

Sunday
May
17



PASTOR'S *Appreciation* SUNDAY

1st PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

at Big Bethel AME Church

HONORING

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

"Then I will give you shepherds after my
own heart, who will lead you with
knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15

Guest Preacher

Dr. Sterling E. Freeman



Mental Health Awareness Month.

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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Welcome To

Bethel A.M.E. Church

“The City Hall of Sweet Auburn”

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

220 Auburn Avenue, NE
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Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine

2025
2026



ONE YEAR

"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"

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Rev. Dr. Sterling E. Freeman



is a leadership coach, organizational and cultural change agent, facilitator, counselor and public speaker. All his work is grounded in an equity lens and motivated by a desire to create spaces where Black and Brown people have full freedom to thrive, so that all people can thrive. His worldview and the foundation of his social and cultural critique are heavily influenced by Black Feminist and Womanist thought. Sterling's more than 25 years of experience have equipped him with the knowledge and skills in idea development, project management, personal development and goal clarification, and formal and extemporaneous speaking.

Having been in Christian ministry since 1996, Sterling served as pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church in Smithfield, NC (2010 - 2015). He is a frequent teacher/facilitator of leadership development and capacity building within and outside the church. Sterling has worked with leaders whose diversity spans all lines of identity and across multiple sectors in the nonprofit world. Speaking and lecture opportunities take him across the country and abroad.



Along with Kathleen Crabbs, Sterling is a Co-Founder and Principal with CounterPart Consulting, LLC and Associate with OpenSource Leadership Strategies. Through both entities, he and his colleagues work with client partners to help them apply an explicit racial equity lens to their work. He is a Co-Founder of BREATHE: A Whole Black Experience, which makes space for Black people to freely discuss their racialized experiences, grapple with the impact of those experiences and affirm themselves and one another. And he Co-Led an UnLearning Sexism project that worked with Black men to dismantle patriarchy in their own lives and strategically disrupt it in our culture. Sterling is the creator and host of The Wisdom & The Work podcast, which explores matters of racial justice.



Sterling brings a pastoral orientation to all his work, and is inclined toward deep listening, holding empathy and meeting people where they are. Sterling holds a Master of Divinity from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a BA in Economics from Davidson College, certificates in business strategy and economics from the London School of Economics, and the Doctor of Ministry Degree in Global Leadership from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University. He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he has been named Kappa Man of the Year at the local

and regional levels, and leads the leadership development work for the region. Sterling lives in Durham with his wife, Michelle, and they have an adult daughter, Joia.

The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, May 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins
Executive Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Cornelius Pettway, 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 #361 Yes, God Is Real.....The Reverend Charmain R. Purvis

The Prayer of Invocation.....Licentiate Ariel Nash
(Prayer chant)

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Pettway, Director

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... Acts 1:6-14 NRSVUE.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle

Minister: ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

People: ⁷**He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.**

Minister: ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

People: ⁹**When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

Minister: ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

People: ¹¹**They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

Minister: ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

People: ¹³**When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.**

All: ¹⁴**All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.**

Organizational Heads on Year One with A New Pastor

Sister Braunwin Camp.....The Laura L. Turner Women’s Missionary Society
 Brother Guy Howard.....The Edge-Cannon Lay Organization
 Brother Floyd Baxter.....The Board of Trustees
 Sister Shirley Simmons.....The Charles Zanders/Robert L. Brown Boards of Stewards

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel..... Sister Stacey-Ann Young
 (Everybody, Hug Somebody)

Worship Through Creative Expression.....Signs of Praise Mime Ministry

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

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle

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

The Introduction of the Preacher.....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
 Brother Pettway, Director

The Proclaimed Word.....The Reverend Dr. Sterling E. Freeman
 Co-Founder of CounterPart Consultant LLC and BREATHE: A Whole Black Experience

The InvitationThe Reverend Shrala R. Askin

Expression of Thanks.....Pastor Jay and Leading Lady Michelle Augustine

The Doxology and Benediction.....The Reverend Dr. Freeman



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!!!!



Worship in Style



Shades of Green

Worship in shades of green on the first Sunday to bring awareness for Mental Health Month, representing "growing in strength."



Skirts and Scarves

For Mother's Day, worship in unique fashion, showcasing the many ways to style your skirts and scarves, representing "covered in grace."



Denim, Diamonds and Pearls

Let your light shine on third Sunday in your denim, diamonds, and pearls; reflecting on how you've been "refined by the process" of your faith walk.



Red with Gold Accents

It's PENTECOST SUNDAY! "Walk in courage" in your red with gold accents.



Camouflage

You made it to Women's Emphasis Sunday! Worship in the many variations of camouflage, displaying your "survival of the fight!"



WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH 2026

CONTACT & SIGN UP FORM



WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH 2026

Upcoming events.

- APRIL 30** LOVE FEAST
6:30PM
BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
- MAY 2** "BEAUTY SHOP TALK"
1:00PM
TRACY FRANKLIN RESIDENCE
- MAY 5** \$2 TUESDAY
7:00PM
ZOOM/BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
- MAY 12** \$2 TUESDAY
7:00PM
ZOOM/BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
- MAY 19** \$2 TUESDAY
7:00PM
ZOOM/BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
- MAY 26** \$2 TUESDAY
7:00PM
ZOOM/BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
- MAY 29** TRINITY HOUSE FELLOWSHIP
6:00PM
TRINITY HOUSE
- MAY 30** "TEA AROUND TOWN"
TIME TBD
CENTENNIAL PARK
- MAY 31** WOMEN'S EMPHASIS DAY
10:00PM
WORSHIP SERVICE
TASTE OF BIG BETHEL/MOBB
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

"Strength of a Woman"
Proverbs 31:25

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COME JOIN THE SENIORS MINISTRY FOR A TRIP TO DAHLONEGA WHERE WE WILL PAN FOR GOLD AND OTHER GEMSTONES.

THE BUS WILL LEAVE FROM BIG BETHEL AT 9 AM ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH. AFTER OUR MINING EXCURSION, WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AT THE DILLARD HOUSE. OTHER STOPS ARE STILL BEING PLANNED.

THE \$45 COST INCLUDES THE MINING MUSEUM AND GEMSTONE PANNING. THE FAMILY STYLE ALL YOU CAN EAT LUNCH AT DILLARD HOUSE SHOULD BE AROUND \$30 AND IS SEPARATE.

THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS MAY 31st

PLEASE CONTACT MARTHA THOMAS, 404-783-2290 OR CORNELIA JORDAN 770-289-6451 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS.





A Celebration of positive transitions... Graduation 2026




Trinity Community Ministries

June 13, 2026
Big Bethel AME Church
220 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
12 noon - 2pm

Occasion:
We invite you to celebrate the positive transition of restored men empowered to reclaim their lives and return to their families and communities as mentors and leaders. They have made us proud. As a stakeholder, we hope you will join us in celebrating the hard work and dedication that these men have invested in themselves.

- Amazing Testimonies**
Hear the men share their transformational journeys
- Scholarship Presentation**
The TCM Scholarship for those enrolled in school
- Certificate Presentation**
The acknowledgement of an extraordinary effort

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Congratulations

TO
DEBUTANTES

Nala Bivins

Nyla Pettway

Bianca Elise Thomas

&

Master

Henry Walker

and To the

Sub-Debutantes &

Sub-Masters & Allenites

of

Big Bethel AME Church

from,

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,

Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine

and the Big Bethel Church Family



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SATURDAY-MAY 23RD

9:00 AM - 12 NOON

GUEST SPEAKER
Joi Stinson

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DISTRICT YPD PRESIDENT

QUADRENNIAL DELEGATE &

* ALTERNATE ELECTIONS *

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"Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about
to do before your eyes!" 1 Samuel 12:16

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BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

WOMEN'S DAY

Strength of a Woman

Proverbs 31:25

Guest Preacher

DR. ANTOINETTE G. ALVARADO
GRACE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
CO-PASTOR

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026
10:00AM



DR. JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE, SENIOR PASTOR
MICHELLE AUGUSTINE, LEADING LADY

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This is where our network can make a real difference.
PLEASE SHARE WITH QUALIFIED STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY!

NEXT STEPS

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June EVENTS

MEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

- 4** LOVE FEAST 6:30PM
- 7** FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 12** GOLF TOURNAMENT 9AM
- 13** TRINITY GRADUATION 12PM
- 14** SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 18** MARCUS JOHNSON CONCERT 7PM
- 20** LIM UNDERSERVED EVENT 9AM
- 21** FATHER'S DAY
- 28** MEN'S DAY

PREACHER: REV. PATRICK D. CLAYBORN, PHD.
PASTOR OF BETHEL AMEC, BALTIMORE

May EVENTS

WOMEN'S EMPHASIS MONTH

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

MEN OF BIG BETHEL EMPHASIS MONTH



BROTHERHOOD. FAITH. LEADERSHIP. LEGACY.

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| MAY 31 ST | | TASTE OF BIG BETHEL @ 12:00PM |
| JUNE 3 RD | | MEN'S SMALL GROUP (VIRTUAL) @ 6:30PM |
| JUNE 4 TH | | LOVE FEAST @ 6:30PM |
| JUNE 10 TH | | MEN'S SMALL GROUP (VIRTUAL) @ 6:30PM |
| JUNE 12 TH | | MOBB GOLF TOURNAMENT @ 9:00AM CHEROKEE RUN GOLF CLUB |
| JUNE 13 TH | | MEN'S BRUNCH @ 1:00PM ADDRESS: ALEXANDER FARMS SUBDIVISION 2581 ALEXANDER FARMS DR. SW, MARIETTA, GA 30064 |
| JUNE 17 TH | | MEN'S SMALL GROUP (VIRTUAL) @ 6:30PM |
| JUNE 18 TH | | PRE-FATHER'S DAY CONCERT WITH MARCUS JOHNSON @ 7:00PM |
| JUNE 24 TH | | MEN'S SMALL GROUP (VIRTUAL) @ 6:30PM |
| JUNE 26 TH | | TRINITY HOUSE FELLOWSHIP MEAL @ 5:00PM |
| JUNE 27 TH | | BOWLING OUTING @ 1:00PM MIDTOWN BOWL 1936 PIEDMONT CIR NE, ATLANTA, GA 30324 |
| JUNE 28 TH | | MEN'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00AM |

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26th ANNUAL M.O.B.B. GOLF TOURNAMENT



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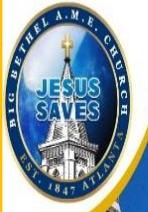
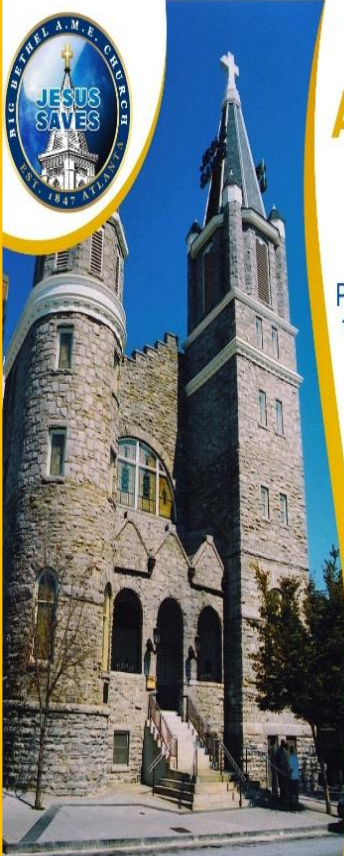
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\$750 - 4 Players

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JUNE 12th
9:00am

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to our graduating
high school seniors.

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A Purposeful Power

Pentecost 2026
Meditation Guide

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Pentecost Devotional

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Senior Pastor
The Reverend Marna C. Jones, PhD
Editor

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#)Monday – Saturday 6:00 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 Thursdays before Communion Sunday at 6:30pm
Holy Communion.....First Sundays
Discipleship New Members Class.....8:45 am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
Board of Stewards.....1st Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Board of Trustees.....2nd Tuesdays 7:00 pm
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.....Tuesdays @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before 1st & 3rd Sunday
Johnson-Schofield Men’s Choir.....2 Mondays 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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