

Sunday
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Big Bethel AME Church

Epiphany Sunday

Guest Praecher

**The Reverend Kimberly
McMichael**

Presiding Elder of the
North Atlanta District



Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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



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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:00 am



Guest Speaker
Isaac Newton Farris, Jr.

Senior Fellow, The King Center
& Nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

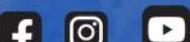


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Presiding Elder Kimberly McMichael

On June 14, 2024, at the Sixth Episcopal District Planning Meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which was held at The Cathedral of Turner Chapel in Marietta, Georgia, Presiding Elder Kimberly Nicole McMichael was transferred to the Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference and appointed as the first woman to lead the North Atlanta District.

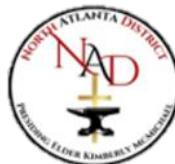
Prior to this appointment, Presiding Elder McMichael was appointed as the Presiding Elder of the Macon East District in the Macon, Georgia Conference by the Rt. Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate of the Sixth District. She was the first woman to be named Presiding Elder of this District.

Reverend Kimberly McMichael previously served as the Senior Pastor of Greater Gaines Chapel A.M.E. Church in Savannah Georgia from 2018 until June 2022; and was the first woman to serve this congregation. She accepted her call in 2008 and began her ordained ministry in 2011. She has an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Public Policy and a B.S. in Urban Studies from St. Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ. She received her M.Ed. with a specialization in psychology from Troy University and her M.Div. from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prior to serving in ministry, Reverend McMichael grew start-up into a multi-million-dollar business in the early childcare industry from 1991-2003. Her success in the industry allowed her the privilege of teaching business start-up classes at Essex County College until her relocation to Georgia in 2003. In 2004, Rev. McMichael became a state licensed and approved trainer in the field of early childhood education in Georgia. She served as the Executive Director of Family Connection and was appointed by Georgia Governor, Sonny Purdue, as the Community Coach of Evans County Georgia to ensure increased high school graduation success. She now enjoys using her acquired gifts of business finance, carpentry, and mentoring in ministry to grow God's Kingdom.

Reverend McMichael has served as the Pastor of Fountain Grove A.M.E. in Irwinton, Georgia, and St. Paul A.M.E. in Vidalia Georgia. At St. Paul, she was also the first woman to pastor in the church's history. Reverend McMichael, affectionately known as "Pastor Kim" has a heart for people and always put the value of people over the value of things.

Presiding Elder McMichael has four children, Ciara, Jasmine, Troy, and Aaliyah and four grandchildren, Azuri, Gideon, Titus, and Fiori.



The Liturgy for the Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, January 4, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Presiding Liturgist

Worship Through Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Monique Griffiths & Brother Cornelius Pettway, Co-Directors

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 Hymn of Praise.....AME Hymn # 25 Holy , Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty".....The Reverend Jessica Buford

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Charmain Purvis
(prayer chant)

Worship In Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Griffiths & Brother Pettway, Co-Directors

*The Responsive Scripture Reading.....John 1:1-9, NRSV.....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

Minister: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: 2 He was in the beginning with God.

Minister: 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being

People: 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Minister: 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

People : 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

Minister: 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

People: 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

ALL: 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

*The Preface to the Decalogue.....AME Hymn #258.....The Reverend Dr. Jones
(In the Tune of Just As I Am)
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.....The Reverend Dr. Jones
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".

*The *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, Amen.

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Racquel Battle
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

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

Worship In Giving: Tithes & Offering.....Sister Ariel Nash



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 Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Griffiths & Brother Pettway, Co-Directors

The Presentation of the Preacher.....Pastor Jay Augustine

The Proclaimed Word....."Manifest!".....The Reverend Kimberly McMichael
(Isaiah 60:1-6, NLT)
Presiding Elder, North Atlanta District

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Special Requested Prayers.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle

The Sacrament of Holy CommunionPastor Jay Augustine

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 Doxology.....All Worshipers (standing)

The Benediction.....Presiding Elder McMichael





Please remember our sick and shut-in with calls and prayers.



Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806
 Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
 Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Miriam Redding
 Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Second Sunday after Christmas Day</u>	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
January 4 2026	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Or Sirach 24:1-12	Psalm 147:12-20 or <i>Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21</i>	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes		Stewards	Sister Shirlynn Bulls & Brother Fred Hughey
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~Sister Monique Griffiths Brother Cornelius Pettway	Trustees	Brother Floyd Baxter
Philippians	Sister Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	<i>R.T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Sister Alicia Oden & Sister Daphne Stowe	AV Ministry	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins

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Sister Ariel Nash, Special Assistant to the Senior Pastor

The Reverend Monica C. Jones Ph.D., Director of Christian Education & Chaplain for Big Bethel Village

The Reverend Jessica N. Buford, Thrive College & Young Adult Ministry Director

Brother Jeremy Johnson, Minister of Worship & Arts

Itinerant Elders

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
 The Reverend Shrala Askins
 The Reverend Jessica N. Buford
 The Reverend Monica C. Jones Ph.D.
 The Reverend Jacqueline Williams Rucker
 The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine White
 The Reverend Joyce C. Young

Superannuates

The Reverend George Davis
 The Reverend Bessie Donaldson

Local Elders

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

Licentiates

Brother Maurice Eckstein
 Sister Ariel Nash



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Big Bethel AME Church's Reading Room is open!

Did you know that you can now come to the annex and sit comfortably in our reading room to browse over resources and materials in our Resource Center? If you are here early on Sunday, you may come from 8:00 to 8:45 or just after worship from 11:45 to 1:00. Also, you may come by on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our entrance is through the breezeway across from the church at the upper parking lot. We have freebies, publications from our pastor and bishops of the church, Disciplines and so much more!

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Big Bethel AME Church

Strategic Planning

Part 1

**Saturday, January 24, 2026
at 8:30 am**

Save the Date



Presenter
**Dr. LaTonya N.
McIver Penny**

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Fasting and Prayer 2026

The Big Bethel Family is beginning the new year with 21 days of fasting and prayer. We are asking the following from each member during the 21 days.

- 1) Give up/refrain from a food or habit important to you.
- 2) Pray on the topic daily during the 12:00pm-1:00pm hour wherever you are.
- 3) Come together at our “All Day Prayer” call on Wednesday, January 21st via Phone call

Day	Date	Daily Noonday Prayer Concern
Thursday	1/1/2026	-----
Friday	1/2/2026	God's Authority Amidst Uncertainty
Saturday	1/3/2026	Church Leadership
Sunday	1/4/2026	Salvation for unsaved
Monday	1/5/2026	Development deeper relationship with the Holy spirit
Tuesday	1/6/2026	Loss of life: Gun Violence in Schools
Wednesday	1/7/2026	Work to bring forth God's Kingdom on Earth as It is Heaven
Thursday	1/8/2026	Fulfilling One's Call/Purpose
Friday	1/9/2026	Social/Economic Justice
Saturday	1/10/2026	Bridge divide of relatability between the church and young people
Sunday	1/11/2026	Abused and exploited children.
Monday	1/12/2026	Youth of the nation.
Tuesday	1/13/2026	Sick and Shut In/Care givers
Wednesday	1/14/2026	Bible Illiteracy/ Christian Education -ALL DAY PRAYER
Thursday	1/15/2026	Gladness of God (Joy of Jesus) in our heart
Friday	1/16/2026	Comfort for bereaved family and friends
Saturday	1/17/2026	State, City and Local Governments
Sunday	1/18/2026	Commit to Individual ministry based on God's call and what He has ordained & spoken
Monday	1/19/2026	Community/Community Partnerships/Outreach
Tuesday	1/20/2026	Peace in Our World
Wednesday	1/21/2026	Morris Brown and other church universities.
Thursday	1/22/2026	Our Education System



Big Bethel A.M.E. Church

Valentine's Vesper

"All that Jazz"

Saturday, February 14, 2026
at 7:00 pm

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Dinner served

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For additional information or inquiries, please contact:

Dr. Opal Walters-Knowlton, Chairperson
dr.opalk@gmail.com



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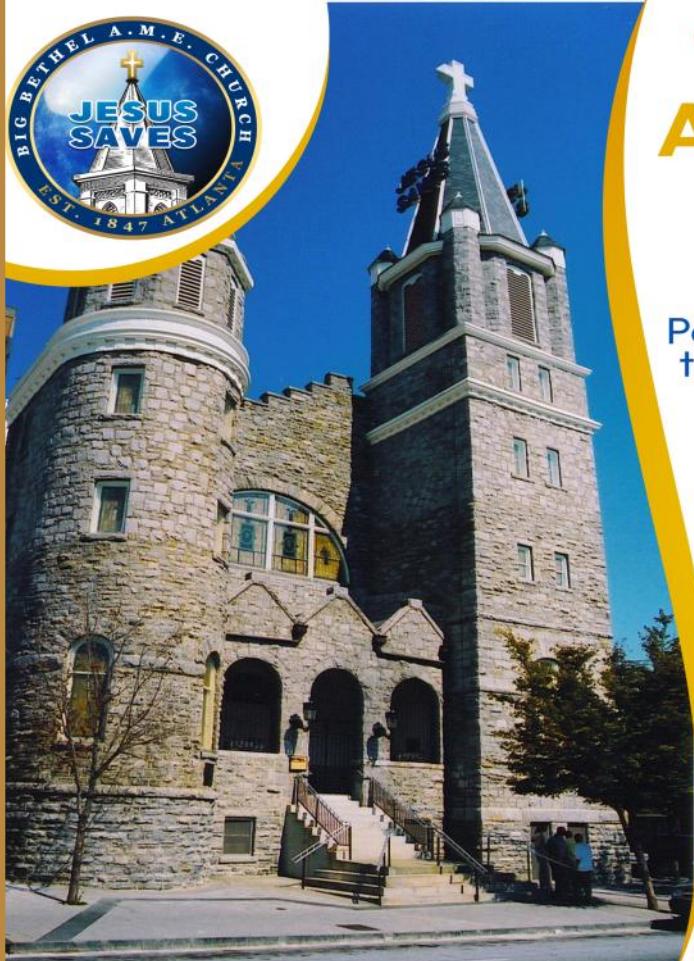
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CALLING ALL DRIVERS



The Van Ministry is in need of volunteer drivers to bring our guests and our members to church!

For more information, please contact the church office or Racquel Battle
benita7816@att.net



ATTENTION

Big Bethel Members

Are you missing out on church news & event info?

Perhaps your contact information needs to be updated! Scan the code below or go to the website.



Member Contact Update



www.bigbethelame.org/member services

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Edge Cannon Lay Organization See's Valentine's Fundraiser January 4-25, 2026

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A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT A TOUGH SUBJECT

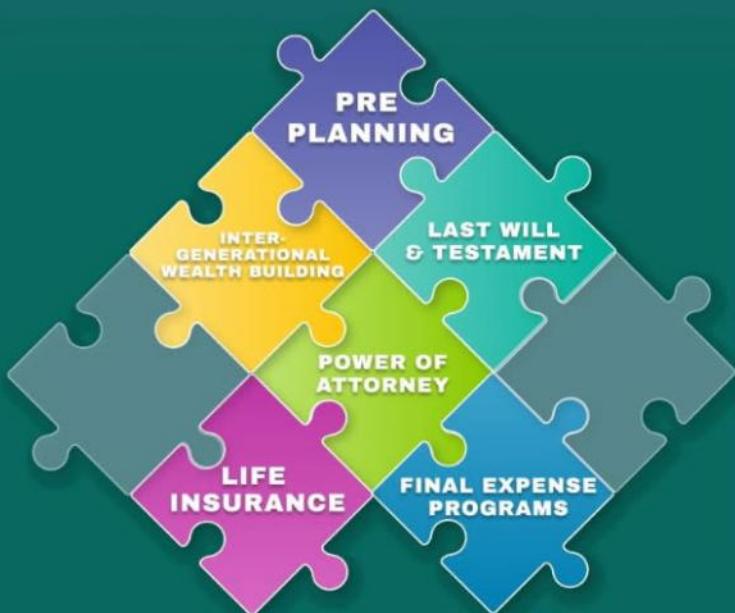
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TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

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THURSDAY
**JAN
29**
6:30 P.M.

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COMPLIMENTARY
REFRESHMENTS AT 6 PM

**PANEL
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The Commission's Corner

Charged with identifying social, political, and economic issues affecting African Americans, marginalized communities, and society at large, and guiding the Church to address these issues in ways consistent with Christian principles.



Louisiana v. Callais and the Voting Rights Act

Understanding the Issue: What Is Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act?

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 protects voters from racial discrimination in elections. It ensures that all communities—especially historically marginalized ones—have a fair chance to elect candidates who represent their interests.

Today, Section 2 is at the center of a major Supreme Court case, Louisiana v. Callais, which could determine whether this key protection remains in place. The Court's decision will have nationwide consequences for how voting maps are drawn and how minority communities are represented.

Why it matters to us:

As a church committed to justice, equity, and the protection of God's people, understanding this issue helps us pray, show up, and advocate faithfully.



*Wishing a Blessed and Happy Birthday to all our members
celebrating in the month of January!*

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Delores Turner Jaquelle Tillman Jozan P. Wright Nathan Brown Raymond Richardson	2 Cheryl Taylor	3 Dawn Montgomery Ethel Reed
4 Brenda Childs Cornelius Pettway	5 Aleavy Glover JoAnn Brazil	6 Cynthia Turner Isaiah Brown Emily Zuniga	7 Carolyn Smith* Robert Johnson	8 Rae Fortes	9	10
11 Raleigh Durden	12 Jessica Parker Theresa Robinson	13 14	15 John Jordan* Laura Vinson Taylor Stanley	16 Joyce Young Kimberly Looney Tierre Brooks Walter Jackson	17 Keaton Mitchell Norris Walters	
18 Arrington Walters Evelyn Johnson Taylor Fulton	19 Sharard Pritchett Sherri Wright Tony Jones, Jr. Zanetta Johnson	20 Bambia Boykin Dean Yarbrough Delaine Jones Jarius Wilson Shelia Austin	21 Ben Jackson Naja Mix Mya Rasberry	22 Jamira Porter Joseph Young M. Lee Rozier	23 Michael Kennedy Nadasia Robbins	24 Batsile Senatle Curtis Eppes
25 Devon Cameron Gloria Howard Gwen Senatle	26	27 Ali Holness- Roland Carola McFarland Chanta Miller Jennifer Charles Monique Blanding	28 Keith Halford	29 Colette Hughey Jacqueline Michael*	30 Chris P. Lee	31 Jacqueline Eppes Sherri Miller

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).....	12:00 noon and 6:00 pm
Love Feast.....Meeting ID: 925 5301 2321..Passcode: 404220) Mobile: +16465588656,,92583012321#,,*404220#	
	8:00 am Saturday before First Sunday
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	Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before First 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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