

**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**

# HIGHER EDUCATION SUNDAY



## September 17, 2023

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**COLLEGE SUNDAY**



Christian Ed Month

#### WORSHIP LEADER:

Bro. Everett Jolly—Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Class of 1981

**THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON**

**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** (Psalm 138:1-6 NRSV)

**Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.**

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

**Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.**

**ALL: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....SIS. OPAL KNOWLTON—MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE, CLASS OF 1993**

#### AME HYMN #450– Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

**The Invocation** Bro. William Davis—Howard University, Class of 1969

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL CHORALE**

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE .....Sis. Paige Thomas—Spelman College, Class of 2025**

**Psalms 103: 8-13**

**Leader:** <sup>8</sup> **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**People:** <sup>9</sup> **He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

**Leader:** <sup>10</sup> **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**People:** <sup>11</sup> **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**Leader:** <sup>12</sup> **as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

**ALL:** <sup>13</sup> **As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

**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.....Bro. McMillion Camp—Morehouse College, Class of 2025**

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 #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 PHILIPPIN MINISTRY**

**THE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT .....CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPT.**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION .....SIGNS OF PRAISE MIME MINISTRY**

**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....Pastor John Foster —Tuskegee University, Class of 1979**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BIG BETHEL CHORALE**

**THE MESSAGE.....GEORGE T. FRENCH, JR., PH.D.,  
PRESIDENT, CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.,  
Spelman College, Class of 1996**

**THE STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

**THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING.....Sis. Tanyika Black —Alabama State University, Class of 1997**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

**All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen**



**THE BENEDICTION**

**PASTOR JOHN FOSTER**

**JESUS SAVES**

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



***Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers and 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**

**Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579**

**Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414**

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>September 17, 2023</b>	<a href="#">Exodus 14:19-31</a> <a href="#">Psalm 114</a> or <a href="#">Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 50:15-21</a> <a href="#">Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13</a>	<a href="#">Romans 14:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 18:21-35</a>

**CALLING  
ALL  
HEAVEN BOUND  
CHOIR MEMBERS**

Join us on **9/24/23** for the Pilgrimage held at Oakland Cemetery. Transportation provided based on number of participants. We will be leaving the church from the parking lot at **12:30 pm sharp**. Meet in the choir room to **rehearse at 11:30am.**

**WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY**



**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*





*George T. French, Jr., Ph.D.*  
**President, Clark Atlanta University**

- ◆ Longest sitting HBCU President in the nation
- ◆ Vice Chair of the Board of the UNCF
- ◆ Chair of the Presidents of the UNCF
- ◆ International leader within the art of fundraising, having raised funds of over \$160 million for Miles College where he served as President for over 15 years, and generated over \$300 million since being President of Clark Atlanta University (CAU)
- ◆ Proficiently motivate a stellar and top performing team of 736 faculty and staff with a budget exceeding \$130 million
- ◆ Served three (3) secretaries of education, under two United States presidents, as a congressional appointee to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)
- ◆ A three-term board member for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and Chair of the Atlanta University Center (Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Morehouse School of Medicine,) Council of Presidents
- ◆ Charter member of Regent's Bank National Diversity Board







# 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

Mary's Song

Jeremiah 29:11

Sponsored by the Department of Christian Education Ministries



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

# SUMMIT *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

**JESUS SAVES**

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BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH  
SOCIAL OUTING MINISTRY

# *SOUTHERN BELLE FARM*

1658 Turner Church Road McDonough, Georgia 30252

**Saturday, September 30, 1pm**

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

**KIDS ACTIVITIES | BAKERY | FARM MARKET**

**COST \$17/PER PERSON**

Contact Dr. Andrea Lewis if you are interested in attending  
[alewis@bigbethel.org](mailto:alewis@bigbethel.org) or 404-277-9641

\*Transportation will be provided upon request



# 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 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

## **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 on  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm**  
**in the Sanctuary**

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](mailto:nfisher@bigbethelame.org)  
Jory Young: [JoryJYoung@gmail.com](mailto:JoryJYoung@gmail.com)  
Brenda Thomas: [Brenda2736@gmail.com](mailto:Brenda2736@gmail.com)  
or Rev. Joyce Young—[joyousjcy@yahoo.com](mailto:joyousjcy@yahoo.com)





SAVE THE DATE

91<sup>st</sup> Production of  
**HEAVEN BOUND**

November 10~11, 2023  
7:00pm

TICKET PRICING

**\$15.00**

**TICKETS** will be available **ONLINE**  
starting September 29th

**Big Bethel AME Church**  
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### Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelama.org](http://www.bigbethelama.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9d0WYnMfuoc7Hd3wlg>

## BBAMEC VIRTUAL *Blessings*

### Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

[www.bigbethelama.org](http://www.bigbethelama.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9d0WYnMfuoc7Hd3wlg>



### 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 ZOOM LINK

### 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: YE10W

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

New meeting in person!

**NEW**



### 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=NzZDRGhqNmVYY0R5RkY2VzV6ZGhMZj09>

### Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly  
joll@comcast.net

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