

Sunday
April
12

Sunday Worship Experience

“Believe!”

John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)



Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District

Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell, Episcopal Supervisor, 6th Episcopal District

The Reverend Kimberly McMichael, Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor



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Welcome
to
BIG BETHEL
"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"



Worship Times:
10:00 am Traditional
2:00 pm Contemporary



**Pastor Jay and
Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**

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BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Annual Lay Day

April 19, 2026 @10:00 am

“Reviving the Connection: Our African American Heritage Past and Present”

Ephesians 3:20-21



Guest Speaker

Tonya M. Matthews, Ph.D.,

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the
International African American Museum
Charleston, SC

Edge-Cannon Lay Organization

Guy Howard, President

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#SocialJustice #EnvironmentalJustice

 Sunday, April 26, 2026
 10:00 am

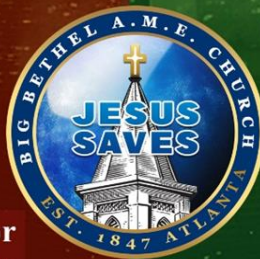
Guest Speaker

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis

President, National Newspaper Publisher's Association;
Former National President, NAACP



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The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Brother Kelvin Thompson, Director

The Doxology.....AME Hymn #69.....All Worshipers (standing)
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 Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #450 Blessed Assurance..... The Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD.

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle
(Prayer chant)

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... I Peter 1:3-9 NRSVUE.....The Reverend Charmain R. Purvis

Minister: ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

People: ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

Minister: ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

People: ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

Minister: ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

People: ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

ALL: ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel..... Sister Carolyn Smith
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

Worship in Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Brother Thompson, Director

The Pastor's Perspective.....The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Shrala R. Askin

The Choral Response.....**All Things Come of Thee**.....AME Hymn #644
“All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Amen

Worship in Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Brother Thompson, Director

The Proclaimed Word**"Believe"**.....Pastor Jay Augustine
John 20:19-31 NRSVUE

The InvitationThe Reverend Jessica N. Buford

The Doxology and Benediction.....Pastor Jay

~Sermon Notes~

“...you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church...” Matthew 16:18

Points/Topics:

Visitors, please register your attendance on the Big Bethel Guest Registration Form by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for worshipping with us. You are always welcome!!!!



E.L.I.T.E. MEN

(Empowered Leaders Inspiring Tomorrow's Excellence)

Youth Mentor Group

Informational Meeting

Sunday, April 12

Immediately Following Service



If You Are Interested In Signing Your Son Up For This Program Please See Bro. Joshua Young Following The Conclusion Of Service.



MISSION

To develop, mentor, and empower young men ages 7-21 through faith, brotherhood, accountability, and leadership, equipping them to become strong men of character and purpose.

Vision

To Cultivate a generation of young men who lead with integrity, walk with purpose, and serve their families, church and community with excellence.

AGE GROUP STRUCTURE

Ages 7-11 | Foundation Builders

Focus on respect, emotional awareness, behavior, confidence, and faith fundamentals.

Ages 12-15 | Identity & Development

Focus on self-awareness, accountability, peer influence, discipline, and decision making.

Ages 16-21 | Leadership & Transition

Focus on leadership, mentorship, life readiness, career exposure, and service.

Faith, Justice & the Earth: The Environmental Justice Experience

An evening of film, food, and powerful conversation
on environmental justice.

“Watch. Reflect. Respond.”

Join us for a transformative evening as we explore the intersection of faith, justice, and environmental stewardship through film and dialogue.

Hosted by Big Bethel AME Church, this special Earth Month event invites the community to engage with critical issues impacting our environment—locally and nationally.

The evening begins with a plant-based reception by CaféKulture, followed by impactful documentary screenings and a meaningful panel discussion.

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Featured Films and Highlights:

FEATURED FILMS

- Toward Environmental Justice
- EPA: Journey to Justice
- Environmental Justice in Atlanta’s Westside
- 🍷 Plant-based reception (6:00–6:30 PM) **CAFEKULTURE**
- 💬 Panel discussion with community voices
- 🙏 Reflection and dialogue



Rev. Dr. Jay Augustine



Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley
Civil rights leader and nationally recognized environmental justice advocate; former Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church and longtime champion for equity and sustainability.



Garry Harris
Harris is the President of the Center for Sustainable Communities, a non-profit dedicated to making communities cleaner, greener, healthier, safer and more climate resilient through research, project and program development, technical assistance, policy and advocacy.

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DR. JAMIE **KEYNOTE**
JAMISON

PROVOST & SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

11:00 AM

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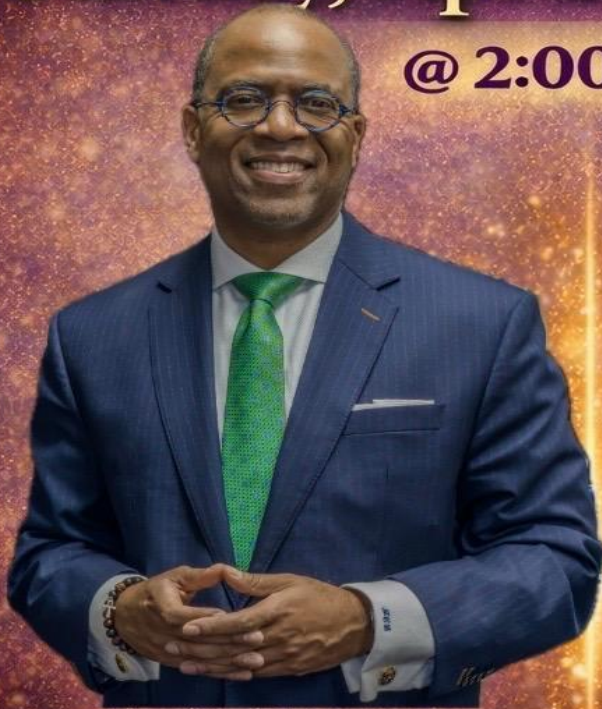


JOIN US FOR

Family & Friends Day 2026

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

@ 2:00 PM



Guest Preacher

DR. JAY AUGUSTINE
Pastor of Big Bethel
AME Church



Host Pastor

REV. DR. REGINALD CLEAVER, JR.
Pastor of Mount Carmel AME

**1140 Henry Thomas Dr. SE,
Atlanta, GA 30315**

The LLT Women's Missionary Society
& Young People's Children's Division
Present



Tea & Fashion Show

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April 18th, 2026
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Big Bethel AME Church
220 Auburn Avenue,
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Ticket Price:
\$25 Adults | \$10 Youth

**Generations In Bloom:
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REV. BRUCE CARROLL
GREEN THE CHURCH NATIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

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The Greater Atlanta Section of National Council of
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★ CIVIC POWER SERIES III: THE PEOPLE ★
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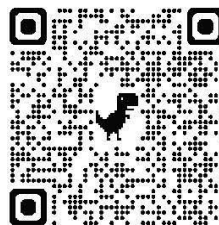
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THURSDAY
APRIL 23

★ LOCATION

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ENDORSE CANDIDATES. ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE HAVE BEEN INVITED
TO ATTEND. THIS FORUM IS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

April EVENTS

- 03** 7 LAST WORDS EBENEZER @ NOON
BIG BETHEL @ 7PM
- 04** LOVE FEAST 8AM - IN PERSON
- 05** RESURRECTION SUNDAY
PASTOR JAY - 6AM / BISHOP MICHAEL MITCHELL - 10AM
- 11** BEAUTY FOR ASHES 9AM / NEW MEMBER CLASS 9AM
- 12** POST RESURRECTION SUNDAY
- 15** MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONORS
CONVOCATION 11AM
- 18** WMS/YPD TEA 2PM
- 19** LAY ANNUAL DAY
SPEAKER: DR. TANYA MATTHEWS OF INTL AFR. AMER. MUSEUM
- 21** AMERICAN SOCIETY ON AGING 11AM
- 23** 100 BLACK WOMEN 5PM
CIVIC POWER SERIES PART 3
- 25** GREEN THE CHURCH 10AM-2PM
- 26** SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (ENVIRONMENTAL)
SPEAKER: DR. BEN CHAVIS, CEO, NATL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOC.

May EVENTS

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

- 02** LOVE FEAST 8AM - IN PERSON
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 8AM-4PM
- 03** HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 09** ANGC YPD CONF. CHOIR REHEARSAL 1PM
- 10** MOTHER'S DAY
- 13** BIRTHING/HEALTH SEMINAR 6PM
- 16** PRES. ELDER APPRECIATION 10AM-12NOON
- 17** PASTOR'S APPRECIATION SUNDAY
PREACHER: DR. GLENELL LEE PRUITT, PRES, JARVIS CHRISTIAN UNIV.
- 24** PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED)
- 25** MEMORIAL DAY
- 28** PASTOR JAY & LADY MICHELLE'S WEDDING ANNIV.
- 28-30** SED PLANNING MEETING
- 30** KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY RECITAL 4PM
- 31** WOMEN'S EMPHASIS SUNDAY
PREACHER: DR. TONI ALVARADO, GRACE CHURCH INTL, ATLANTA
EVERY TUESDAY 7PM - BIBLE STUDY/LINE DANCING/ZUMBA



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3RD ANNUAL YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

SATURDAY | APRIL 18TH, 2026

10:00AM - 2:00PM

GUEST OF HONOR: FULTON COMMISSIONER MARVIN ARRINGTON



EVENT ACTIVITIES

- ✓ \$1,000 YOUTH BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION
- ✓ INTERNSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ CERTIFICATION RESOURCES
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80 Walnut St SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#).....Monday - Saturday, 6:00 - 6:30 am
 Church School.....8:45 am
 Traditional Worship Service.....10:00 am
 Contemporary Worship Service (THRIVE Next Shift).....2:00 pm
 Big Bethel Village Worship By Phone 202-962-1123 673604#.....3:00pm Sundays
 Wednesday Virtual Bible Study (ID: 847 251 8679 Password: adultclass).....12:30 noon and 6:00pm
 Love Feast.....In-person on Saturday before Communion Sunday at 8:00 am
 Holy Communion.....First Sundays
 Discipleship New Members Class.....8:45 am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
 Baptism.....As Announced

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....10:00 am—2:00 pm
 Tuesday—Friday.....10:00 am—4:30 pm

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Big Bethel Mass Choir..... Tuesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before 1st & 3rd Sunday
 Johnson-Schofield Men’s Choir.....2 Saturdays before Second Sunday
 Babcock-Young Voices of Unity/Big Bethel Chorale.....Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before Third Sunday
 Bearden-Scott Youth Choir.....2 Saturdays before Fourth Sunday
 Big Bethel Praise Ensemble..... 2 Thursdays @7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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