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Jan
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Celebrating the life of
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Guest Speaker

Isaac Newton Farris, Jr.

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



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of Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Incorporated



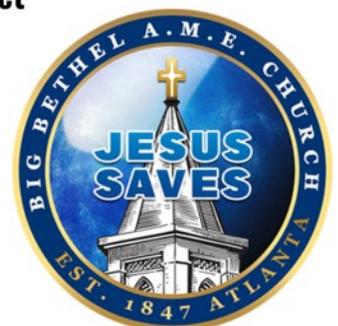
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Strategic Planning

Part 1

Saturday, January 24, 2026
at 8:30 am

Save the Date



Presenter
**Dr. LaTonya N.
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Isaac Newton Farris Jr.

Isaac Newton Farris Jr. nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia and attended his uncle's alma mater, Morehouse College where he majored in Political Science. Mr. Farris's background has given him a unique prospective and real life experience on some of the most pressing issues of our times. Growing up in one of America's most socially and politically active families has provided him with a front row seat, witnessing how policy is formulated and implemented. Isaac Newton Farris has met and dialogued with countless heads of State, CEOs, religious leaders, academic leaders, and grass roots activists, in addition he has also participated in debates and commentaries for print, radio and television media outlets ranging from CNN, USA Today to WSB radio.



In 1984 Isaac Newton Farris got his first hands on experience as a political operative when he served as Georgia Field Coordinator for the Walter Mondale Presidential campaign. A year later he served as Deputy Manager for the reelection of Andrew Young as Mayor of Atlanta.

In 1986 he was campaign manager for Martin Luther King III in his successful bid to become a Fulton County Commissioner. From 1987-1992 he served in executive level positions in government where he was responsible for implementing policy.

In 1992 – 1996 Isaac Newton Farris was tapped to become President and CEO of the Clean Air Industries Inc., a company who was not only involved in environmental cleanup but also developed a patent technology which allowed combustion engines of truck, buses, and cars to run on clean burning (Methane) gas.



In 1996 Mr. Farris was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, and in 2005 he was appointed President and CEO of the King Center and served in that capacity until March 2010. In August 2011 Mr. Farris was elected President/CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization his uncle Martin Luther King Jr. founded, he served in that capacity until 2012.

Mr. Farris currently serves as Senior Fellow of the King Center where he not only continues to write, research and lecture on the life, philosophy, and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., but also on how Kingian Non-Violence should guide American society as we confront the social, religious, economic and war issues of America and of the world today.



The Opening Hymn
AME Hymn #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing
The Reverend Jessica Buford

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

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Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
January 18, 2026 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in MusicThe Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Cornelius Pettway & Sister Monique Griffiths, Co-Directors

The Doxology All Worshipers (standing)

The Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing.....The Reverend Jessica Buford
*See full hymn lyrics on page 5.

The Prayer of InvocationThe Reverend Buford
(Prayer Chant)

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

The Responsive Scripture Reading.....(Galatians 3:23-28, NRSVUE).....The Reverend Gwen Senatle

Minister: 23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

People: 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith.

Minister: 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

People: 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

Minister: 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

ALL: 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

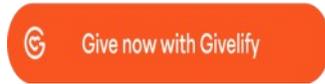
Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sisters Stacey-Ann Young, Esq. & JaKeilla Rouse
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

The AnnouncementsSister Racquel Battle

Worship through Creative Expression.....The Signs of Praise Mime Ministry
Brother Jory Young, Director

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

Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD

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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

Special Awards of Appreciation

- The Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.....Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine
- The Tau Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.....The Reverend Dr. Jones
- The Nu Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.....Sister Wanda R. Patterson
- The Poised P.E.A.C.H.E.S. Interest Group..... Pastor Jay Augustine

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

The Presentation of the Speaker Pastor Jay Augustine

The Proclaimed WordBrother Isaac Newton Farris
Senior Fellow, The King Center & Nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Invitation.....The Reverend Charmain Purvis

The Doxology and Benediction Pastor Jay



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!!!!



Big Bethel AME Church 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 14th 8:00am - 4:00pm via Phone call (605) 472:5512 Access Code: 772576#

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



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Congratulations to Our Newly Appointed Class Leaders !!!

Sis. Kristal Ammons - Class #2

Sis. Jackie Herring - Class #4

Sis. Theresa Robinson - Class #6

Sis. Karon Fordam-Jordan - Class #8

Sis. Elizabeth Smith - Class #10

Sis. Cynthia Copeland - Class #15

Sis. Mary Jackson - Class #17

Sis. Brauwinn Camp - Class #19

Sis. Martha Thomas - Class #30

Sis. Gloria Howard - Class #32

We would like to also Congratulate our "Over-and-Beyond" team members, who will assist with the 'expanded needs' of our members:

Sis. Shelley Webster

Sis. Susie Senter

Sis. Kristal Ammons

Sis. Louvenia Thomas

Sis. Carla Morrison

Sis. Camille Nelson

All current Class Leaders and Steward Board Members are urged to join the President, Sis. Opal Knowlton, who will review the role and responsibilities of a Class Leader. She will also address the importance of a strong and effective Council in the Body of Christ. Class Leaders Manuals will be distributed to all Class Leaders present, along with an updated Class Leaders List.

You do not want to miss this meeting!

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

All Big Bethel members are welcomed to come out and join us for this exciting 2026 Kick-off! For more information, please reach out to Sis. Opal Knowlton, President, or Sis. Carolyn Smith, Immediate Past President.

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"TO GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"



DATE: SATURDAY JAN 31, 2026

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

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6:30 P M

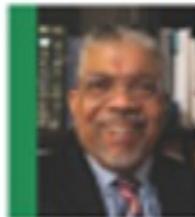
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REFRESHMENTS AT 6 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION



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February 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm
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Dinner served
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A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS



METROPOLITAN
Community College

A Century of Black History Commemoration

with Rev. Dr. Jonathan Augustine
Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church
Atlanta, GA

January 22, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fort Omaha Campus, Building 22
Swanson Conference Center
Room 201



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 Service10:00 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 6:00pm
 Love Feast.....8:00 am Saturday before First Sunday
 Meeting ID: 913 7919 1719 Passcode: 220 | + 16465588656,,91379191719#,,,,*220# US (New York)
 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 ChoirWednesday @ 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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