

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER Ph.D., SENIOR PASTOR



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 10:00AM



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

Minister: Christian education is our invitation to equip God's people with the teachings of Jesus,

who has commissioned us to go into all the world, making disciples, teaching them to ob

serve all that he commanded.

People: Help us wise and omniscient God, to encourage men and women, boys and girls to seek to know

you and to make known the gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Minister: Help us to nurture and instruct in the ways of the Lord, for that is the chief responsibility

of the church and family. Grant us grace to fulfill this high calling.

People: Beginning with the study of Holy Scripture, may we find one another exploring your love and

justice in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible class, Christian higher education and

graduate theological education.

Minister: Thank you, Lord, for all those who taught us your Word and lived a life which made your

teaching real for us. We follow the example of Jesus Christ and seek to emulate these

persons, who rightly taught us and lit the flame of excellence within us.

ALL: May the visual images that we use help us to imagine your omnipotence and to affirm our

likeness to you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE...... 4.M.E. Hymn #364 - My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. ~~REFRAIN~~
- 3. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness a lone, Faultless to stand before the throne!~~REFRAIN~~

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

Minister: ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

People: ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Minister: ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,

People: ²⁰for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.

ALL: 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

*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."

*THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

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 BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE SERMON

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE 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.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING



THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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

†THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 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!!!!



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
September 1, 2024	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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

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Sis. Ariel Nash, Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor

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

Reverend Jessica Buford, *Thrive* College & Young Adult Ministry Director Bro. Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Worship & Arts

ITINERANT ELDERS

The Reverend John Foster, Ph.D.,
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 Right Reverend Frank C. Cummings, The Reverend George Davis,

LOCAL ELDERS

The Reverend Bessie Donaldson,
The Reverend Betty Miley,
The Reverend Evelyn Jones,
The Reverend Charmain Purvis,
The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle

Licentiates

Bro. Jermaine Lawrence Bro. Maurice Eckstein

	SERVING IN TODAY'S WO	RSHIP E	XPERIENCE
Acolytes		Stewards	Tony Jones & Dr. Chris Parker
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~ Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Director	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
Philippians	Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry Ruth McKenzie & Sheila Henry-Lee	AV Ministry	Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins
	Finance Tear	m	



Quarterly CONFERENCE

In-Person

September 5, 2024

AT 6PM ~ FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come participate in the business of your church!



In conjunction with Christian Education Month 2024, Big Bethel Christian Education Ministries presents...



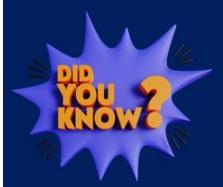
'Educating the Community, Embracing Social Action"



In collaboration with the *Social Action Commission*, we will provide a month-long series in September on Project 2025

Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D. - CE Director

Bro Cyril Mayes, BBSAC President



Project 2025 will

Terminate the Department of Education and programs such as HeadStart!!

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"Educating the Community, Embracing Social Action"



Brought to you by

Big Bethel Christian Education Ministries as we celebrate

Christian Education Month 2024



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Aminata Williams Curtis Knowlton Morgan Johnson Pamela Selby Shirley Woodson	2 Greling Battle Yolanda Kent	3 James Boddie	4 Christopher Parker,II Michael Thomas Nia Hicks	5 Morgan Dodson Opal Knowlton*	6 Davion Rucker Raymond Essang	7
8	9 Zemira Henry	10 George Davis Hope Jones	11 Elizabeth Parks M. Paulyne Mor- gan White*	12 Shirlynn Bulls Tyree Dye	13	14 Mateu Nonya- ne Nicole Murray
15 David Langley Jennifer Horton Kristal Ammons Mary Johnson Shiloh Brazil Valerie Brown	16 Karen Broxton Kenneth Henry Mary Ann Foster Tyler Horton	17 Alice Turner JoAnne Howard Sheldon Melvin	18 Madeline Knowlton	19 Jean Hargrove Kendal Westbrooks	20 Bettieanne Hart Beverly Westbrooks Curtis Barnes Douglass Selby Rachael Humph- rey Violet Ricks	21 Gregory Hood* Zoey Carty
22 Eric Brazil Ithamer Broadnax	23	24 Fred M. Hughey III Georgia Pritchett Marcus Aiken	25 Betty Cox Leslie Egbarin,Jr. Rex G. Wright	26 Billy Sisk Catherine Wainwright Christy Banks	27 Christian Johnson Danita Hines	28 Carol Ann Dove Donna Williams Willie Bailey Jr. Yolanda Williams
29 Chequitta Jones Julian Manuel Kali McCloud Shirley Green Thomasine Jordan*	30 Jazmin Fulton Kim Burch Ariel Nash					







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1 8:30 AM Hybrid Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00AM Youth Church 2:00 PM Next Shift WATCH US LIVE AND ON-DEMAND www.bigbethelame.org Fluxe @BigBethelaME	2 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874	4 🕅 12:05 Study 7:00P 77257
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EPTEMBER 2024 Events

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at needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the





Welcome to Our New Episcopal Team Bishop Michael L. Mitchell Supervisor Corofelia Mitchell



ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Announcements and other information to be PRINTED in the bulletin must be received by 12Noon on WEDNESDAY each week

Please email them to Phyllis Smiley at psmiley@bigbethelame.org

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION! @





BIG BETHEL THRIVE YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE MINISTRY

COLLEGE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15 | 2:00PM 2024

• FOOD • PRIZES • PRAISE • WORSHIP

JOIN US!

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH 220 AUBURN AVE. NE

(Behind GSU Commons)

Mixer in the Fellowship Hall, following worship service. Gift cards and door prizes for bringing the most people!

Congratulations to our BBAMEC 2024-2025 Stewards

Big Bethel AME Church 2024 - 2025 Steward Boards

Charles Zanders Steward Board	Robert L. Brown Steward Board		
Stanley Pritchett – Pro Tem	Rosa Baxter		
Marie Blake	Shirlynn Bulls		
Clarissa Carmichael	Nicole Chapman		
Timothy Crim	William Coleman		
Geri Dodson	ТВА		
Alvin Francis	Williams Dye III		
Yvette George	Leslie Egbarin		
Ed Jones	Marvin Fleming		
Rosalyn Johnson	Gordan Freeman		
Everett Jolly	Fred Hughey		
Tony Jones	Morgan Johnson		
Arthur Maddox	Martinique Mix		
Charles W. Moore	Tallulah Ragsdale		
Chris Parker	Jennifer Smith-Grant		
Bill Petty	Stephanie Stowe		
Bill Sisk	Opal Knowlton		
Shirley Simmons	Paulyne Morgan White		
Samuel Stephens	Lisa Johnson Whigham		
Donna Williams	Susan Wright		
Steward Emeritus			
Luel Sutton			

Congratulations to our BBAMEC 2024-2025 Trustees!!!

Big Bethel AME Church Trustees for the 2024-2025 Conference Year August 18, 2024

	Name
	Baxter, Floyd
	Black, Marcus
	Brazil, Dennis
	Burnette, Keith
	Halford, Keith
	Hudson, Oliver
	Jolley, Linda
	Mayes, Cyril
	Patterson, Joseph
	Petty, Annette
	Pritchett, Sharon
	Rudd, James
	Stinson, Joi
	Thomas, Rosalind
	Tidwell, Shawn
	Walters, Khamisi
	Webster, Shelley
	Williams, Linda
	Young, Jory
M	cGee, Nannette - Emeritus



The Transportation Ministry is in need of volunteer drivers!!



If you or anyone you know are interested in receiving a ride to and from church, please scan the QR code to register or

call the Church Office at 404-827-9707





HEAVEN BOUND MEET & GREET

GET READY FOR THE HEAVEN BOUND
MEET AND GREET ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024, AFTER
THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE.

ENJOY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AS WE SHARE THE VISION FOR HEAVEN BOUND 2024.

CAST MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT ARE WELCOME!

NEW COMERS TOO!!

THE HEAVEN BOUND TRAIN IS WAITING!!

GET ON BOARD!!

Rev. Joyce C. Young God Is Good ALL the Time!!

HEAVEN BOUND

CALL TO ACTION:

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S HEAVEN BOUND PRODUCTION

Pilgrim Auditions &
Rehearsals for the upcoming
Heaven Bound Production will begin in September.
A rehearsal calendar will be forthcoming.

Pilgrim Auditions will be held
September 5 & 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
For Pilgrim Auditions contact:
Jory Young or Brenda Lyles

All persons interested in participating in any facet (Pilgrims, Choir Crew Marketing, etc.) Of the production are welcome to attend!!

For questions, please contact:
Nathaniel Fisher: nfisher@bigbethelame.org
Jory Young: JoryJYoung@gmail.com
Brenda Lyles: Brenda2736@gmail.com
or Rev. Joyce Young—joyousjcy@yahoo.com



Individuals, Families, and Organizations are welcome!

You are cordially invited

to our 2024-2025 Program Launch Party

Saturday, September 7, 2024 11:00am-1pm Big Bethel Recreation Center, 208 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by September 1, 2024. We hope to see you there!

TO LEARN MORE PLEASE EMAIL: SATURDAYACADEMYRAOC@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL MS. RAE FORTES BIG BETHEL SATURDAY YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM/RAOC PROGRAM DIRECTOR 770.896.9171

ATTENTION



Get Involved in the Political Process!!!

We are seeking Big Bethel members willing to share their stories on how they helped secure voting rights in Atlanta during the 50s and 60s.

If you are interested in your story being featured--please reach out to Sis Ariel at:

anash@bigbethelame.org





EVERY 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD SUNDAY

8:45AM

The "Discipleship - New Members"

Ministry Team in vites the entire Bi

Bethel congregation to join us for the

occasion to explore the New Members Orientation and to study 'Discipleshin

BIG BETHEL MEMBERS
USE THIS OPPORTUNITY!



ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.bigbethelame.org

o Go to the "Resources" tab, scroll down to "Member Services"

o Scroll down and click on the "Discipleship-NewMemberClass" button o Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the Zeom Class

LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, CHURCH AND US!



Weekly 10AM **Sunday Worship**

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC UugvakMrYvM9uae7rK5w6g



Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE

https://www.putube.com/chame/UCU.gudd/W/Muce7K5.v/c

Thrive-Every other Tuesday@7pmhttps://us06web.zoom.us/y87238857567

Fordetails contact Rev Jess 770-940-0293



Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Study

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87 171726645?pwd=anFGaTlwZ 1 IsaEtiL3ROdIBNQVpFQT09





Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones. PhD. SAME AS Adult Sunday

School ZOOM LINK

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

Worship Sunday 3PM

Code: 673604#



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

Prayer Call 6AM Mon-Sat

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

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship **Bible Study**

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

Youth Church 2nd Sundays 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 775-4987-0483 Password: YEr10W

PH: (202)926-1123

Seasoned Saints -Thursdays @ 12pm

Dial in #1 929 205 6099.



Adult Sunday School 8:30AM

PH: (309)205-3325 Code:7789893084#

ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultalass

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd= NzIDRGIgNmVYY0RsRFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly ioll@comcast.net

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