

**Big Bethel**  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*

# **176 Years**

## ***“Be Strong”***

**“THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING  
THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE  
FIRMAMENT PROCLAIMS HIS  
HANDIWORK.”**

**PSALM 19:1**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2023**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

**10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**



**THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.**

**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**

**Minister: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)**

**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 to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

**Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)**

**People:** They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

**Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)**

**People:** But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

**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. (Psalm 19:14)**

**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. (Psalm 98:1,4)

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME HYMN #424– Standing On The Promises**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain:** Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

3. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

## **The Invocation**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON SCHOFIELD MALE CHORUS**

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 80:7-15**

**Minister: <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**People: <sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....Psalm 80:7-15

**Minister:** <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**People:** <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

**Minister:** <sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

**People:** <sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**Minister:** <sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**People:** <sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

**ALL:** <sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted

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

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 PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT

THE SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON- SCHOFIELD MALE CHORUS

THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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

***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**

**Sis. N. Nannette McGee (678) 961-5220**

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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
October 08, 2023	<a href="#">Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</a> <a href="#">Psalm 19</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 5:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Philippians 3:4b-14</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:33-46</a>



**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**





Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.  
Senior Pastor

# BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

## 176TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS 2023

THEME: **"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.

### 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

9:00 AM TO 1:00 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)



***Wear your Purple, Black & Gold***

### 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

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Revival

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# JUST FOR YOU



Saturday | Oct. 14, 2023 | 9 am - 1pm

Big Bethel AME Parking Lot  
220 Auburn Ave

*A day of LOVE with Showers, Washers/Dryers, Clothes,  
Toiletries, Haircuts, Food and Music*



**Live  
Music**  
*and*

**Spoken Word**

*at* **11:00 am**

*FEATURING*  
**The KT Collaborative**

**ALL are WELCOME and FREE to ALL**



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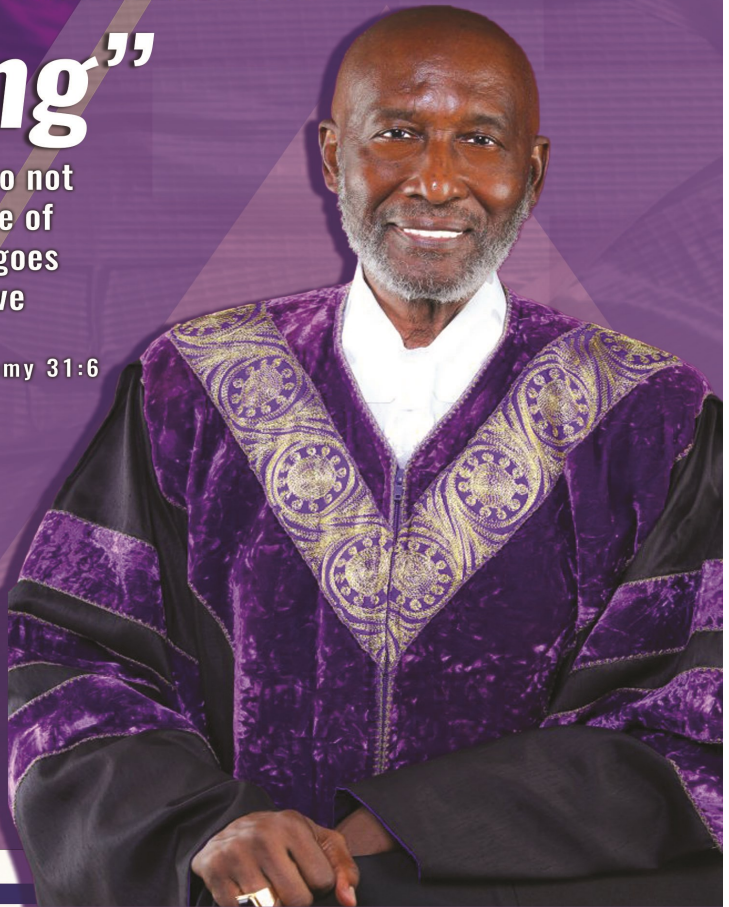
**10.15.23  
@10 AM**

Guest Preacher

**BISHOP**

**John R. Bryant**

106th Elected and Consecrated Bishop  
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regularly held at  
Big Bethel AMEC which  
is the birthplace of  
Morris Brown College.



#TheHardReset

HISTORICAL MOMENTS @ BIG BETHEL  
AME CHURCH

# 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](http://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](mailto:erjones@bigbethelame.org)



**Tickets Available  
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[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org)  
or  
[Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

**Friday  
NOV. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday  
NOV. 11<sup>th</sup>**



### Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelama.org](http://www.bigbethelama.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9oIdWYnMfuoc7Hd3wlg>

## BBAMEC VIRTUAL *Blessings*

### Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9oIdWYnMfuoc7Hd3wlg>



**Tuesday 7PM**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
Meeting ID: 789 708 6175  
Passcode: 389966

**NEW**

### 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**

**PH: (202)926-1123**  
**Code: 673604#**

**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>



Isaiah 43: <sup>19</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays 12:30PM**

Zoom Meeting ID:  
775-4987-0483  
Password: YE10W

**Youth Sunday**  
**School 8:30AM**  
Email Everett Jolly  
[joll@comcast.net](mailto:joll@comcast.net)

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