All Worshipers (standing)
	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!!!!



YOUTH EMPHASIS MONTH

2025 EVENTS

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July 11 - 13

6th District YPD
Connectional LTI
@ Marriott
Marquis -Atlanta

July 25

YPD Team Dinner
@ Trinity House
5:00pm

July 27

**Youth Emphasis
Sunday @10am**

July 15 - 17

Vacation
Bible School
5:30pm-8pm

July 26

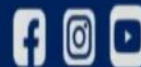
BACK 2 SCHOOL
BASH @ Big
Bethel 12:00 -
3:00pm

August 1-2

**Youth Lock-In
7:00pm-10am**

*Save the dates.
Don't Miss Out!*

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SAVE THE DATE

Quarterly CONFERENCE

In-Person

**July 29, 2025
@ 6:00 PM**

in the Fellowship Hall

Come participate in the business of your church!



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025



All graduates are asked to complete the Graduate Recognition Form by **July 27th**. Registered graduates will receive special recognition on **Sunday, August 10th** @ 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

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 Service10:00 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 ChoirWednesday @ 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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