



# HOLY COMMUNION

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2023**

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# Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
10:00 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION

## THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

## \* 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:** 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 #25 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity A-men.

## THE INVOCATION

## THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

## THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:11-15

**Minister:** <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

**People:** <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."



**Minister:** <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

**People:** <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

**ALL:** <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

**\*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**

**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. A-MEN, A-MEN."*

**THE WELCOME To BIG BETHEL**

**THE PHILIPPIN MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY**

**THE SERMON**

**PASTOR JOHN FOSTER**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING**



**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 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 DOXOLOGY

## †THE BENEDICTION

PASTOR FOSTER



**\*\*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!!!!**



# Big Bethel celebrates Christian Education Month September 2023

## Our Bible Favorites!

Post your most memorable Bible verse on your social media page, email or text to family and friends and share during Bible Study and Church School!



Look for Video Presentations and Special Announcements

23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The Beatitudes

John 3:16

Jeremiah 29:11

Mary's Song

Sponsored by the Department of Christian Education Ministries



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First read- ing and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>September 3, 2023</b>	<a href="#">Exodus 3:1-15</a> <a href="#">Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b</a>	<a href="#">Jeremiah 15:15-21</a>	<a href="#">Romans 12:9-21</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 16:21-28</a>



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 Sis. Elizabeth Parks (Liz) (404) 691-4590  
 Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705  
 Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579  
 Sis. Lillian Taylor(404) 284-6414

### Thank You

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the scholarship committee, anyone that supported me financially, and for all the thoughts and the prayers. Your contribution to my journey does not go unnoticed.

With Love,  
Charis Eppes



Dear Big Bethel Family,

When I was able to WALK back into Big Bethel on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, after more than 3 years of health issues, the outpouring of love that I felt was amazing and very humbling. All of your sincere hugs and smiles blessed my soul. I was overwhelmed with JOY!!!!

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, text messages, and gifts. Your prayers were greatly appreciated and still needed.

**God is an AWESOME Healer!!!**

To God be the Glory,  
Sister Jewell Foster



# Jessica's Big Bethel A.M.E. Church Birthday Club

named in honor of Sister Jessica Foster

The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad. Psalm 118:24 NIV

Are you interested in serving as a birthday month host?

- Organize a birthday gathering for church members born in your birth month. Members are responsible for paying for the activity.
- Plan an opportunity for outreach or evangelism for your birth month members.

Contact Dr. Andrea Lewis  
to sign up to be a birthday month host:  
[alewis@bigbethel.org](mailto:alewis@bigbethel.org)  
404-277-9641



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



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| 9/1  | Curtis Knowlton, Shirley Woodson,<br>Pamela Selby, Aminata Williams                             | 9/18 | Madeline Knowlton  |
| 9/2  | Yolanda Kent, Greling Battle  | 9/19 | Jean Hargrove, Kendal Westbrooks                                   |
| 9/3  | James Boddie  | 9/20 | Curtis Barnes, Bettieanne Hart, Rachael<br>Humphrey, Violet Ricks, |
| 9/4  | Nia Hicks, Christopher Parker II,<br>Michael Thomas   |      | Douglass Selby, Beverly Westbrooks                                 |
| 9/5  | Opal Knowlton, Morgan Dodson  | 9/21 | Zoey Carty   |
| 9/6  | Raymond Essang, Davion Rucker,  | 9/22 | Eric Brazil, Ithamer Broadnax,                                     |
| 9/10 | George Davis, Hope Jones  | 9/24 | Marcus Aiken, Georgia Pritchett,                                   |
| 9/11 | M. Paulyne Morgan White, Elizabeth Parks  | 9/25 | Leslie Egbarin Jr, R.G. Wright                                     |
| 9/12 | Shirlynn Bulls, Tyree Dye,<br>William Spottsville   | 9/26 | Christy Banks  |
| 9/14 | Nicole Murray   | 9/27 | Christian Johnson, Danita Hines                                    |
| 9/15 | Kristal Ammons, Shiloh Brazil,<br>Valerie Brown, Jennifer Horton,<br>Mary Johnson, Monica Pope, | 9/28 | Will Bailey Jr., Carol Dove, Donna Williams,<br>Yolanda Williams   |
| 9/16 | Karen Broxton, Mary Ann Foster, Kenneth<br>Henry, Tyler Horton,                                 | 9/29 | Shirley Green, Thomasine Jordan, Julian<br>Manuel, Kali McCloud,   |
| 9/17 | JoAnne Howard, Sheldon Melvin,<br>Alice Turner  |      | Chequitta Jones  |
|      |   | 9/30 | Kim Burch, Jazmin Fulton   |







# BIG BETHEL

A.M.E. CHURCH  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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Senior Pastor

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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<b>Men's Month</b> <b>JUNE '23</b> MOBB Scholarship Fundraiser June 1-30 Men Of Big Bethel Annual Day <i>Rev. C.D. Williams</i> June 25 BBQ/Fish Fry June TBD Vacation Bible School June 28-30
<b>Youth Month</b> <b>JULY '23</b> CE Leadership Congress—Augusta GA July 11-13 Youth Skate Party July 15 Graduate Recognition July 16 YPD Lock-In July 21 Youth Sunday July 23
<b>AUGUST '23</b> Senior Ministry Lunch & A Movie August 10 North Atlanta District Church School Convention August 26 Back 2 School Revival August 29-31
<b>Christian Education Month</b> <b>SEPTEMBER '23</b> Church Officer Installation Day September 10 Beauty For Ashes Big Bethel Social Action Ministry Interfaith Community Outreach Event September 16 Higher Education Sunday September 17 MOBB SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT September 22 New Member Recognition Day September 24 Church Anniversary Tailgate Kick-off September 24
<b>Church Anniversary Month</b> <b>OCTOBER '23</b> FALL Revival October 11-13 SED Mid-Year Convocation & Theological Institute October TBA <b>176<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Svc.</b> October 15 Worship In Pink Sunday October 22 Youth Academy Ministry Children's Sabbath October 21-22
<b>Thanksgiving Month</b> <b>NOVEMBER '23</b> Veterans Day Service November 5 Heaven Bound 90th Production November 10-11 Thanksgiving Day Worship Service November 23 The COHFC Giving Tree Party November 26

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<b>Come On Home For Christmas Month</b> <b>DECEMBER '23</b> 1st Sunday of Advent— <b>HOPE</b> (Dec 3) Poinsettias for Loved Ones December 3-10 2nd Sunday of Advent— <b>PEACE</b> December 10 3rd Sunday of Advent— <b>JOY</b> Church School Christmas Program COHFC Sick & Shut-in Visitation Christmas Annual Concert & Reception December 17 4th Sunday of Advent— <b>LOVE</b> December 24 Watch Night Celebration December 31
<b>Marriage Celebration Month</b> <b>JANUARY '24</b> MLK Day Celebration January 14 <b>Thrive</b> Ministry 6th Anniversary January 22
<b>Black History and Heritage Month</b> <b>FEBRUARY '24</b> SED Founders' Day Celebration February 10-11 Founder's Day Celebration (Big Bethel) February 12 Heritage Sunday February 19 Ash Wednesday @ BBAMEC February 22 Exchange Day— February TBD
<b>Resurrection Celebration/WMS &amp; YPD Month</b> <b>MARCH '24</b> WMS & YPD Annual Day March 10 Social Action/Morris Brown College Day March 17 Caregiver's SED/AME Purple Sunday March 17 Palm Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday Concert March 24 Holy Week Jazz Vespers March 27 Maundy Thursday Worship March 28 Good Friday/Seven Last Words March 29
<b>Resurrection Worship</b> <b>Sunrise Service (6:00AM)</b> <b>Worship (10:00AM)</b> March 31 <b>Lay Month</b> <b>APRIL '24</b> Lay Emphasis Annual Day April 14 Lay Weekend TBD <b>LAY Org Cookout for Big Bethel Village</b> April TBD
<b>Women's Month</b> <b>MAY '24</b> Mother's Day May 12 Women's Emphasis Annual Day May TBD Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference @ May TBD

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# Congratulations to Our 2023-2024 Stewards

## Big Bethel AME Church 2023 - 2024 Steward Boards

<u>Charles Zanders Steward Board</u>	<u>Robert L. Brown Steward Board</u>
Stanley Pritchett – Pro Tem	Rosa Baxter
Marie Blake	Shirlynn Bulls
Clarissa Carmichael	Nicole Chapman
Timothy Crim	William Coleman
Geri Dodson	Jerome Crawl
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
<u>Steward Emeritus</u>	
Luel Sutton	

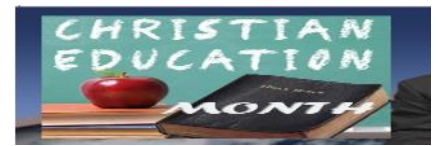







# Big Bethel's **SEPTEMBER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
 <p>Big Bethel celebrates <b>Christian Education Month</b></p>		 <p>Women's Bible Study</p>	 <p>Men's Bible Study</p>
<b>3</b> 8:45 AM Virtual Sunday School - (712) 778-8972, Code 440772# 8:30AM Virtual New Members <b>10:00 AM Worship Service(S)</b> 2:00 PM Next Shift (S) <b>WATCH LIVE</b> www.bigbethelame.org f LIVE @BigBethelAME	<b>4</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call 712-775-8972 Access Code- 440772	<b>5</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>WOMEN'S Bible Study</b> 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	<b>6</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>12:05PM &amp; 6:00PM</b> <b>Study-1-202-926112</b> 7:00PM (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#
<b>10</b> 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) <b>12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH</b> 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S) <b>WATCH LIVE</b> www.bigbethelame.org f LIVE @BigBethelAME	<b>11</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>CHURCH OFFICER INSTALLATION DAY</b> 	<b>12</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>WOMEN'S Bible Study</b> 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	<b>13</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>12:05PM &amp; 6:00PM</b> <b>Study-1-202-926112</b> 7:00PM (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#
<b>17</b> 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) <b>12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH</b> 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S) <b>HIGHER EDUCATION SUNDAY</b> <b>WATCH LIVE</b> www.bigbethelame.org f LIVE @BigBethelAME	<b>18</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>COLLEGE SUNDAY</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>WOMEN'S Bible Study</b> 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	<b>20</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>12:05PM &amp; 6:00PM</b> <b>Study-1-202-926112</b> 7:00PM (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#
<b>24</b> 8:35AM Virtual Church School 10:00AM Worship Service (S) <b>12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH</b> 1:30 PILGRIMAGE TO OAKLAND CEMETERY <b>Church Anniversary TAILGATE</b> <b>Park &amp; Praise 10am &amp; 2PM</b> 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT 	<b>25</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	<b>26</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>WOMEN'S Bible Study</b> 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	<b>27</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>12:05PM &amp; 6:00PM</b> <b>Study-1-202-926112</b> 7:00PM (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#
<p>Join Us! for Virtual Worship 10AM &amp; 2PM</p> <p><b>WATCH LIVE</b></p> <p>www.bigbethelame.org</p> <p>f LIVE @BigBethelAME</p>		<p><b>END COVID</b> IT STARTS WITH YOU.</p>	 <p>Get the V</p>



# R 2023 *Events Calendar*



d	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Christian Education MONTH</b></p> <p><b>Won't You Join Us!!</b></p>	<p>Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed Rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>9:00AM Ministerial Staff Mtg.</b> <b>12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</b></p>
<p>Code 772576# <b>Virtual Bible</b> <b>23 Code: 673604</b> <b>512, Code</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>9:00AM-11:00AM Virtual Steward Board Meeting</b> <b>12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</b></p>
<p>er Call Code 772576# <b>Virtual Bible</b> <b>23 Code: 673604</b> <b>512, Code</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</b></p>
<p>Call Code 772576# <b>Virtual Bible</b> <b>23 Code: 673604</b> <b>512, Code</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>6:30PM Virtual Trustee Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>4:00 PM-THBB Team Dinner</b></p>  	<p><b>23</b> 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# <b>10:00 AM-11:00AM Edge-Cannon Lay Organization (RM)</b> <b>12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</b></p>
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	 <p><b>WEAR FACE MASKS</b></p>  <p><b>WASH HANDS OFTEN</b></p>  <p><b>Practice SOCIAL DISTANCING</b> A minimum distance of 6 FT</p>	 <p><b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH</b></p> <p><b>MAKE A COMMITMENT TO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Have a Bible Meditation with a Friend</li> <li>•Read an New Bible Verse or Narrative</li> <li>•Memorize a Bible Verse each Week</li> <li>•Recommit to Attend Bible Study</li> </ul>	

# Congratulations to Our 2023-2024 Trustees

**Big Bethel AME Church  
Trustees for the 2023-2024 Conference Year  
August 28, 2023**

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



**SAVE THE DATE for**

# **THE 176<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF "TAILGATE IN THE PARK"**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM PARK & PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE!!**

**"FOOD FUN & FELLOWSHIP!!  
You want to be there!!"**



*Celebrating 176 years*  
**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**

**SAVE  
the DATE**

**HISTORIC BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH  
"REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS"**

**AT**

**OAKLAND CEMETERY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**1:30PM**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE**

**LAYING OF WREATHS AND LIBATION CEREMONY**

**AT THE GRAVE SITES  
OF**

**REV. JOSEPH WOOD—FIRST PASTOR OF BIG BETHEL AMEC**

**Six BISHOP WESLEY JOHN GAINES - LEADER, BUILDER, MBC**

**BROTHER JAMES TATE—VISIONARY TEACHER, BUSINESSMAN**

**MEMBERS OF THE HEAVEN BOUND CHOIR**

**WILL SING SAMPLE SELECTIONS AT THE BELL TOWER !!**



*Rev. Joseph Woods*







23rd ANNUAL

M.O.B.B.

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

NEW

● Play Golf for a Cause

● All Proceeds go to provide scholarships to our graduating high school seniors.

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22**

AT Wolf Creek GOLF COURSE  
3000 Union Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30331

PLAYER REGISTRATION  
8AM-9AM

TEE TIME: 9:30AM

**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**PLAYER  
REGISTRATION**

M.O.B.B. Golf Invitation & Sponsor Info.

MORE DETAILS TO COME VIA:  
[WWW.BIGBETHELAME.ORG/MINISTRY](http://WWW.BIGBETHELAME.ORG/MINISTRY)  
HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTING SPONSOR \$1000  
CORPORATE SPONSOR \$500  
PATRON SPONSOR \$150  
IN-KIND SPONSOR

TEAM OF 4 PLAYERS: \$500  
INDIVIDUAL PLAYER: \$125



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BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

SUMMER Prayer

Healing

Transformation

Life Transitions

2023

**Moderators**



Rev. Charmain Purvis



Bro. Chris Parker

**September 26-28th**  
**Virtual call-in at 7:15 PM nightly**

virtual call-in number: (605)472-5512  
access code 772576

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

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





100  
YEARS

CHARLES W. MOORE

*Birthday*  
GALA

Benefiting Morris Brown College

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 4, 2023

Charles W. Moore 100



Porsche Experience Center Atlanta  
One Porsche Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30354

[www.charleswmoore100.org](http://www.charleswmoore100.org)

**JOIN US!!**  
SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

*After Church*

# BRUNCH

**\$7**  
per person

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**  
After 10AM Worship in FELLOWSHIP HALL



# + In-person Youth Church!

will begin on 2nd Sundays beginning  
September 10th  
Contact Rev. Ali Holness-Roland for more info.





# REQUEST FOR HOLY COMMUNION



*Home Visit*

*Remember...*  
HIS BODY. HIS BLOOD.

Every 1st Sunday of the Month

If you would like a minister to visit on a monthly basis to administer communion, Please scan the QR code to access the request form.



Communion Home Visit Request



## The Transportation Ministry is in need of volunteer drivers!!



If you or anyone you know are in interested in receiving a ride to and from church, please email your **name, phone number and address** to Ed Jones at:



[erjones@bigbethelame.org](mailto:erjones@bigbethelame.org)



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH  
SOCIAL OUTING MINISTRY

# SOUTHERN BELLE FARM

1658 Turner Church Road McDonough, Georgia 30252

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

**PUMPKIN PATCH | HAY RIDES | CORN MAZES**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES | BAKERY | FARM MARKET**

**COST \$17/PER PERSON**

Big Bethel A.M.E. Church  
220 Auburn Avenue NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.  
Senior Pastor



Interested in attending?  
Contact Dr. Andrea Lewis  
[alewis@bigbethel.org](mailto:alewis@bigbethel.org) or 404-277-9641  
\*Transportation will be provided upon request

*Thrive*

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**STAY  
CONNECTED**

Scan the QR code



WORSHIP FOLLOW-UP



## 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](mailto:psmiley@bigbethelame.org)

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION! 😊





# Big Bethel AMEC

announces

## Discipleship ~ New Members Hybrid/Virtual Orientation Classes

Many current and seasoned members of Big Bethel AME Church may recall it has been a long time since they experienced New Member's Orientation. Some may be unsure if they did, or maybe never had an opportunity. Keeping these possibilities in mind, the "Discipleship - New Members" Ministry Team invites the entire Big Bethel Congregation to join us for the occasion to explore the New Members Orientation and to study "Discipleship". It is a time to dialogue about Gods' Plan of Salvation, AME Church History, Doctrine & Discipline, Spiritual Growth, Stewardship, and Spiritual Gifts.

As part of the 2022, course study now known as "Discipleship - New Members" all are invited to attend discussion classes held on the **1st-3rd Sunday of each month at 8:45 AM.**

We invite those who started, have never started, or are ready to explore this foundational course of study which honors, God's charge to "make disciples". **Those interested can register via the church website ([www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org)).**

- Go to Resources tab, scroll down to Member Services
- Scroll down and click the "Discipleship-New Member Class" button.
- Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the hybrid Zoom Class

Please joins in this foundational course study of discipleship!

Discipleship ~New Members Ministry

## Hybrid/Virtual Orientation Classes

1st - 3rd Sundays @ 8:45 AM

*Let's talk about Faith!*

Discipleship ~ New Members Ministry Team



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STAY CONNECTED  
DOWNLOAD THE BIG BETHEL APP  
TODAY!!

Download



Enter keyword "Bigbethelame(space)app" or church name "Big Bethel" and connect

< Search



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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.

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

[www.bigbethelame.org/member-services](http://www.bigbethelame.org/member-services)

Click on the "Member Contact Update Form" button



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## Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrYVM9uae7rK5w6g>

# BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

## Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrYVM9uae7rK5w6g>



## Tuesday 7PM

### Women's Bible Study

Meeting ID: 789 708 6175

Passcode: 389966

**NEW**



## 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 ZOOMLINK

## 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: <sup>19</sup> See, I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

## Youth Church 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 12:30PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

## Big Bethel Saturday School 12:30 -2:00PM

Now meeting in person!

**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=NzI0RGlnNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZG1MZz09>

## Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly

joll@comcast.net

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