

Big Bethel
African Methodist Episcopal Church

176 Years "Be Strong"

**"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT
BE AFRAID OR TERRIFIED BECAUSE OF THEM,
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU;
HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU" -
DEUTERONOMY 31:6**

Holy Communion
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2023

**BISHOP REGINALD T. JACKSON, PRESIDING PRELATE, 6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
10:00 AM
HOLY COMMUNION



THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

* THE DOXOLOGY

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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

A.M.E. Hymn #519 The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the word. From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

Minister: ¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

People: ² The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

Minister: ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

17:4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*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 DECALOGUE

Leader: *And God spoke all these words saying, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, you shall have no other gods before Me.*

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or your sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*"My soul, be on your guard;
Ten thousand foes arise.*

*And hosts of sin are pressing hard;
To draw you from the skies."*

Leader: *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you .*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not kill.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not commit adultery.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not steal .*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor .*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his man-servant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.*

People: **Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our heart.**

*"Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
E'en though it be a cross, That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to Thee.
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee."*

Leader: *Hear what Christ our Savior said: 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 hang all the law and the prophets.*

THE GLORIA PATRI**AME HYMNAL #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**PHILIPPIANS MINISTRY****THE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT****SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY****THE PASTOR'S WORDS****THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC****BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY****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 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 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING****†THE BENEDICTION****PASTOR FOSTER**

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
October 1, 2023	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

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

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806	Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
Bro. Horace Ford (770) 478-3013	Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579
Sis. N. Nannette McGee 678-961-5220	Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841	
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Mrs. Christy Davis Jackson ESQ., Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District

The Reverend Dr. Larry W. Hudson Sr., Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

THE REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

The Reverend Andrea Lewis, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor

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

The Reverend Jessica Buford, **Thrive** College & Young Adult Ministry

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 Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.,
The Reverend Dr. Charlene Maddox,
The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker,
The Reverend William Spottsville,
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

Licentiate

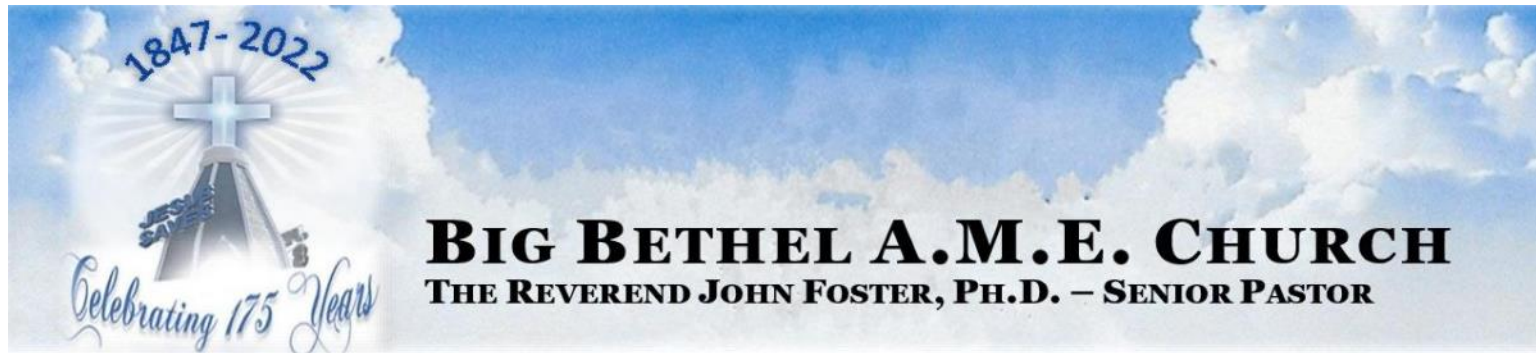
Bro. Jermaine Lawrence
Bro. Maurice Eckstein
Sis. Elaine W. Williams

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes	Stewards	Stewards	Drs. Stanley Pritchett & Chris Parker
Choir	Babcock-Young Voices of Unity ~Tamika Kelley Dir.	Trustees	
Philippians	Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry Alicia Oden and Ruth McKenzie	AV Ministry	Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins
Finance Team TEAM B			

JESUS SAVES

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September 7, 2023

Dear Big Bethel Church Members, Visitors, and Friends:

We are overjoyed to invite you to Big Bethel AME Church's 176th Church Anniversary Celebration! This year's anniversary theme is **"Be Strong"** - *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you* - Deuteronomy 31:6. We are excited to have Bishop John R. Bryant – 106th Elected and Consecrated Bishop (retired) - as our guest preacher for this occasion.

Several anniversary events have been planned to engage all generations and ages. We look forward to your participation in the Celebration!!!

Big Bethel 2023 Church Anniversary 'Celebration of Events'

Tailgate Kick-off Celebration (In Your Car)

10:00 a.m., September 24, 2023

Pilgrimage to Oakland Cemetery

1:00 p.m., September 24, 2023

176th Church Anniversary Revival

7:00 p.m., October 10-12, 2023

Beauty for Ashes III Community Outreach

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., October 14, 2023

176th Church Anniversary Worship Service

10:00 a.m., October 15, 2023

Youth Children's Sabbath

10:00 a.m., October 22, 2023

Millennium Empowerment Zone

10:00 a.m., October 29, 2023

God is continually blessing our BBAMEC family – both individually and collectively. This year, we are asking our members to help us eliminate a one-time revenue shortage in our parking lot rental. Therefore, we are asking each member to give a sacrificial love offering of - \$176 - over and above your tithes. Additionally, you may also contribute in one of the following categories:

Platinum	\$1,000
Diamond	\$500-\$999
Gold	\$300-\$499
Silver	\$100-\$299

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$88,000 THAT WILL BE USED FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS AND RECOVER FROM LOST PARKING LOT RENTAL. If you desire, you may begin making your contribution in incremental payments in time for Anniversary Giving.

Thank you for your continued support in all that you do in Kingdom Building here at Big Bethel AME Church where we believe that "Jesus Saves."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

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**TAILGATE KICK-OFF CELEBRATION
(IN YOUR CAR)
10:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**PILGRIMAGE TO
OAKLAND CEMETERY
1:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**176TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL
7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 10-12, 2023**

GUEST PREACHERS:

October 10 - Rev. Cynthia Parnell-McDonald, Ph.D., Pastor, Cosmopolitan A.M.E. Church



October 11 - Rev. Robert L. Johnson, III, Pastor, St. Phillip-Griffin A.M.E. Church



October 12 - Rev. Ammie L. Davis, Ph.D., President Dean, Turner Theological Seminary



BEAUTY FOR ASHES III COMMUNITY OUTREACH

10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., OCTOBER 14, 2023

176TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 15, 2023

GUEST PREACHER:
Bishop John R. Bryant — 106th Elected and Consecrated Bishop (Retired)

18TH NATIONAL INTERFAITH CHILDREN'S SABBATH WORKSHOP 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 21, 2023

Theme: "A Little Child Leads Them"

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SABBATH WORSHIP 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 22, 2023

MILLENNIAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 29, 2023

HISTORICAL MOMENTS @ BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

A Vintage Heaven Bound Moment...



Do Everyday ACTIONS
Determine YOUR
Hereafter?

You don't
want to miss

Heaven Bound

Traditional version
FRIDAY
November 10th
7:00PM

Contemporary version
SATURDAY
November 11th
7:00PM

Experiencing it might help you decide.

TICKET PRICING

\$15.00

Tickets available online:

www.bigbethelame.org or Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/91st-heaven-bound-tickets-724076230497?aff=oddtcreator>

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A scene from Big Bethel's morality play "Heaven Bound" from the second century of our great history. Huelon Morgan Jones portraying a "Pilgrim to Zion" determined to make Heaven her home is tempted by Satan as portrayed by Henry J. Furlow

Tickets Available Now!





*Wishing a Blessed and Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating
a birthday in the month of October!!*

10/1 Rosalyn Diggs
 10/2 Faith Wilkerson, **Pastor John Foster**,
 Tobreshia Horn
 10/3 Milton Dodson III, Kayla Mitchell,
 Carla Morrison, L. Samuel Stephens,
 Leigh Mikki Haynes
 10/4 Cassandra Stanley, Mitchell Hall,
 Alex Walke Jr., Cynthia Crane
 10/5 Jermarcus Black
 10/7 JeNika Thomas
 10/8 Martinique Mix, Lyric Larkin
 10/10 Justin Roberts, Saige Pritchett
 10/11 Andrea Desaussure
 10/12 Pershameron Dye, Diarra Davis
 10/13 Martha Thomas, Leon Grant,

10/14 Lavonda Lloyd, Margaret Bowe
 10/17 Kalif Robbins
 10/18 Marie Blake, Anthony Adams
 10/21 Stephanie Moore, Timothy Lee,
 Ryan Jones
 10/23 Rose Lewis
 10/25 Jack Moore, Betty Cox,
 10/26 Erma Brown, Sharon Humphrey,
 Dawna Goens,
 10/27 Valerie Maddox, Jermaine Lawrence,
 William Conley, Meegan Barnes
 10/28 Azira Hill
 10/29 Audraine Jackson, Anyya Black,
 Michael Stephens, Asia Johnson

100 Years!

101 Years!



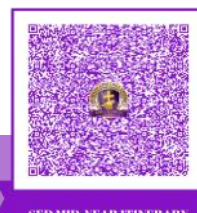




♥ If you do not see your birthday or your
 family members' birthdays, please call the
 church office 404-827-9707 ext 102
 to let us know ♥



Big Bethel's OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<div>  <div> Celebrating 176 years! </div> <div> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY MONTH </div> </div>			
1 8:30 AM Virtual Sunday School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00 AM Worship Service(S) 2:00 PM Next Shift (S) www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND  LIVE @BigBethelAME	2 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	3 6:00AM Prayer Call (605)-472-5512 Code: 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	4 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM & 6:00PM Virtual Bible Study-1-202-9261123 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study 1-605-472-5512 772576#
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22 Youth&Children's SABBATH 10am 8:30AM Virtual Church School 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S) www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND  LIVE @BigBethelAME	23 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	24 6:00AM Prayer Call (605)-472-5512 Code: 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	25 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM & 6:00PM Virtual Bible Study-1-202-9261123 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study 1-605-472-5512 772576#
29 Millennial Empowerment Zone 10AM Next Shift Takeover 8:30AM Virtual Church School 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S) www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE AND ON-DEMAND  LIVE @BigBethelAME	30 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	31 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Meeting ID: 871 7172 6645 Passcode: 401478	<div> Join Us! www.bigbethelame.org  LIVE </div>

BER 2023 Events Calendar

Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat
 Be Strong Deuteronomy 31:6 <i>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i>			GET CHECKED!! 	SEP 30 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 8:00 AM LOVE FEAST— Steward Board 9:00AM Ministerial Staff Mtg. 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School
all Code 772576# Virtual Bible 3 Code: 673604 Study – Code:		5 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	6 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 	7 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 9:00AM-11:00AM Virtual Steward Board Meeting 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School
SED MID YEAR CONVOCATION— Rainwater Center. 1 Meeting Place—Valdosta, GA				
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ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL Nightly				
all 772576# Virtual Bible 3 Code: 673604 Study 512 76#		19 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 6:30PM Virtual Trustee Meeting	20 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	21 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 10:00 AM-11:00AM Edge-Cannon Lay Organization (RM) 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School
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For Virtual Worship 10AM & 2PM melame.org @BigBethelAME		Help End Covid, the FLU and RSV...    Love Thy Neighbor and Thy Self! Get Vaccinated!!!		



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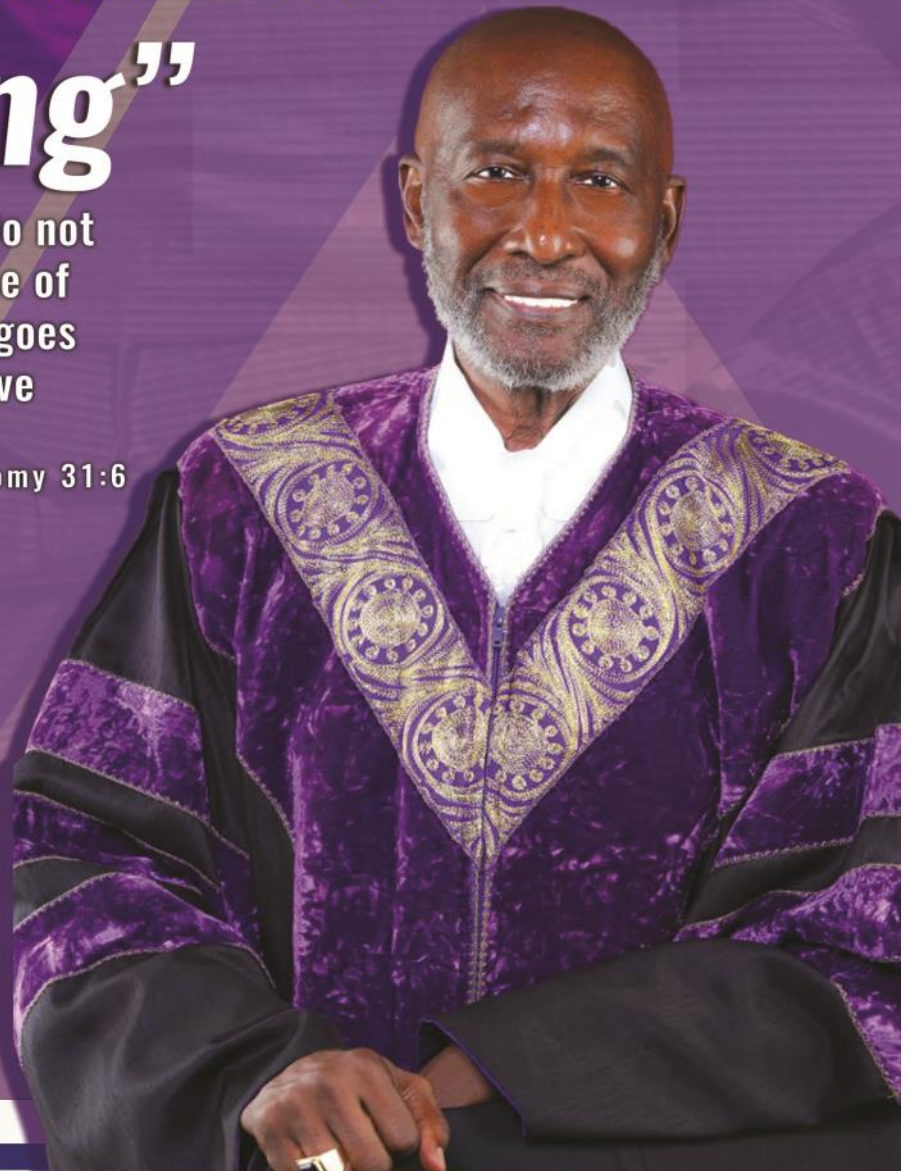
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Guest Preacher

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Thank You

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
FAMILY & FRIENDS:

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM
OF MY HEART FOR YOUR LOVE,
PRAYERS & GIFTS TOWARDS THE
PASSING OF MY BROTHER - RON
BOYKIN.

PASTOR FOSTER
&
SK. MARY ANN



ALTER
INSPIRING AND EQUIPPING FAITH COMMUNITIES

presents

Dementia-Friendly Workshop

FOR CONGREGATIONS
FALL 2023



CAREGIVERS MINISTRY

The Caregivers Ministry at Big Bethel will continue to inform our members about dementia friendly workshops that you can attend. Please register if you would like to attend. Remember the Caregivers Ministry is available to assist you and your family with resources and support.

Contact the ministry at (404)762-7719 if we can be of assistance to you and your family.

Who?

OPEN TO ALL

(i.e., Lay Leaders, Servant Leaders, Auxillary Leaders, Ministers).

When?

Saturday, October 21*

10am-1pm EST

Please be sure to log in by 9:45am.

Where?

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Registration is required, please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/42e4nMc> or call (770) 686-7730.

****Lunch Provided****
Food delivery gift card for each registered attendee.



More than 5 million americans are living with Alzheimer's Dementia.



Most churches do not have knowledge or resources to support congregants living with Dementia and their families.



African American adults aged 65 and older are affected more by Alzheimer's Dementia than other races and ethnicities.

Collaboration



Questions?

Contact: alter@gsu.edu or (770) 686-7730



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ADVOCACY DAY

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Big Bethel AME Church (Fellowship Hall)
220 Auburn Avenue, NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

- * Breakfast + Lunch Provided
- * "How to Influence Your Legislators"
Workshop for Adults
- * "Train Your Brain for Justice"
Workshop for Children & Youth
- * Exhibit Hall Resources + Giveaways
- * **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

This event is free and open to the public. To sign-up visit:
www.icmgeorgia.org



18th Annual Interfaith Children's Sabbath Service

Big Bethel AME 10:00 a.m.
220 Auburn Avenue, NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

*Caravan with us immediately following the morning service to:

Prayer Service and Langar (meal)

Guru Nanak Mission Society Gurdwara Sahib
1158 Rockbridge Rd NW | Norcross, GA 30093



CHILDREN'S SABBATH INTERFAITH SERVICE

Sunday, October 22, 2023

JOB VACANCY

Position Title – Courtesy Officer

Pay Rate - \$11.00 Per Hour

Work Schedule – Saturday's – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Weekday Evenings & Sunday's Periodically

General Responsibilities– Open & Close Church, Monitor Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall, Assist Member's, Other Duties as Assigned

Qualifications – Successful Completion of Interview and Background Check

Interested - Please Contact

- Ed Jones
- Chief Operating Officer BBAMEC
- 404.827.9707 ext 109
- erjones@bigbethelame.org

**WE ARE
HIRING!**




CHARLES W. MOORE

Birthday

GALA

A Benefit For Morris Brown College

Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 6PM

Big Bethel Congregation

is invited to attend the
Charles W. Moore
100 th Birthday Gala.

Seniors 75+ who desire to attend
this event, please contact the Big
Bethel Ticket Committee
No later than Friday, October 6th,
2023. Contact Shelley Webster,
Roz Thomas, or
Donna Williams.

The DEADLINE for all ticket
purchases, Journal Ads and
Donations on behalf of Big
Bethel Church is
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th.

A representative will be
at the rear of the sanctuary on
October 1st - 1st Sunday &
October 8th - 2nd Sunday.

FINAL DEADLINE is
Wednesday, October 11th.
Please speak to a committee
member for details.

CharlesW Moore 100



One Porche Drive
Porche Experience Center
Atlanta, GA 30354



www.charleswmoore100.com



JOIN US!!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

After Church

BRUNCH
BRUNCH



\$7
per person

OCTOBER 1, 2023

After 10AM Worship in FELLOWSHIP HALL



Thrive SUNDAY WORSHIP

DOUBLE HEADER

Sunday October 1, 2023



THRIVE PRAISE TEAM FEATURE
SWEET AUBURN FEST

1:30PM

NEXT SHIFT SERVICE
HOLY COMMUNION

2:30PM

JOIN US!

@bigbethelthrives





Protecting your **team**
and our **communities**
is important.

Kroger Health is here to help!



**Kroger Health is coming to your location to provide
Services!**

When?

COVID/Flu Vaccine Clinic

Sunday, October 1, 2023

9:30am - 1:30pm

Where?

Ebenezer Baptist Church

101 Jackson St. NE, Atlanta,
GA 30312

krogerhealth.com



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrYvM9uae7K3w6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL *Blessings*

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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

Youth Church 2nd & 3rd 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 8:30AM

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

ID: 847-251-8679 PassCode: adultclass

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzI0RG1qNmVYY0R5RFY2VzV6ZG1MZz09>

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

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