



**Veteran's
Day**

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Purple Sunday

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE

BRO. KEITH HALFORD (AIR FORCE) WORSHIP LEADER

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS.....BRO. ANTAR DONALDSON (ARMY)
BRO. CHRIS H. ADAMS (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. ANTAR DONALDSON (ARMY)
BRO. CHRISTOPHER HENRY ADAMS (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 HALFORD (AIR FORCE)

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

ALL: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we honor these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who celebrate them. Look upon your servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have served, may it also bring your joy and assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME HYMNAL #576 We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord wast at our side--the glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!

THE INVOCATION.....BRO. KEITH BURNETT (MARINES)

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

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....LT. CMDR JENNIFER C. SMITH-GRANT
(U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS)

Isaiah 12

Minister: ¹ You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

People: ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my
might; he has become my salvation.

Minister: ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: ⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among
the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Minister: ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

ALL: ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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.....LT. CMDR JENNIFER C. SMITH-GRANT
(U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS)

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 PASTOR'S WORDS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE VETERANS

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

THE SERMON.....REV. CLAUDE RAY JAMES
RETIRED PRESIDING ELDER~ NORTH AUGUSTA DISTRICT

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION

THE TITHES & OFFERINGS ON EXIT

****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. Claude Ray James

Rev. Claude Ray James was born on October 29, 1943, in Patterson, Georgia. The eldest child of Ernest James, Sr. and Mary Esther Blake James, he began his walk with Christ growing up in the AM.E. Church in Pierce County, Georgia. He was formally educated in the Pierce County Public Schools, and he graduated from Lee Street High School in Blackshear, Georgia in 1961.

Rev. James served four years in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1966 at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. After leaving the military, he began a career in law enforcement in Camden, NJ. Through the local law enforcement educational program, he enrolled in Camden Community College and graduated with an AA degree in criminal justice in 1971. He continued his education and in 1973, he graduated with a BA in criminal justice from what is now Rowan University. Officer James served as the Community Relations officer in Camden, NJ, from 1974 - 1976, whereupon he reassigned from law enforcement and moved back to Georgia. He went to work for the Department of Natural Resources in Waycross, GA, and then for the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, FL.

While in Tallahassee, he joined Fountain Chapel AME Church, and it was there that he accepted his call to ministry. When his pastor, Rev. A.H. Hunter advised that he needed to attend seminary. He transferred his job to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and enrolled in Turner Seminary. In 1981, he graduated with a master's degree in religious education.

Rev. James's first church assignment was the Poplar hill circuit in Newton County, Georgia. In 1982, he resigned from the federal prison system and became the full-time pastor of Saint Paul AME Church in Covington, GA. Improvements made at Saint Paul during his tenure included a major renovation of the church at a cost of \$139,000. While at Saint Paul, Rev. James was featured in the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie *Resting Place*, starring Morgan Freeman, John Lithgow, and CCH Pounder.

In August of 1986, Bishop Talbot asked Rev. James to come to the First AME Church in Athens, Georgia in the middle of a church and community crisis. The church was reunited under the theme, "Rebuilding Spirits and Structure For An Outreach Church. The result of this effort was the infusion of 86 new youth, mainly from the Bethel Church Homes, low-income apartments located nearby to the church YPD program. Another result was the formation of the African American Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (AAIM), a new 501C organization that united the African American ministers in the Athens-Clark County area. During this time Rev. James trained at the Athens Police Academy and was hired by the City of Athens Board of Education work to work as a Resource Officer at Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School. He was also given the opportunity to play the role of a father in a UGA Production "Livin Fat" by Judi Mason which ran from Nov. 5, 1989 - Feb. 1990.

In July of 1993, Rev. James was asked to become the pastor of Bethel AME Church in Albany, Georgia. During his time at Bethel AME Church, new ministries were formed, the current NYPD tutorial program was started, the church was totally renovated, a new parking lot was installed, new vans were purchased, and a 98 unit low-income apartment community Bethel Housing Complex was built at a cost of \$5MM dollars. Rev. James was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bethel Housing.

In October of 2000, Rev. James was asked to come to the historic Allen Temple AME Church in Atlanta, GA. During his tenure at Allen Temple, new ministries were formed. Two new church fans were purchased through the birthday club, a new roof was installed, the boiler was changed to a modern HVAC system and the affiliated 580-unit apartment complex sitting on 42 acres was renovated at a cost of \$26.4 million.

In June of 2009, Rev. James was sent again to the historical First AME Church in Athens, GA. This church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is currently raising \$100,000 for renovations to the historic area of the sanctuary. Rev. James continually expresses the necessity and the obligation of the church to maintain and uplift the community, the city, the state, and the country. He is a biblical and historical scholar and natural teacher, no matter the setting. He is currently a Doctor of Philosophy candidate in Christian Education at Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana. And formerly served as Presiding Elder for the North Augusta District.



Saluting Our Veterans



Arthur Maddox	Air Force
Bishop Frank C. Cummings	Air Force
Brandon Brownlee	Army
Charles Moore	Army
Charles Schofield	Army
Christopher Henry Adams	Marines
Christopher Parker	Marines
David Lewis	Army
Elizabeth Smith	Air Force
Eugene Donaldson	Army
Gary Johnson	Army
Gregory Kendall	Army
James H. Patterson	Army
James Rudd	Air Force
Jarius Wilson	Air Force
Jennifer Smith-Grant	US Public Health
Joel Boykin, III	Navy
John Henry, Jr.	Army

John Jordan	Air Force
Joseph Patterson	Army
Joseph Purter	Army
Keith Burnett	Marines
Keith Halford	Air Force
Leslie Page	Army
Marion Hopkins	Air Force
Michael Brown	Army
Michael Stephens	Army
Raleigh Durden	Navy
Rev. William Spottsville, Jr.	Army
Rev Willie Langley	Air Force
Robert Aikens, Jr.	Air Force
Ronald Thomas	Air Force
Terry Thomas	Army
Theodore R. Britton, Jr.★	Marines
Tony Jones	Army
Tony Jones, Jr.	Navy
William Davis	Army

Big Bethel Welcomes

The Honorable Theodore R. Britton, Jr.

Former US Ambassador to Grenada & Barbados,
Montford Point* US Marine and Recipient of the US Congressional Gold Medal

*First African Americans to enter the Marine Corps. Montford Point Marines paved the way for the inclusion and diversity the Marine Corps prides itself on today.



**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 13, 2022	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 **	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19

♥ *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. Jewel Foster (678)-770-2992

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841


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

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Deborah Stephens-Lattimore (678) 945-4001


Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

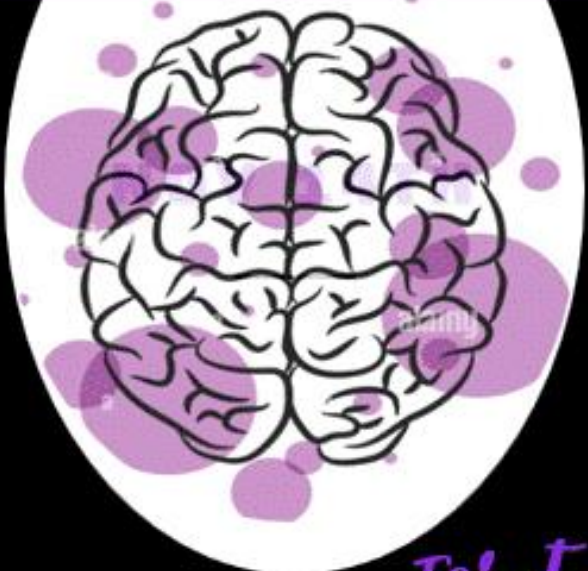
Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414



November is
Alzheimer's
Awareness Month

Raise awareness about memory loss, aging, and Alzheimers






Forget me not

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On November 13th
WEAR PURPLE
to help raise
awareness about
Memory Loss,
Alzheimer's and Brain
health issues.



ALZHEIMER'S
AWARENESS

November 13th 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 amehealth.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.

**SUNDAY
NOV. 13TH
2022**

**Atlanta North Georgia Conference
WMS Purple Sunday**

**Allen Temple
1625 Joseph E. Boone Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30314
3:00 pm**

Purple Attire Requested

alzheimer's association

Fayron Epps, PhD
Founder
The Alter Program



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

**A KICK-OFF Planning Meeting for the
149th Atlanta North Annual Conference
will be held on**

Monday, November 14, 2022 6:00 pm

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667468359?pwd=YjRXc1JISzRsMk1vVjBRaXc2NlZCdz09>

Meeting ID: 667 468 359

Passcode: 081485

Using Telephone: 1-301-715-8592,,667468359#,,,081485#



**Do you live outside of
metropolitan Atlanta?**

**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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18TH**

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DROP-OFF LOCATION:

BIG BETHEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

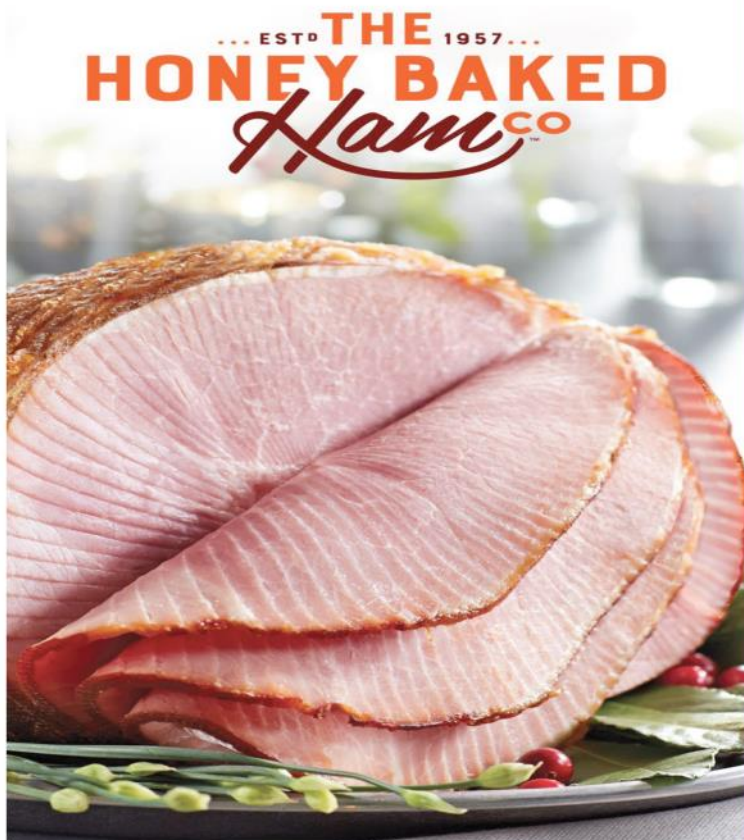


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Please Support the Big Bethel A.M.E. Church YPD!

We are raising funds to attend the Young People's & Children's Division (YPD) Quadrennial Convention in July 2023! Your support will allow our youth to gain exposure to the connectional church, worship with denominational members from around the world, and experience the sites of Orlando.

Visit https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Big_Bethel_A_M_E_Church_YPD to purchase a gift card. Gift cards may be used to purchase any Honey Baked Ham item. Share the link with your family, friends and neighbors! Honey Baked Ham is the perfect addition to your Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day meal.



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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 God's 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 join in this foundational course study of discipleship!

Let's talk about Faith!

Discipleship ~ New Members Ministry Team



SCAN ME

Thanksgiving **SERVICE**



at

Big Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church

November 24, 2022—10AM

Come and Be Blessed!!

**Weekly 10AM
Sunday Worship**

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://vimeo.com/event/331456>

**BBAMEC VIRTUAL
Blessings**

**Weekly 2PM
Sunday Thrive
Next Shift Worship**

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://vimeo.com/event/331456>

Tuesday 7PM

Women's Bible Study

Zoom ID: 406 713 1874
(312) 626-6799, access
code 4067131874#

**Wednesday Noon
Bible Study**

Rev. Monica Jones, Ph.D.
515-606-5183
Code: 673604#

**Thursday 7PM
Bible Study**

Rev. Monica Jones, Ph.D.,
515-606-5183
Code: 673604#

**Big Bethel Village
Bible Study
Monday 6PM**
515-606-5183
Code: 673604#

**Big Bethel Village
Worship Sunday 3PM**

515-606-5183
673604#

**Adult Sunday
School
8:45AM**

605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

**Big Bethel Saturday
School 12:30 - 2:00PM**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182945727?pwd=K2NBbkxMNhNDhDSVpoWEdlZkFhDkZlNjZ09>

Prayer Call

6AM Mon-Sat
605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

**Wednesday 7PM
Bible Study**

605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

**Youth Church 2nd &
3rd Sundays 12:30PM**

Zoom Meeting ID:
775-4987-0483
Password: YER10W

**Youth Sunday
School 8:45AM**

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net

Isaiah 43: 19 See, I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Meeting
Days



During this season of Covid-19, Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!