

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Holy Communion

Peace

Sunday, December 04, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

REVEREND JOHN FOSTER PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice, to you, O Lord, I will sing.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AMEC Hymn #120 — Joy To The World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of love. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE.....Romans 15:4-11

Minister: ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

People: ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

Minister: ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Minister: ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

People: ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

Minister: ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

ALL: ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"

***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**

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—PEACE

DR. STANLEY & DR. SHARON PRITCHETT

WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL

THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY

THE SERMON

PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

****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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead; and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING ON EXIT



	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
	December 4, 2022	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

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Sis. Deborah Stephens-Lattimore

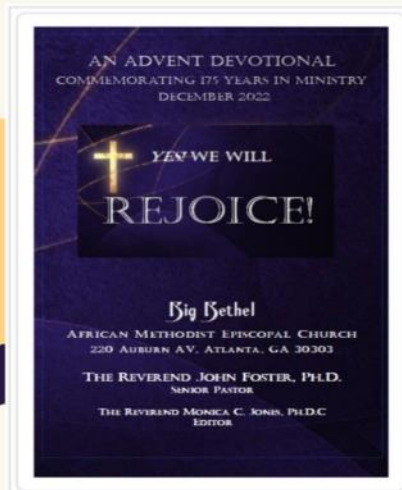
(678) 945-4001

Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414


The 2022 Advent Devotional Guides are available now!

✚ YES! WE WILL REJOICE

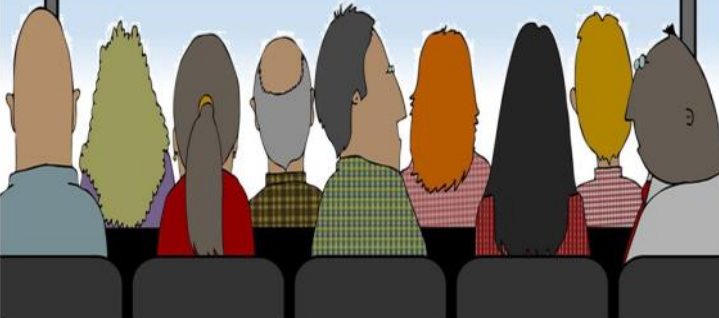


Look for them on our website, and the Christian Education page.

WWW.BIGBETHELAME.ORG/RESOURCES/Member Services



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!
3rd QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
Monday, December 12, 2022 6:30 PM
 Our 3rd Quarterly Conference will be held via Zoom. Please come out and participate in the business of your church. Meeting access details coming soon...




THIS IS IT!!!



Your Last Chance to Vote in the Georgia Senate Mid-Term Run-off Election is

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Please visit <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/> to find your polling location

If you have already voted, please encourage another registered voter to cast their vote!

For assistance with any issues on election day, contact Voter Protection Services at **866-OUR-VOTE (687-8683)**

**Please Don't Miss Out on Your Chance to
Make Your Voice Heard**

Thank You

Thank you Big Bethel for all of the acts of kindness shown to the Woodson family during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*The family of Brother Jimmy Woodson,
Shirley, April, and Ryan*

*Just a little
line or two
To bring my warmest
thanks to you!*

*The family of Earnest Zlatton
would like to thank you
very much for the kind
expressions of sympathy
shown in the home going
of our husband, father and
grandfather. The love
and prayers was very
much appreciated.
The Zlatton Family*

(Aunt & Cousins of Sis. Phyllis Smiley)

Big Bethel A.M.E.
Church School Christmas Program and Debate
December 18, 2022 8:45-10:00
Big Bethel Fellowship Hall

Debate Topic:
Jesus Is
The Reason for
the Season



Pastor John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people Luke 2:10.



Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial

An event honoring those who died while homeless in 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 –

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Mercy Care Decatur Street
424 Decatur St. SE Atlanta, GA 30312

The winter solstice on Wednesday, December 21, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. The date also falls within the Christian season of Advent, which celebrates the promise of light over darkness. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. We hope you will join us in person this year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



12/2	Leslie Egbarin, Sr., Gloria Robinzine,	12/17	Linda Ferrell, Silas Michael Walker
12/3	Nakeishia Smith	12/19	Joi Stinson, Sarah Caldwell,
12/4	Nia Jones		Yvonne Moore, Zhivago Mackey
12/5	Henry L. Walker III,	12/20	David Lewis
12/6	Marcus Simms	12/21	Alexandria Brooks
12/7	Henry Jackson, Curtis Knowlton II,	12/22	Lisa Brooks Stanley Pritchett, Jr.,
	Cholsea Murry		Willie Palmer
12/8	Chaka Askin, Ciera Robinson,	12/23	W. Louise Robinson, June Nutter,
	Camron Eppes		Dawn Carty, Sherman Pierson
12/9	Dr. Jackie Washington, Roosevelt Snowden,	12/24	Karen Fordham-Jordan, Crystal Brown,
12/11	Sheila Johnson, Chavez Senatle		Carlos King, Monique Brookes,
12/12	Alvin Francis		Matty Sullivan, Nicolas McClarin
12/13	Anthony Mitchell	12/25	Marian Council
12/14	Elaine W. Williams, Justiss Wooten	12/26	DeAnte Kent
12/15	Tamara Hall	12/29	Zalaysia Franklin
12/16	Gloria Pritchett, Howard Emery Wright,	12/30	Charles Blackmon
	Karla Frye	12/31	Lafayette Tate, Willie Obadele McClendon





Big Bethel's DECEMBER





COME ON HOME

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>4 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>WATCH LIVE www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>5 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>6 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874</p>	<p>7 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study 1-605-472-5512 772576#</p>
<p>11 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p> <p>FREE COVID&FLU VACCINATIONS 10:30AM-2:30PM</p> <p>"A Season of Celebration" Christmas Concert -4PM</p>	<p>12 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>13 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>14 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study 1-605-472-5512 772576#</p>
<p>18 8:30AM Virtual Church School 8:45AM Virtual New Members 10:00AM Worship Service (S) 12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p> <p>WATCH LIVE www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>19 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>20 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 11:00AM-1:00PM Community Food Distribution Big Bethel Parking Lot WEM Bible Study 7PM Zoom ID:406 713 1874</p>	<p>21 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 12:05PM Virtual Bible Study 1-515-606-5183 7:00PM Virtual Bible Study 1-605-472-5512 Code: 772576# ROBERT MASON CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL</p>
<p>25 8:30AM Virtual Church School 10:00AM Worship Service (S) Churchwide Love Feast 12:30 Virtual YOUTH CHURCH 2:00PM NEXT SHIFT (S)</p> <p>WATCH LIVE www.bigbethelame.org</p>	<p>26 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>	<p>27 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# WEM Bible Study 7PM ZoomID:406 713 1874</p>	<p>28 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#</p>
<p>Join Us! for Virtual Worship 10AM & 2PM @BigBethelAME www.bigbethelame.org</p> <p>WATCH LIVE</p>			<p>END IT STARTS</p>

ER 2022 Events Calendar

FOR CHRISTMAS!!



	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	2 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	3 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
Call de 772576# ole Study- Code: 673604 Study – Code:	8 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	9 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	10 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 9:00AM-11:00AM Virtual Steward Board Meeting 12:30-2:00PM BB Saturday School
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Call de 772576# Study- : 673604 Study 1-605-472 # N, JR. 	22 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 6:30PM Virtual Trustee Meeting	23 6:00AM Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576# 4:00 PM-THBB Team Dinner Drop-off hosted by GONFC	24 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576 10:00 AM-11:00AM Edge-Cannon Lay Organization (RM) 
r Call Code 772576#	29 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	30 6:00AM—Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576#	31 6:00AM— Prayer Call (605) 472-5512, Code 772576 

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JESUS SAVES

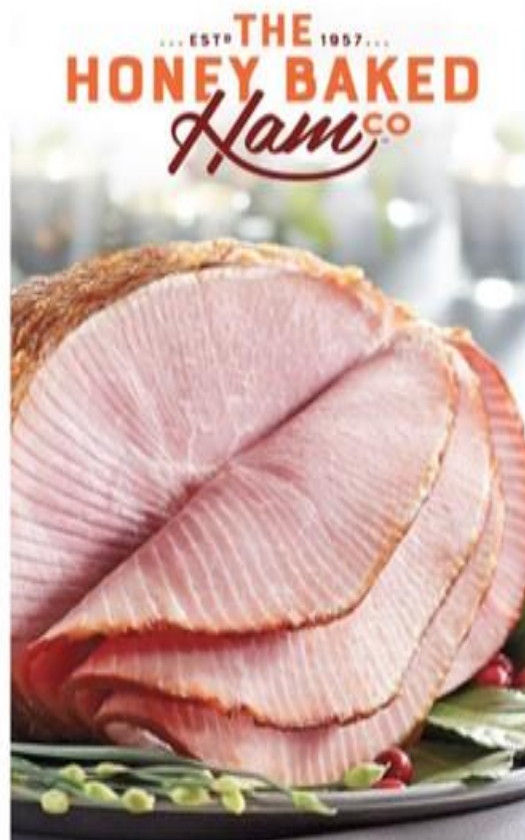
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YPD Needs Your Help!!

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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GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES!



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Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Pastor
Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D Fundraiser Coordinator
Email: jesus.saves@bigbethelame.org
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SAVE THE DATE FOR A COHFC EVENT

Big Bethel Worship & Arts Ministry
presents its

ANNUAL CONCERT

"A Season Of Celebration"

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
4:00PM

**BLESSINGS ARE IN
THE AIR!**



Come On Home For Christmas~2022



NOV 27 & DEC 4



Poinsettias For Loved Ones

You are invited to assist in decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias by donating \$10.00 for a plant in honor or memory of a loved one. Please come to a table in the back of the sanctuary to complete an information form and give your donation... OR

Contact: Shelley Webster, Shelley@shelleywebster.com

Make your contribution through your regular mode of giving and contact Sis. Shelley Webster to give the name of your loved one. Be sure to indicate "for Christmas flowers" in the comments as you give.

Come On Home For Christmas~2022

DEC 4, 11 & 18
Gifts of Warmth

Our brothers and sisters who are unhoused will appreciate your gifts of new apparel, i.e. underwear, hats, socks, gloves, sweaters, blankets as well as gently used coats. GIFTS OF WARMTH boxes will be placed at the entrances to the sanctuary for your donation.

Contact: Gwen Langley, 404-643-3640

Come On Home For Christmas ~2022

DECEMBER 11

Sick & Shut In Caregivers Recognition

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

Contact: Gloria Gaston, gloriagaston@gmail.com

Come On Home For Christmas ~2022

DECEMBER 11

COHFC LOVE OFFERING

Your special financial contribution will be given on behalf of Big Bethel to social agencies that serve our community. There are several ways to make a donation; the offering envelope, online at GIVE, (go to tithe, scroll to COHFC), and Cash APP.

We pray that peace, love, and joy will be yours throughout this Advent season.
COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

FREE COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters



MODERNA or JOHNSON & JOHNSON
[As supply is available]



DECEMBER 11, 2022~ 10:30-AM—2:30PM

Big Bethel A.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall
220 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Pre-registration is suggested, but not required:

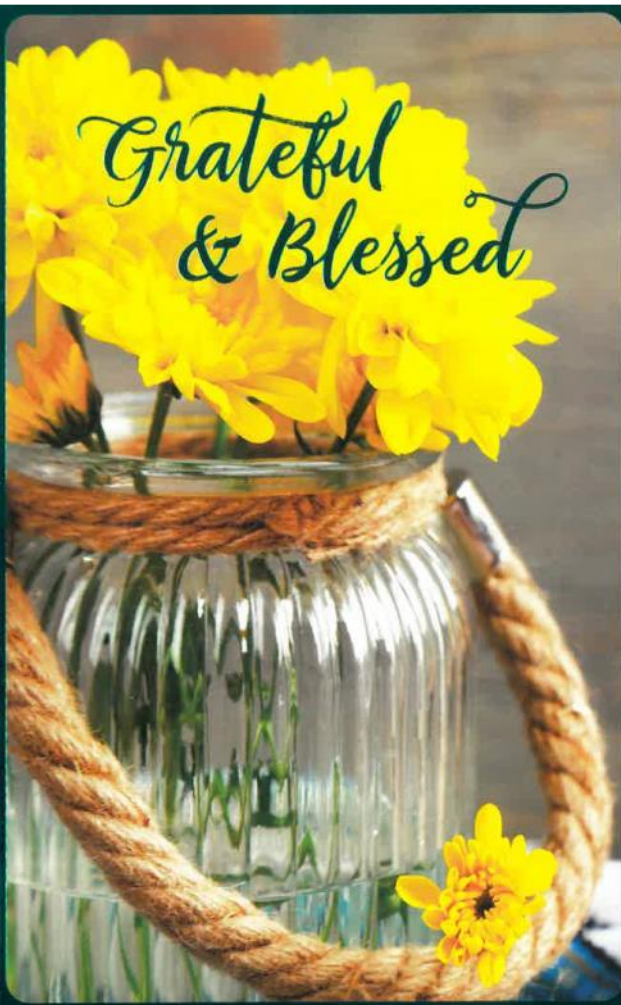
Send the following information to: egarcia@mercyatlanta.org

1. Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Phone number



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Get the COVID-19 vaccine.



Cousin Dorothy's
Eyes Lit Up Every
Time I Showed Her
The Beautiful Flowers
And Read The Card
To Her.
Thank You For
Everything, Especially
The Prayers.

Thank You
So Much

Sincerely,
The Horton
Family

Thanking God for you.
EPHESIANS 1:16 NLT



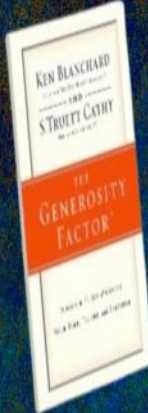

Thrive
BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH | @BIGBETHELTHRIVES

Presents:
Christmas Day
VIRTUAL SERVICE

**SUNDAY
25TH
DECEMBER** **2PM**

Live on Facebook,
Youtube & Instagram
@BIGBETHELTHRIVES

GUEST PREACHER
Rev. Dr. Curry F. Butler, Jr



Thrive
**Virtual
SMALL GROUP**

Every other Tuesday @ 7pm Thrive hosts book study.
This session we are reading "The Generosity Factor" by
Ken Blanchard & S. Truett Cathy.

@bigbethelthrives

Next Sessions:
11/29/22, 12/13/22 & 12/27/22

10: 829 0088 4731

For more information please
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**END OF
SEMESTER**

SERVICE
@2PM 12.11.22

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@bigbethelthrives



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakM7YvMPuae7rK5w6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

www.bigbethelame.org WATCH LIVE
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakM7YvMPuae7rK5w6g>



Tuesday 7PM

Women's Bible Study

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

Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD.

202-926-1123

Code: 673674#

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

202- 926-1123 Code:
673674#

Big Bethel Village Worship Sunday 3PM

202-926-1123
Code 673674#

NEW



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

Adult Sunday School 8:30AM 605-472-5512 Code:772576# ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzZDRGQlQNmVYYORsRFY2VzV6ZG1hZz09>

Big Bethel Saturday School 12:30 -2:00PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182945727?pwd=K2NBbkxMNhDSVpoWEEdlZFhDYzNjZz09>



Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
joll@comcast.net



Prayer Call

6AM Mon-Sat

605-472-5512

Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study

605-472-5512

Code:772576#

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

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

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