



**Veteran's
Day**

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Purple Sunday

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

WORSHIP LEADER—BRO. KEITH BURNETT (MARINES)

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE PRESENTATION OF **COLORS**.....BRO. CHRIS H. ADAMS (MARINES)
BRO. CHRIS PARKER (MARINES)

THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.....BRO. WILLIAM DAVIS (ARMY)

A.M.E. HYMN # 570—O SAY, CAN YOU SEE (THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER)

THE MARCH OUT.....BRO. CHRIS H. ADAMS (MARINES)
BRO. CHRIS PARKER (MARINES)

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.....BRO. KEITH BURNETT (MARINES)

Leader: We remember today, O God, all those who have served under the colors of their countries.

People: We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

Leader: Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.

People: Give comfort and encouragement to their families.

Leader: We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdoms of our Christ.

People: Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope. Instill in us your spirit of love and forgiveness, in order that we may understand Christ's kingdom.

All: Hear our prayers for our enemies in the world, that they may be converted to Christ's will for the nations and join us in a better world community.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME HYMN #572 Battle Hymn of The Republic.....Bro. Tony Jones, Sr. (Army)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! Glory! glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.
[Refrain]

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free! While God is marching on. [Refrain]

THE INVOCATION.....REV. WILLIAM SPOTTSVILLE, JR. (ARMY)

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

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....SIS. ELIZABETH SMITH (AIR FORCE)

Psalm 78:1-7

Leader: ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Leader: ³ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

People: ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Leader: ⁵ He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

People: ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

ALL: ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....(IN THE TUNE OF AME HYMN #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 SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE.....SIS. ELIZABETH SMITH (AIR FORCE)

THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMNAL #626

*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 PRESENTATION OF THE VETERANS

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

REV. ANDREA LEWIS, PH.D.

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

THE SERMON.....REV. KELVIN JOHNSON (AIR FORCE)

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....REV. CHARMAIN PURVIS

THE STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS

BRO MAURICE ECKSTEIN

THE BENEDICTION.....REV. KELVIN JOHNSON (AIR FORCE)

****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!!!!**





Rev. Kelvin Johnson

Rev. Kelvin Johnson was born in Grenada, Mississippi. He is the youngest of six born to Bennie and Annie Mae Johnson. Raised in a Baptist Church, where his father was a deacon and his mother taught Sunday School, worked in the Women's guild, and sang in the adult choir. At the age of 9, his family moved to Milwaukee, WI. Kelvin graduated from Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School. After graduating, he enlisted in the Air Force. He began working in an Air Force hospital as a Cardiopulmonary Technologist. While in the Air Force, he was selected 58th Air Group Hospital Airman of the Month, 58th Air Group Hospital Airman of the Quarter, 58th Air Group Base Airman of the Quarter, and the 58th Air Group Hospital Airman of the Year, as well as a Distinguished Graduate of Non-Commissioned Officer School. After separating from the Air Force, Kelvin returned to Milwaukee and began working for a local hospital. In 2000, he began working for the Milwaukee Fire Department as a firefighter and paramedic and was selected as the 2006 paramedic of the year.

In 2006, Kelvin and his family relocated to the Atlanta area. In 2009, he joined the DeKalb County Fire Rescue Department as a firefighter and paramedic. He was selected 2013 paramedic of the year. He also accepted his call to preach. He enrolled in nursing school. After completing nursing school, he worked for DeKalb Medical Center and was selected as the Emergency Department nurse of the year for two consecutive years. He was promoted to Emergency Department charge nurse and also worked as a relief House Supervisor. Feeling the need to learn more and do more for his patients, Kelvin moved to Grady. At Grady, he blossomed into Emergency Department charge nurse, promoted to clinical educator, and promoted clinical manager.

Currently, Rev. Johnson is employed at Grady Health System as a Nursing Administrator. Additionally, he works for Georgia State University as a clinical site instructor. He is enrolled full-time at Payne Theological Seminary and is expected to graduate in May 2024. He is in fourth year holding in the North Atlanta Board of Examiners. His favorite scripture is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love GOD, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Rev. Johnson is a member of Macedonia AME Church in Rex, pastored by Rev. Cornelius B. Scott, where he teaches bible study, is on the wellness committee and works with the Young Adult Missionary Society.

He is married to Tracey Johnson; they have been married for 28 years. They are the proud parents of four children: Christopher 31, Julian 28, Nicholas 26, and Lauryn 24. He is especially proud that all four children are college graduates.



Saluting Our Veterans



Arthur Maddox	Air Force	Joseph Purter	Army
Bishop Frank C. Cummings	Air Force	Keith Burnett	Marines
Brandon Brownlee	Army	Keith Halford	Air Force
Charles Wesley Moore	Army	Leslie Page	Army
Charles Schofield	Army	Marion Hopkins	Air Force
Christopher Henry Adams	Marines	Marshal McCloud	Army
Christopher Parker	Marines	Michael Brown	Army
David Lewis	Army	Michael Stephens	Army
Elizabeth Smith	Air Force	Raleigh Durden	Navy
Gary Johnson	Army	Rev. Robert L. Johnson, III	Navy
Gregory Hood	Air Force	Rev. William Spottsville, Jr.	Army
Gregory Kendall	Army	Robert Aikens, Jr.	Air Force
James H. Patterson	Army	Ronald Thomas	Air Force
James Rudd	Air Force	Sean Alexander Bogan	Air Force
Jarius Wilson	Air Force	Terry Thomas	Army
Jennifer Smith-Grant	US Public Health	Tony Jones	Army
Joel Boykin, III	Navy	Tony Jones, Jr.	Navy
John Henry, Jr.	Army	Vanessa Williams	Army
John Jordan	Air Force	William Davis	Army
Joseph Patterson	Army		

Rev. Kelvin Johnson★ Air Force



**A SPECIAL SALUTE goes to
Spouses and Family Members who
also served by supporting and
making sacrifices for their loved ones
Thank You for your Service!!**

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
November 12, 2023	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 <i>or</i> Amos 5:18-24 Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 <i>or</i> Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

FREE

COVID-19

VACCINATIONS & BOOSTERS

Sunday, November 12, 2023
9:00AM -12:30PM

Big Bethel A.M.E Church
Fellowship Hall

220 Auburn Ave. NE,
Atlanta, GA 30303

I GOT MY
COVID VACCINE

Protect yourself
GET IT NOW!

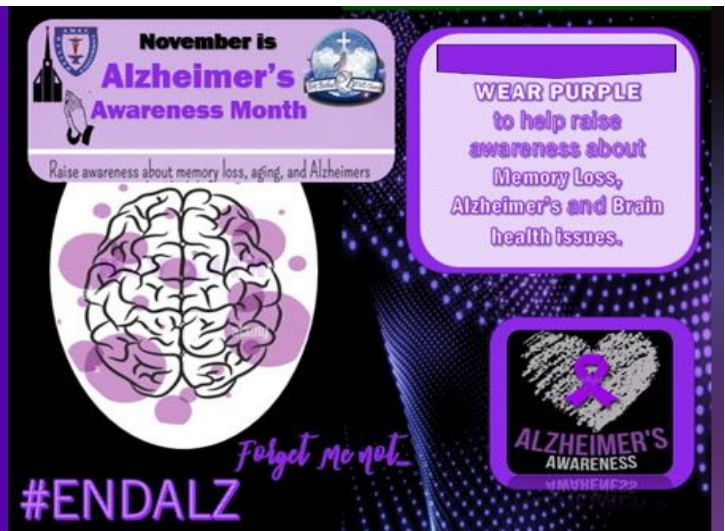
Flu Shots
Available



AS SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE

PERSONS SERVING IN THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

November	2nd Sunday
Acolytes	~~~~~
Choir	Johnson-Schofield Monique Griffiths Dir
Philippians	Anna Martin
Stewardesses	~~~~~
Stewards	Susan Wright
Trustees	~~~~~
Ushers	Usherette Board #1
AV Ministry	Brandon Collins & Phyllislorena Smiley
Finance Team	~~~~~



November 12th is Purple Sunday

The Alzheimer's Association® is proud to partner with the African Methodist Episcopal Church to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease among the African American community. By working together, we can provide opportunities for all those affected to access care and support services, engage in research and advance advocacy. **Purple Sunday** is designed to educate members of the faith community about Alzheimer's and other dementias. Members will learn about the impact of Alzheimer's disease in our community, how to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's, the importance of early detection, and how to access care and support resources.

Facts About Alzheimer's

- » More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, and over 11 million serve as unpaid caregivers.
- » 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- » Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women.
- » African Americans are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as older White Americans.
- » Genetic and environmental factors may work differently to cause Alzheimer's disease in African-Americans.
- » African-Americans tend to be diagnosed at a later stage of Alzheimer's disease-limiting the effectiveness of treatments that depend upon early intervention.

Help is available here in Georgia and at Big Bethel

Call the Alzheimer's Associations free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) or visit amechealth.org/alz for information about Alzheimer's disease, programs, and services — including support groups and education programs. Additionally, Big Bethel has partnered with the **ALTER Program** to provide support to our members. Please contact the **Caregivers Ministry at (404) 827-9707, extension~3**, if you're a caregiver and need information and/or support during your journey. A member of the ministry will return your phone call.



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

SMALL GROUP FOR BIG BETHEL SENIORS!

A bi-weekly check-in to
share stories, talk, and
pray for the concerns on
our hearts.

Next Session: November
16th Join Us @ 12 Noon

Dial in #: 1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: 826 5569 8611
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82655698611>



JOIN US IN SMALL GROUP

Our book this session is:

*Damaged but Not
Destroyed: From
Trauma to Triumph*
by Mike Todd

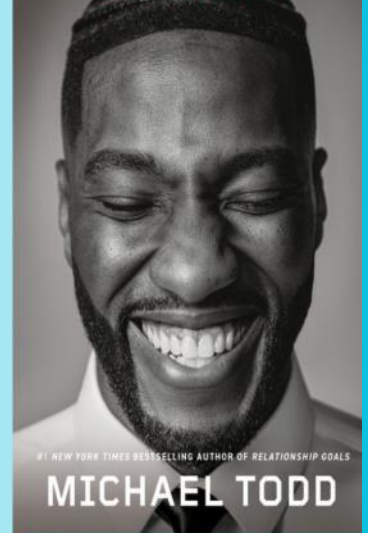
MEET US EVERY OTHER
TUESDAY @ 7:00PM VIA
ZOOM BEGINNING

NOV. 14TH

For book assistance and zoom
link, contact Rev. Buford at
JBUFORD@BIGBETHELAME.ORG

**DAMAGED BUT
DESTROYED**

From TRAUMA to TRIUMPH



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF RELATIONSHIP GOALS

MICHAEL TODD

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REV. JOHN FOSTER, PH.D.
SENIOR PASTOR

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH
BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
SOCIAL OUTING COMMITTEE

Fantasy in Lights

MEET US AT CALLAWAY GARDENS FOR A
DRIVE THROUGH FANTASY IN LIGHTS!

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 19 - ALEWIS@BIGBETHELAME.ORG OR 404-827-9707

Friday, December 8, 2023 | 6:30pm

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Do you live outside of
metropolitan Atlanta?

<https://form.jotform.com/220253361645147>

CONNECT & GROW WITH US!!

Prior to Covid-19, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church streamed worship services to viewers across the country. The number of online viewers has increased dramatically during the pandemic. As viewers continue to engage our services and bible studies online, we would like to offer membership and other activities for our online viewers. While the word of God does not change, the way we bring people to God is ever-changing. If you are an online viewer and are interested in learning more in our online membership or small group participation, please contact Dr. Andrea Lewis at andrealewisphd@gmail.com or scan the code below to complete an interest form.

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Thrive



Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE HELP DONATE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

GIVEAWAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON

NOV 19

ACCEPTING UNEXPIRED CANNED AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS UNTIL NOV. 17TH

WHAT WE NEED:

WATER, JUICE, CANNED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES, BREAD, HOT AND COLD
CEREAL, MILK, PASTA, OATMEAL, SNACKS,
CANNED TOMATO SAUCE, ETC.

GIVEAWAY LOCATION:

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
220 AUBURN AVE NE
ATLANTA, GA 30303

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REV. BUFORD AT
JBUFORD@BIGBETHELAME.ORG



Trinity Table Volunteer Servers Needed!!

Sunday, November 12th
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Big Bethel AME Church's Bethel-Trinity Partnership Ministry will host the Trinity Table on Sunday, November 12th at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Trinity Table is the oldest and currently the only large-scale soup kitchen in downtown Atlanta that provides meals to the homeless on Sundays.

Send an e-mail to bettydcox24@gmail.com to volunteer and for additional info.

Trinity United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Trinity Avenue and Washington Street, two blocks south of the Capital and across the street from City Hall.

DONATE

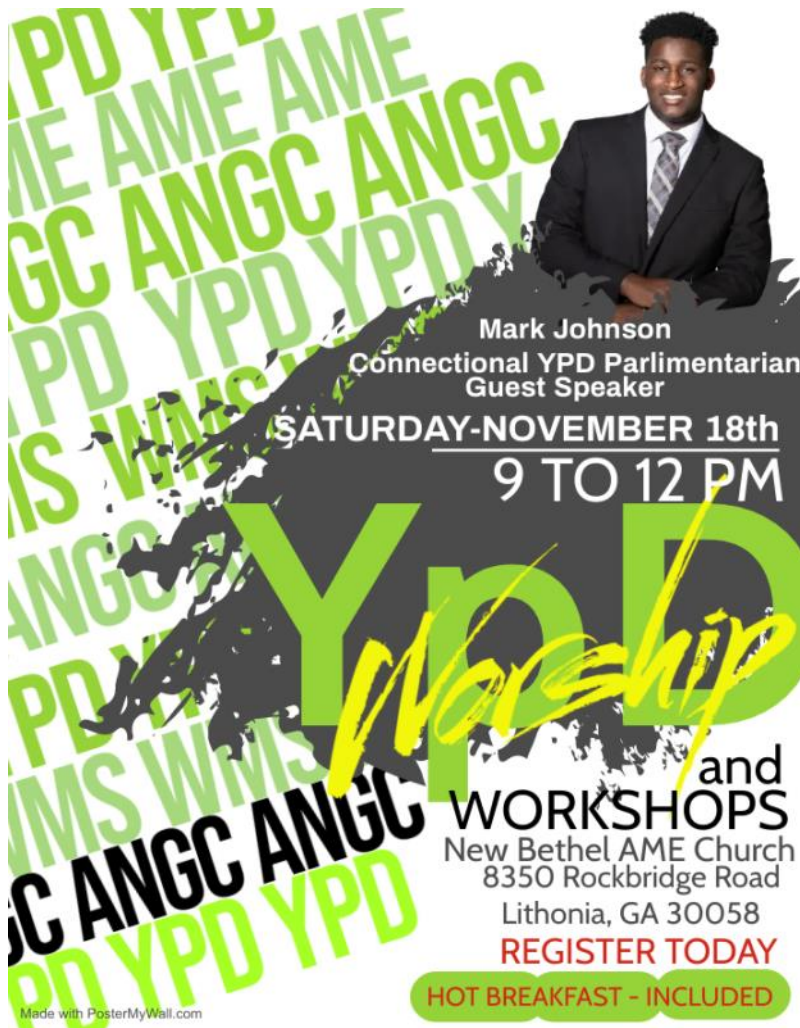
the following items
and deliver to the

Big Bethel Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 12th

12 oz. Bottled Water
(packages of 6 - 24)

Individually-packaged cookies, i.e.,
Little Debbie's Oatmeal Cookies

Thank You!!

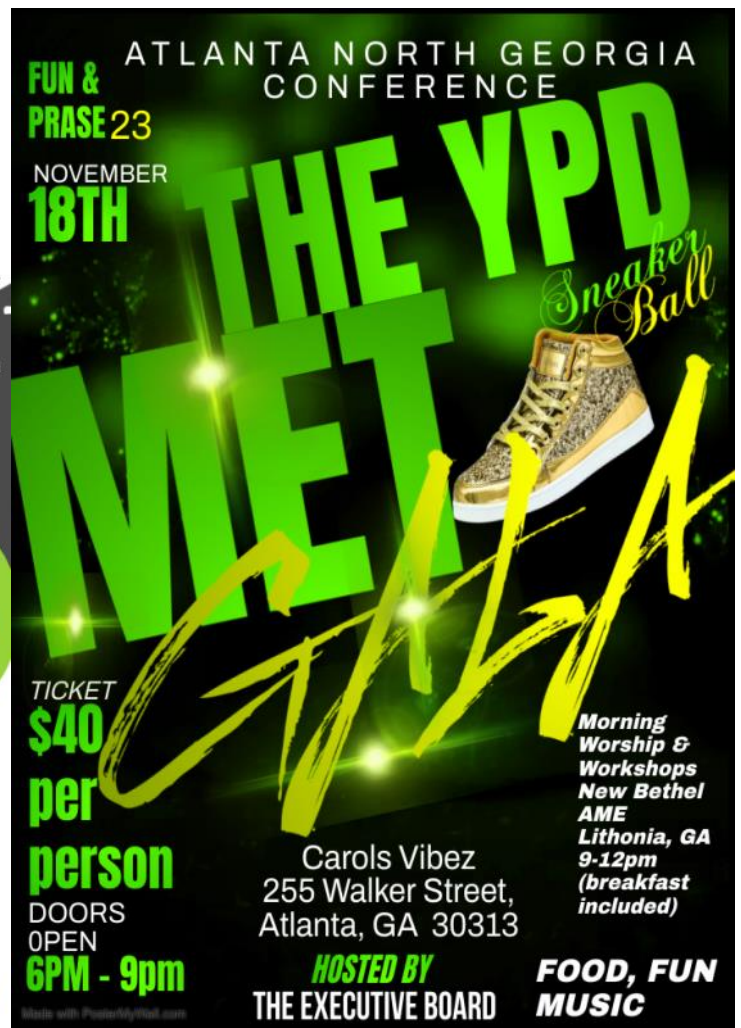


Mark Johnson
Connectional YPD Parliamentarian
Guest Speaker

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 18th
9 TO 12 PM

Worship and WORKSHOPS
New Bethel AME Church
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Lithonia, GA 30058
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TICKET \$40 per person
DOORS OPEN
6PM - 9pm

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Worship &
Workshops
New Bethel
AME
Lithonia, GA
9-12pm
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**THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION'S MONTHLY
Newsletter**
THE "WOKE" EXPRESS - November Edition

Monthly Health Awareness
Local News
Election Updates



Community Engagement
Editorials
Much More

**Now Available in the Vestibule, Exterior Doors
and Elevator Entrance**
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Invites you to

THANKSGIVING

Worship

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 23, 2023

10AM

Come and Be Blessed!!

Pastor John Foster



Big Bethel AMEC
announces

Discipleship ~ New Members Hybrid/Virtual Orientation Classes

Many current and seasoned members of Big Bethel AME Church may recall it has been a long time since they experienced New Member's Orientation. Some may be unsure if they did, or maybe never had an opportunity. Keeping these possibilities in mind, the "Discipleship - New Members" Ministry Team invites the entire Big Bethel Congregation to join us for the occasion to explore the New Members Orientation and to study "Discipleship". It is a time to dialogue about Gods' Plan of Salvation, AME Church History, Doctrine & Discipline, Spiritual Growth, Stewardship, and Spiritual Gifts.

As part of the 2022, course study now known as "Discipleship - New Members" all are invited to attend discussion classes held on the **1st-3rd Sunday of each month at 8:45 AM.**

We invite those who started, have never started, or are ready to explore this foundational course of study which honors, God's charge to "make disciples". Those interested can register via the church website (www.bigbethelame.org).

- Go to Member Resources,
- Scroll down and click the "Discipleship-New Member Class" button.
- Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the hybrid Zoom Class

Please joins in this foundational course study of discipleship!

Let's talk about Faith!

Discipleship ~ New Members Ministry Team



SCAN ME



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrYvM9uae7K5w6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrYvM9uae7K5w6g>



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!