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## **BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**

# **177<sup>TH</sup>** **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL**

**“ ANCHORED IN GOD'S GRACE,  
EMPOWERED BY GOD'S LOVE ”**

**HEBREWS 6:19-20**

**19TH ANNUAL NATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S SABBATH  
WEEKEND OBSERVANCE**

**INTERFAITH WORSHIP  
EXPERIENCE**

**“ UNLEASHING  
JOY ”**



# **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024



**BRO. MAURICE ECKSTEIN—WORSHIP LEADER**

**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 HYMN OF PRAISE.....Bro.. Axl Thomas Jordan Roland**

*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 Invocation from the Christianity Faith.....Bro. Arrington Walters (Christianity)**

**The Sacred Text Reading.....Sis. Joi Stinson**

**The Worship Through Music.....Bearden-Scott Youth Choir**

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

THE BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT.....VOTING IS MY BLACK JOB .....BISHOP MICHAEL L. MITCHELL  
PRESIDING PRELATE—SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT AMEC

THE OCCASION.....REV. CASSANDRA HENDERSON

THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION.....KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKERS.....REV. JESSICA BUFORD  
SIS. NALA BIVINS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

**THE WORDS OF FAITH**

ISLAM.....SIS. SHAHIDAH SHARID

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY.....BRO. BRENDAN MURPHY

PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY.....REV. ALI HOLNESS ROLAND

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE COVENANT FOR CHILDREN

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 6:21

<sup>21</sup>Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



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

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

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

Rev. Betty Miley (470) 884-8041

Sis. Elizabeth Parks (Liz) (404) 691-4590

Sis. Miriam Redding

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
October 27, 2024	<a href="#">Job 42:1-6, 10-17</a> <a href="#">Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</a>	<a href="#">Jeremiah 31:7-9</a> <a href="#">Psalm 126</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 7:23-28</a>	<a href="#">Mark 10:46-52</a>



**SAVE THE DATES**

**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**

*177th Church Anniversary*

**2024**

**EVENTS**

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

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**SEP 29**

**Millennial TAKEOVER** 10:00 AM

**Tailgate Kick-off Celebration** 11:30 AM

**Pilgrimage to Oakland Cemetery** 1:00 PM

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**177th Church Anniversary**

**7:00PM Nightly Revival**

**OCT 15-17**



OCT 15th  
Rev.  
Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.  
Holly Grove AMEC  
Peachtree City, GA



OCT 16th  
Rev. Dr.  
Reginald Cleaver, Jr.  
Mt. Carmel AMEC  
Atlanta, GA



OCT 17th  
Rev.  
Alvelyn Sanders-Sivafford  
Gaines Chapel AMEC  
Phenix City, AL

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**OCT 19**

**Beauty for Ashes** 10:00AM-4:00PM

**Community Outreach**

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Guest Preacher:

**177th Church Anniversary**

**Worship Service**

**OCT 20**

Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry (Ret.) 10:00 AM

122nd Elected & Consecrated

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**OCT 27**

**Youth Children's Sabbath**

10:00 AM

*Come Join Us!*

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ATLANTA, GA 30303

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## 177th Church Anniversary TRIVIA CROSSWORD WINNERS

*of coveted Heaven Bound tickets\* & \$\$ Gift cards\* are:*

1st Place  
*Joi Stinson*

2nd Place  
*Richard Marion*

3rd Place  
*Donna Williams*

*THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!  
We hope it was fun and enlightening!!*

*\*Winners have been notified and prizes will be distributed through the church office.*



## Interfaith Children's Sabbath 2024 Speakers



### ***Sis. Shahidah Sharif (Islam)***

For the past 20 years, Sister Shahidah Sharif has lived her passion and her purpose as an international servant leader, educator, scholar, entrepreneur, certified doula, speaker, and non-profit strategist. Currently serving as the Communications Director for the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, Shahidah has served the Atlanta community for the past 15 years. Children, women and families have guided her work. She also serves as the Board President for Sisters United In Human Service. As a linguist, Arabic Instructor, Islamic Studies teacher, curriculum writer and professional development facilitator, Shahidah has provided services to the Sister Clara Mohammed Schools System in Atlanta and Hajja's House Global Learning Center. Shahidah is an instructor without borders. Her professional acumen and pedagogical skills have taken her to teach in Central America, North America, South Africa, the Middle East and beyond.

She is the owner and co-founder of Hajj Pro's ( Professional Hajj and Umrah Guides), and since its founding in 2004 has taken over 25 delegations, and escorted many believers to the Holy City of Makkah. Hajj Pro's has also taken youth delegations for both spiritual obligations, and academic exploration of learning student abroad opportunities. She has also traveled with and led an interfaith journey with World Pilgrims of Atlanta to Arizona and Guatemala.

Shahidah Sharif attended the University of Miami and the Mosque Cares study program at the Abu Nour University in Damascus, Syria for a 3 year intensive for Arabic language, Islamic Sciences and D'awah, or ministry. A novice gardener, runner, and seasoned traveler who always welcomes a good cup of coffee and conversation. Shahidah lives in Atlanta with her husband and business partner, and two brilliant children.



### ***Mr. Brendan Murphy (Catholic-Christianity)***

An award-winning educator and a sought-after presenter on religious solidarity, Mr. Brendan Murphy serves as the founding director of the Bearing Witness Institute for Interreligious and Ecumenical Dialogue at Marist School. Brendan has taught history at Marist School since 1994 and has been recognized with the Outstanding Educator Award from the Anne Frank Center in New York; the ADL's Abe Goldstein Human Relations and Unsung Hero Awards; Marist School's Goizueta Chair of Excellence Award, Faber-McKinley-Stadler Award, and Frank P. Hagan Memorial Coach's Award; the Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Independent School Association; the Educator of the Year by the University of Notre Dame; and, in 2009 and 2016, the Georgia Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. Brendan is a Museum Teacher Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and a Lerner Fellow at the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous in New York. Recently, he was selected as a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2025.

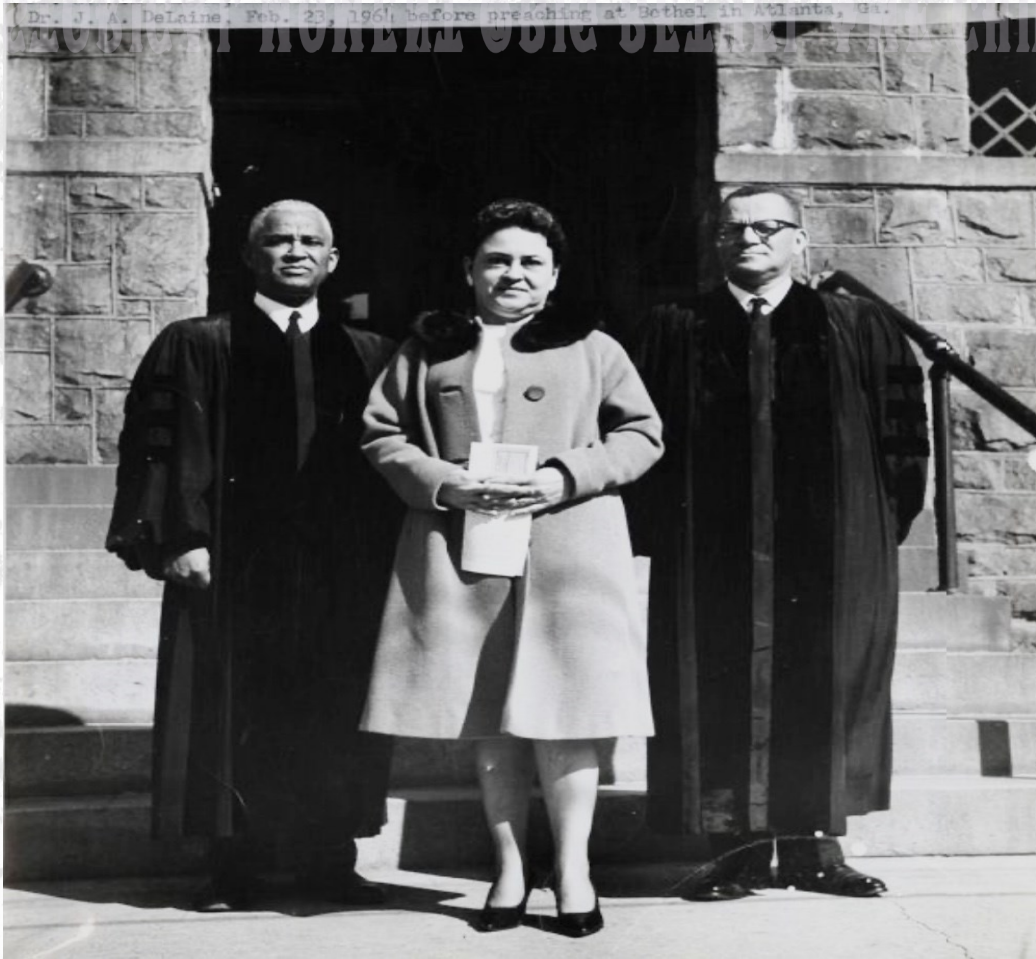


***Rev. Ali Holness-Roland (Protestant-Christianity)*** is a native of Washington, DC by way of Jamaica and South Carolina. She is the proud daughter of Rev. Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness and Allan D. Holness Sr. She is a graduate of Spelman College, Trinity University, and Howard University. Ali has worked in different ministry and faith-based roles for the past 15 years. Whether working for the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, at Howard University in the historic Rankin Chapel as the Crawford Evans Graduate Fellow, or as a Board-Certified Clinical Chaplain at Trinity Health. She has served churches across her denomination from Johannesburg, South Africa to Washington, DC. She has served on the ministerial staff of churches in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Districts of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She has a passion for women and children's issues. She believes in bringing your entire self to God. In her leisure she travels preaching and teaching while actively learning about different cultures. She is a proponent of healthy lifestyles through education around food, physical activity, and mental wellness.

Rev. Holness-Roland is married to her college sweetheart Mr. Thomas Jordan Roland, and they have three children, a son Master Axl Thomas Jordan Roland and two daughters Mistress Asa Gail Holness Roland and Mistress Ash Gail Holness Roland. Most importantly she loves God and she loves her family!

# A HISTORICAL MOMENT @BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH



**Photo:** Feb 23rd 1964. During the Civil Rights era, guest keynote speaker and champion to break down barriers for equality in the education system in South Carolina, **Dr. Joseph A. Delaine** (right) is photographed on the steps of Big Bethel A.M.E. church with **Mrs. Althea Hunter** (center), mother of **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, one of the first two African Americans to integrate the University of Georgia, and fearless Atlanta Civil Rights advocate, **Rev. Harold Irwin Bearden** (left), Pastor of Big Bethel who later in 1964 was elected and consecrated the 83rd Bishop of the AME Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.



# SATURDAY YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

BIG BETHEL RECREATION CENTER  
208 AUBURN AVENUE, ATLANTA GA

EVERY SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
FOR AGES: 6-16 YEARS OLD



- Tutoring and mentoring
- Educational and enrichment activities
- NO COST to our community youth



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**PLEDGE DONATION LEVELS**

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# Heaven Bound

Traditional  
version

FRIDAY

November 8th  
7:00 PM

Contemporary  
version

SATURDAY

November 9th  
7:00 PM

Experiencing it might help you decide.

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General Admission \$20.00 ★ Group of 10 (or more) \$15.00

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Friday

NOV. 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday

NOV. 9<sup>th</sup>