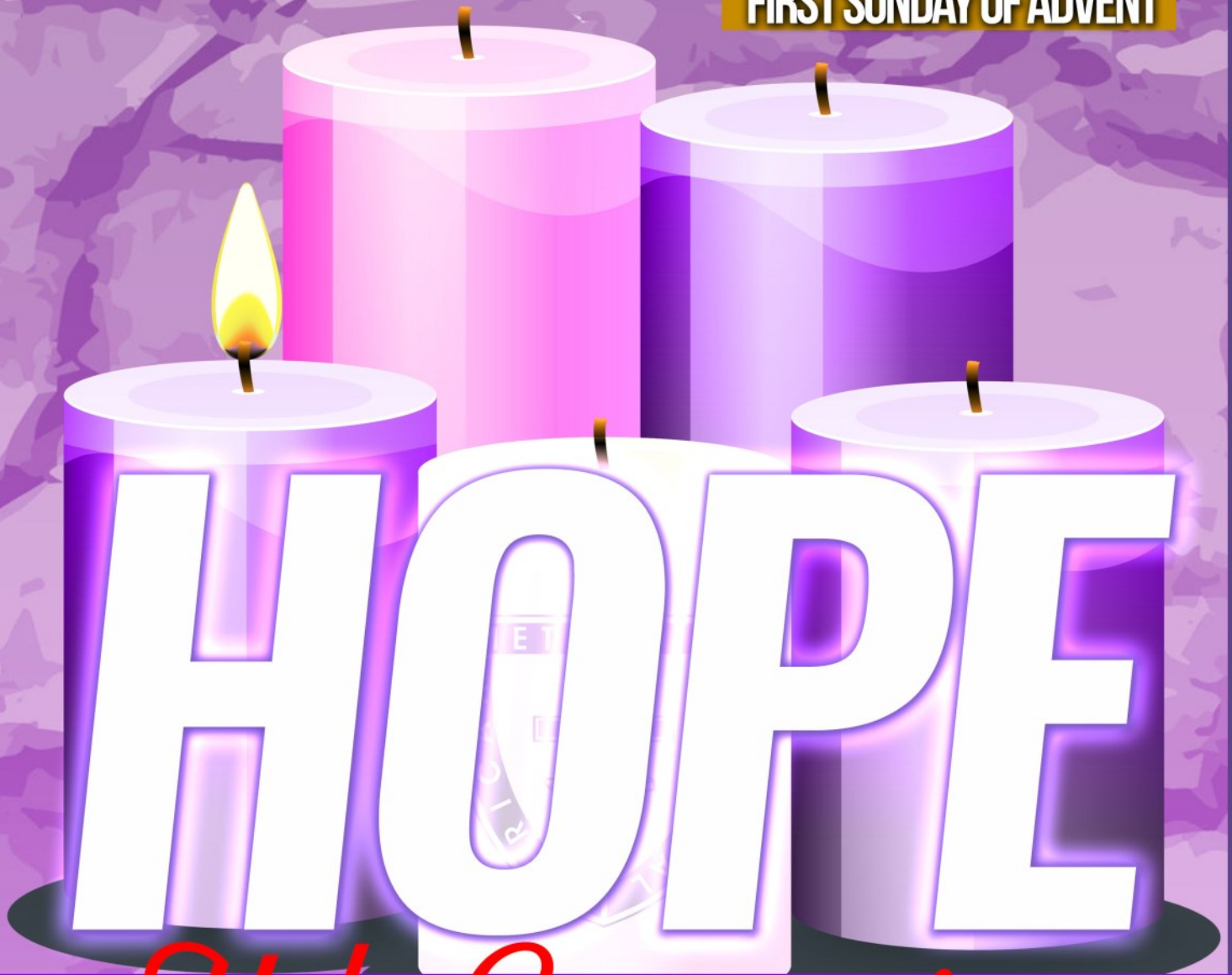


BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2024

**BISHOP MICHAEL L. MITCHELL, PRESIDING PRELATE, 6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
MRS. CORDELIA MITCHELL, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR, 6TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
REVEREND KIMBERLY MCMICHAEL, PRESIDING ELDER, NORTH ATLANTA DISTRICT
REVEREND JOHN FOSTER, PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR
220 AUBURN AVENUE, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30303
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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:00AM

HOLY COMMUNION



THE PRELUDE

BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON

• THE DOXOLOGY

#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: While we were yet sinners, Jesus came at the right time, after forty two generations.

People: During this Advent season the whole church, the Body of Christ, looks forward to the second coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus, our Lord.

Minister: God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to announce to the virgin Mary that she had found favor with God. Her cousin, Elizabeth, said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk. 1:42)

People: As the Word made flesh, Jesus came to an unprepared people in an unprepared place.

Minister: We remember our Savior's humble and obscure entry into our world.

All: O God, we remember your love for your creation and thank you for Jesus, your only begotten Son.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME Hymn #122 — Go Tell It On The Mountain

~REFRAIN~ Go, Tell It on the mountain, Over the hills and every where; Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks be night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

~REFRAIN~

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

~REFRAIN~

3. Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

~REFRAIN~

THE INVOCATION

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....1 THESSALONIANS 3: 9-13

Minister: ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

People: ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Minister: ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED).....1 THESSALONIANS 3: 9-13

People: ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

All : ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

***PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE**

(IN THE TUNE OF #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.”

***SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE**

Hear what Christ our Savior said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets”.

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.”*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—HOPE

SISTERS MARY ANN & JESSICA ROSE FOSTER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE:

AME HYMN #102

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here; Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel Shall come to thee , O Israel.

WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL

THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE PASTOR’S WORDS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL MASS CHOIR

THE SERMON

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

****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!!!!**



PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord, I recognize that I am a sinner. Lord, I am sorry for my sins, and I am ready to change my life. I accept your forgiveness. I confess with my mouth that you are Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead; therefore, according to the word I am saved. The Bible says “if any person be in Christ he or she is a new creation, the old is passed away and behold all things become new.” Lord, I thank you for my salvation.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sin and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†THE BENEDICTION



Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Mrs. Cordelia Daniel Mitchell, Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District
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Bro. Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Worship & Arts

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The Reverend Jessica Buford,
The Reverend Wilbert Hobbs,
The Reverend Ali Holness-Roland,
The Reverend Monica Jones Ph.D.,
The Reverend Dr. Charlene Maddox,
The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker,
The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White,
The Reverend Joyce Young

SUPERANNUATE

The Right Reverend Frank C. Cummings,
The Reverend George Davis,

LOCAL ELDERS

The Reverend Bessie Donaldson,
The Reverend Betty Miley,
The Reverend Evelyn Jones,
The Reverend Charmain Purvis,
The Reverend M. Gwen Senatle

Licentiates

Bro. Jermaine Lawrence
Bro. Maurice Eckstein
Sis. Elaine W. Williams

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

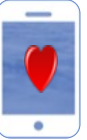
Acolytes	Stewards	Stewards	Dr. Stanley Pritchett & Dr. Chris Parker
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir—Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.	Trustees	Floyd Baxter
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Stewardesses	<i>R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Daphne Stowe & Teresa Robinson	AV Ministry	Phyllis Smiley & Brandon Collins
Finance Team J. Patterson, L. Williams, O. Alston, T. Jones			

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



1st Sunday of Advent	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
December 1, 2024	Jeremiah 33:14-	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

✝ Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers & calls.



Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

Sis. Miriam Redding

Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705



Pastor Foster and Sis. Mary Ann Foster
Cordially Invite You to Our Annual

CHRISTMAS PARTY

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
220 AUBURN AVENUE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

Sunday December 1, 2024
Immediately After 10:00 AM Worship Service!!!

Atlanta North Georgia Conference
North Atlanta District

ADVENT SERVICE

Bishop Michael L. Mitchell
PREACHER

The Reverend Kimberly McMichael,
Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

The Reverend Dr. Joseph N. Cousin, Sr.
Host Pastor

DECEMBER 1, 2024
4:00PM

ALLEN TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH
232 ARNOLD MILL ROAD | WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

LIVE ALLEN TEMPLE CHURCH WOODSTOCK



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Quarterly CONFERENCE

Virtual on Zoom

December 2, 2024 @ 6PM

Meeting ID: 814 5694 7461 Passcode: 788962

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Come participate in the business of your church!



*Thank
you*

Dear Big Bethel Family:

Words cannot express the love and appreciation that we have towards all of you for the many visits, prayers and love shown towards our mother - Miriam Redding. Over the past few months we have gained strength and our mother is receiving miracle healing from God through your prayers.

KEEP ON PRAYING!!!

We know that God is blessing our mother through you!!!

*Sincerely,
Dennis Terrell and Chandra Brooks*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays during the month of December!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Gloria Robinzine Leslie Egbarin, Sr.	3 Nakeisha Smith	4 Nia Jones	5 Henry Walker III	6 Marcus Simms	7 Chelsea Murray Curtis Knowlton II Henry Jackson
8 Camron Eppes Chaka Askin Ciera Robinson	9 Dr. Jacqueline Washington Roosevelt Snowden	10	11 Chavez Senatle Sheila Johnson	12 Alvin Francis	13 Anthony Mitchell	14 Elaine Williams Justiss Wooten
15 Tamara Hall	16 Gloria Pritchett Howard E. Wright Karla Frye	17 Silas Walker	18	19 Joi Stinson Sarah Caldwell Yvonne Moore Zhivago Mackey	20 David Lewis	21 Alexandria Brooks
22 Lisa Brooks Willie Palmer Stanley Pritchett Jr.	23 Dawn Carty June Nutter Sherman Pierson	24 Carlos King Crystal Brown Karen Fordham-Jordan Mattye Sullivan Monique Brookes Nicolas McClarin	25 Marian Council	26 DeAnte Kent	27	28
29 Zalaysia Franklin	30 Charles Blackmon	31 Lafayette Tate Willie "Obadele" McClendon				





Big Bethel's DECEMBER

COME ON HOME

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>1 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p>   	<p>2 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p> 	<p>3 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874</p>	<p>4 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM & 6:00PM Study-1-202-926111 7:00PM (605) 472-5512</p>
<p>8 8:30 AM Virtual Sunday School - (712) 778-8972, Code 440772# 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00 AM Worship Service(S) 2:00 PM Next Shift (S)</p>  	<p>9 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>10 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874 6:30PM Virtual CS & F Meeting</p>	<p>11 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM & 6:00PM Study-1-202-926111 7:00PM (605) 472-5512</p>
<p>15 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 10:00 YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p>  	<p>16 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>17 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874</p>	<p>18 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM & 6:00PM Study-1-202-926111 7:00PM (605) 472-5512</p>
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Join Us! for Virtual Worship 10AM & 2PM

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R 2024 Events Calendar FOR CHRISTMAS!!



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>(605) 472-5512, Code 772576# Virtual Bible 23 Code: 673604 2, Code 772576#</p>	<p>5 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>6 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>7 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 8:00AM Virtual Love Feast 9:00AM Ministerial Staff Mtg 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</p>
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<p>(605) 472-5512, Code 772576# Virtual Bible 23 Code: 673604 2, Code 772576#</p>	<p>19 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p> <div data-bbox="235 1081 487 1165" data-label="Text"> <p>ROBERT MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL</p> </div> <div data-bbox="479 1008 673 1249" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>20 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>21 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School</p>
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Come On Home For Christmas

NOV. 24 & DEC. 1 THE GIVING TREE

Please select a gift request card from the tree for a child in foster care. We ask that gifts be brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 1st. Or Dec. 8th.

Contact: JoAnn Brazil, 404-291-0267,
or Jacqueline Michael 404-909-5351

NOV. 24 & DEC. 1 POINSETTIAS FOR LOVED ONES

Our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias purchased by you for \$10.00, in memory/ honor of a loved ones.

Contact: Shelley Webster, Shelley@shelleywebster.com

DECEMBER 8 COHFC ANNUAL CONCERT 4:00 PM.

Come, be inspired by glorious musical renditions from the music and arts ministry and bring a guest with you. A fellowship reception will be held following the concert.

DECEMBER 15 GIFTS OF WARMTH

Let us remember our unhoused brothers and sisters during winter season with gifts of socks, knit hats, gloves, jackets and other items of clothing. Please place your gifts in designated boxes in the sanctuary.

Contact: Gwen Langley, 404-643-3640

DECEMBER 15 SICK AND SHUT IN, CAREGIVERS RECOGNITION

Please come to the back of the sanctuary and select the name of one of our wonderful members to contact i.e., call or send a card during the Advent season.

Contact: Gloria Gaston, gloriagaston@gmail.com

COHFC LOVE OFFERING

This special offering will be used to give a contribution on behalf of big bethel to organizations that serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters. There are several ways to make a donation: offering envelope, online at give, and cash app



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

**WORSHIP & ARTS
MINISTRY**

presents

A Universal Christmas

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 | 4:00PM

Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Music
Bro. Philip V. Skerrett, Jr., Senior Pipe Organist
Rev. Jessica Buford, Thrive Ministry Director, Narrator

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world!! John 1:29



A COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



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on the
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websites.

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BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

presents

We Three Kings



A

Sunday School

Christmas Program

AT 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

~ Fellowship Hall ~
220 Auburn Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor
Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D., Christian Education Director
Bro. Everett Jolly, Sunday School Superintendent
www.bigbethelame.org

Join Us!



ROBERT L. MASON JR. *Candlelight Memorial*

On one of the longest and coldest nights of the year, we come together in love and compassion to celebrate the lives of those we have lost from experiencing homelessness in DeKalb and Fulton Counties.

December 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

424 Decatur Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30312
Parking on site

Refreshments and gifts of warmth will be distributed at the conclusion of the program.

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Thrive

THRIVE MINISTRY

Rev. Jessica Buford, Thrive Young Adult & College Ministry Director

MILLENNIAL

W O R S H I P E X P E R I E N C E

A Thrive Takeover!

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 29TH

10:00AM



GUEST PREACHER
MIN. Carmen Reid
from Ray Of Hope Church

220 Auburn Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
Ph: 404-827-9707
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BIG BETHEL SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION


Introducing Our

BROWN SPACE GREEN PROJECT

A Food Security Initiative

29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ... Genesis 1:29



- ✓ Black households had the highest rate of food insecurity at 23.3%, followed by Latinx households at 21.9%
- ✓ Join us in our fight to reverse food insecurity and climate change
- ✓ Work hand in hand with us to leverage Big Bethel's hardscapes into beautiful GREEN spaces 
- ✓ We need all hands on deck! artist, teachers, home gardeners, ex-farmers, teachers, cooks, architects, planners, engineers, etc.

To join our effort in turning our **BROWN** spaces **GREEN**



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Senior Pastor

Hybrid Virtual WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

EVERY
1ST, 2ND, &
3RD SUNDAY
8:45AM

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".

BIG BETHEL MEMBERS
USE THIS OPPORTUNITY!



ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.bigbethelame.org
o Go to the "Resources" tab, scroll down to "Member Services"
o Scroll down and click on the "Discipleship-NewMemberClass" button.
o Then expect an email with the Class Manual, Class Schedule and instructions to sign into the Zoom Class .



LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, CHURCH AND US!

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

ON THE AVE

2025

WATCH NIGHT

WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2024

10:00 PM

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