

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

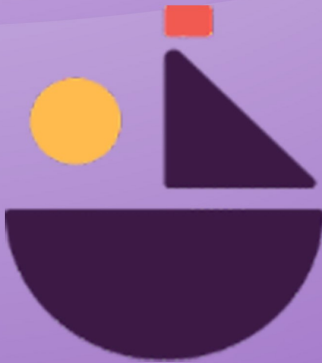
Celebrating

176 YEARS

OCTOBER 22, 2023

"BE STRONG"

18TH ANNUAL NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S SABBATH
WEEKEND OBSERVANCE



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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

**10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**



THE ORGAN PRELUDE..... 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

Leader: We come with hopes.

People: Hopes for our children and for ourselves.

Leader: We come with hurts.

People: Our own and the wounds of so many children and families.

Leader: We come with faith.

People: We are loved as children by the Holy.

Leader: We come with doubts.

People: We wonder how such suffering can exist in our world.

Leader: We come for challenge.

People: We seek renewed vision and bold commitment to bring justice to all children.

Leader: We come to pray.

People: To pray for children wounded by the violence of guns and the injustice of poverty, and to pray for ourselves, for the strength to respond.

Leader: We come to praise.

People: To praise the Holy for the gift of children.

All: Come, let us celebrate the Children's Sabbath.

The Invocation from the Baha'i Faith.....Mr. Rodd Talebi (Baha'i)

THE OCCASION.....MS. RAE FORTES

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....This Little Light of Mine - Spiritual..... Bearden-Scott Youth Choir

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**The Sacred Text Reading.....Haniya Dhanani
Ismaili Community Youth**

THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION.....GEORGIA ISMAILI YOUTH ENSEMBLE

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....THE PHILIPPIN MINISTRY

THE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT HEAVEN BOUND

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKERS.....DR. CHRIS RAYALEXANDER

THE ICM MOVEMENT SONG.....BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE WORDS OF FAITH

HINDUISM.....ACHARYA SHYAM MAHARAJ

ISLAM.....IMAM SULAIMAAN HAMED

CHRISTIANITY.....REV. CASSANDRA HENDERSON

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE COVENANT FOR CHILDREN.....RABBI MIKE ROTHBAUM

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 REMARKS.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE BENEDICTION.....PASTOR JOHN 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!!!!**



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

Rev. Betty Miley (470) 884-8041

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalms	Second reading	Gospel
October 22, 2023	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalms 99	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22



Big Bethel Sunday School Schedule

Children and Youth,

Primary, Junior and Teens Classes

Join
Us!!

**Catch the
EXCITEMENT!**

**MAKE THE
CONNECTION!**

EVERY MONTH

First Sunday @ 9AM....In-Person and Zoom

Second SundayZoom

Third Sunday.....Zoom

Fourth Sunday.....Zoom

In-person Sunday School each 1st Sunday at 9:00 AM
in Big Bethel's Fellowship Hall.



Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.
Director of Christian Education
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

Interfaith Children's Sabbath 2023 Speakers & Worship Participants



Imam Sulaimaan Hamed

Imam Sulaimaan Hamed serves as the resident Imam at the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam. His service spans thirteen years, including the position of Assistant Imam. Leading one of the largest Muslim communities in the Southeast, in association with the leadership and association of Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, he provides Islamic family counseling, spiritual and pastoral care, guidance in jurisprudence, and facilitates support and resources for the congregation and local community during significant life events. His deep passion for Islamic sciences drives him to provide educational classes and programming that facilitates community learning, engagement, and spiritual growth. Sulaimaan is the founder and CEO of Hajj Pros Professional Hajj and Umrah Guides and has led Hajj delegations for eighteen years with his wife and business partner.

His early foundations were cultivated in the Clara Mohammed and WDMH school systems in Oakland and Atlanta, respectively. For his undergraduate seminary studies of the Islamic Sciences, he received the Mosque Cares scholarship to study in Damascus, Syria at Abu Nour University. He has completed a Masters of Divinity in Islamic Chaplaincy at Bayan at Claremont and is completing a ThM at Emory Candler School of Theology in Pastoral Care. Insha'Allah, he intends to complete a Doctorate of Ministry in Islamic Leadership at Bayan at Chicago Theological Seminary. Imam Hamed resides with his family in Atlanta, GA.



Acharya Shyam Maharaj

Shyam Maharaj is a practicing Hindu Priest from the Bay Area of California. Shyam comes from a lineage of Hindu Priests and is the heir to his family tradition through his grandfather and uncle. Prior to moving to Atlanta, Shyam worked served the Hindu congregations of California in several different temples. Shyam is currently completing his MDiv at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he has also been elected President of Candler's graduate student organization. After graduating from seminary, Shyam hopes to continue serving as a priest and chaplain.



Rabbi Mike Rothbaum

Rabbi Michael Rothbaum (he/him) is thrilled to join Bet Haverim as Chief Haver. Ordained at the pluralistic Academy of Jewish Religion in New York ([AJR-NY](#)) in 2006, he graduated from the New College of Florida in 1997 with a BA in Public Policy/Economics.

Rabbi Mike was raised in Rockland County, New York just north of New York City. As a teenager, Rabbi Mike became involved in the local NAACP and helped start his high school's first Amnesty International chapter. In retrospect, he has identified the Jewish imperative of *r'difat tzedek* – the command to pursue of justice – as the force that solidified his love of Judaism and his passion to become a rabbi.

After ordination, Rabbi Mike served students at Sarah Lawrence College and Purchase College as Campus Rabbi. He has worked in Jewish communities in New York, the Bay Area, and the Boston area for over 25 years, as youth director, rabbi/educator, and pulpit rabbi, as well as serving as Co-Chair of the Bay Area Regional Council of [Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice](#).

Rabbi Mike has spoken and taught widely, addressing groups as varied as Moishe House, Jewish Community Relations Council, and "Nuns on the Bus." He has appeared in front of audiences at the US Senate and House of Representatives, Oakland City Council, and the New York State Democratic Party. In 2012 he joined a rabbinic delegation to Ghana, sponsored by [American Jewish World Service](#), and was named a Global Justice Fellow by AJWS in 2018. His writing has been featured in Forward, Tikkun, Sojourners, Alma, Ha'aretz, and the anthology, *Peace, Justice, and Jews: Reclaiming Our Tradition*.

A proud alumnus of Seminary Summer, a joint project of the AFL-CIO and Interfaith Worker Justice, bringing labor organizers together with clergy, Rabbi Mike was also honored as the Gary David Kibblewhite lecturer at the Loft Community Services Center in White Plains, NY, as well as a speaker at the International Perspectives Forum in Westport, CT and the Paul Robeson Community Center at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ. Rabbi Mike's religious-based activism has been covered in several media outlets, including CNN, WABC-TV, and i24 Israeli television.

Devoted to creating and nurturing vibrant learning communities, teaching Torah that touches heart, mind, and soul, and continuing the Jewish mission he discovered as a teenager of pursuing justice, Rabbi Mike is a passionate advocate for the idea that every moment is an opportunity to make a Jewish choice.

Rabbi Mike lives in the [Summerhill](#) section of Atlanta with his husband, internationally-acclaimed Yiddish vocalist [Anthony Mordechai Tvzi Russell](#), who kindly tolerates his passion for fair-trade coffee, Bob Dylan, and manual transmission.

Interfaith Children's Sabbath 2023 Speakers & Worship Participants (Continued)



Mr. Rodd Talebi

Rodd Talebi is a member of the Baha'i Faith and has called Atlanta 'Home' for the last 8 years. He works as a Data Scientist and enjoys serving to build his community with anyone and everyone.



Dr. Christopher RayAlexander

Following a career in higher education as a professor of Spanish, Dr. Chris RayAlexander received his MDiv from the Candler School of Theology in 2023 and embraced a long-standing calling to interfaith advocacy, education, and relationship building. A dedicated student of philosophy and religion, his life and spiritual practice are continually enriched by his engagements with the world's many faith traditions. He believes in an approach to interfaith discovery that begins with an insistence on our common humanity, leads to an attitude of honesty, curiosity, and vulnerability, and gives birth to solidarity grounded in support for shared struggles. As ICM's Program Coordinator, he is focused on providing both Georgia's youth and those who care for them with programming that draws on the wealth of their faith traditions, develops leadership and advocacy skills, and cultivates hope for a better future as they transform our present. Alongside his partner, baby boy, and orange tabby, he is putting down roots in Atlanta. He now calls Georgia home, but he also feels in his element in West Texas, Baton Rouge, Baltimore, or anywhere there is a good record shop, book store, pro wrestling match, or interfaith dialogue. In his free time, he plays video games and translates French philosophy.



Rev. Cassandra A. Henderson

Rev. Cassandra A. Henderson is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM), a child advocacy organization whose mission is to build a multi-faith grassroots advocacy coalition that works to create a Georgia where all children thrive. Rev. Henderson began her involvement with ICM in the fall of 2012 as a volunteer and served on its board for 7 years before accepting the position as its Executive Director in August 2022. Additionally, Rev. Henderson is an active member of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Pan African Koinonia (PAK) group and serves as a mentor for their steering committee and a mentor for the RISE Together Women of Color in Ministry National Mentoring Network.

Previously, Rev. Henderson served as the Pastor for BTKids + Student Ministries at The Breakthrough Fellowship in Smyrna, GA, Conference Coordinator for The Ellipsis Teen Experience, Conference Coordinator for the RISE Together Mentorship Network for Women of Color Ministry Leaders, Adjunct Instructor/Teaching Assistant at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. She also served as the Assistant Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church where she was the Pastor for Children's & Youth Ministries (ages 1-18). Rev. Henderson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama & Theatre from Spelman College, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 2004. She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree (MFA) in Film Production from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California in 2007. In 2015, she completed a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree at Emory University's Candler School of Theology with a concentration in Leadership in Church and Community and received a certificate in Black Church Studies. Rev. Henderson was ordained at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, the spiritual home of the late Civil Rights trailblazer Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 2010, Rev. Henderson was licensed in ministry at the McGee Avenue Baptist Church in Berkeley, California. During her time in California, she served faithfully in both the church and her community. Not just limited to the church, her ministry was also expressed through her combination of art and faith/theology: Rev. Henderson worked with the San Francisco General Hospital Trauma Unit regarding gang and gun violence through a touring piece she co-produced and directed called *The Urban Healing Tour* which advocated against gun violence. Rev. Henderson regularly opened her home for women's Bible studies, feeding the hungry in her community, and providing a safe space for reconciliation, mediation, and intervention within the community for at-risk, in-risk, and high-risk youth and young adults. Her home became known as the "Urban Healing House."



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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GUEST SPEAKER
REV. JESSICA BUFORD
THRIVE DIRECTOR

SUNDAY 29TH
OCTOBER

10:00AM

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Determine YOUR
Hereafter?

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Traditional version
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November 10th
7:00PM

Contemporary version
SATURDAY
November 11th
7:00PM

Experiencing it might help you decide.

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**Friday
NOV. 10th
Saturday
NOV. 11th**



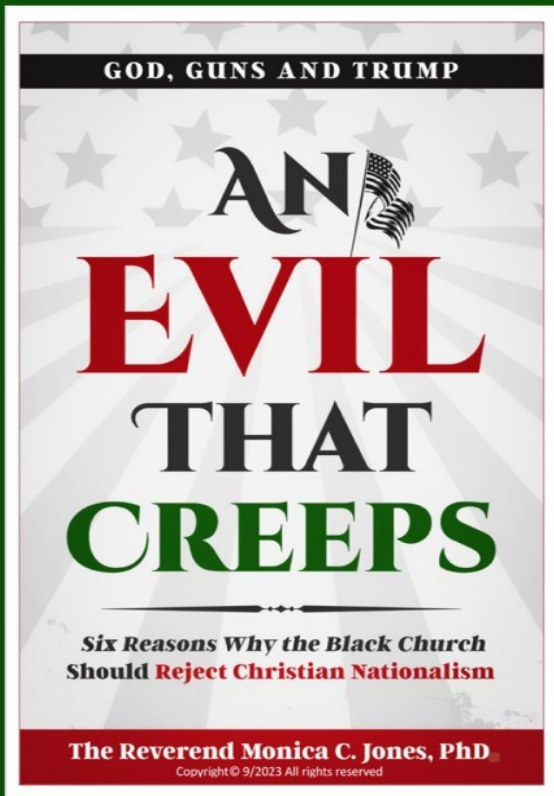
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All singers and persons
interested in participating
REHEARSALS @ 6:30PM
Oct. 24, Oct. 31,
Nov. 6, 7, 8
COME JOIN US!!

Contact: Jory Young, Rev. Joyce Young, Brenda G. Thomas or
Nathaniel Fisher Jr., for more info.



A Special Bible Study Series **happening now!**

**Wednesdays at
12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.**

**Join us as we discuss this
important topic
and biblical foundations
that counter its principles.**

Bible Study 12noon Zoom



Meeting ID: 847 251 8679
Passcode: adultclass



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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

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

+ In-person *Youth Church!*



Join us on 2nd Sundays @ 10AM

Contact Rev. Ali Holness-Roland for more info.
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CHARLES W. MOORE
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A Benefit For Morris Brown College

Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ 6PM

Charles W. Moore 100



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Porche Experience Center
Atlanta, GA 30354



JESUS SAVES

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Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelama.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUg9aIdWYnMfuoc7Hd3wlg>

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 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: 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: 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

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