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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate **Black Unity Sunday**

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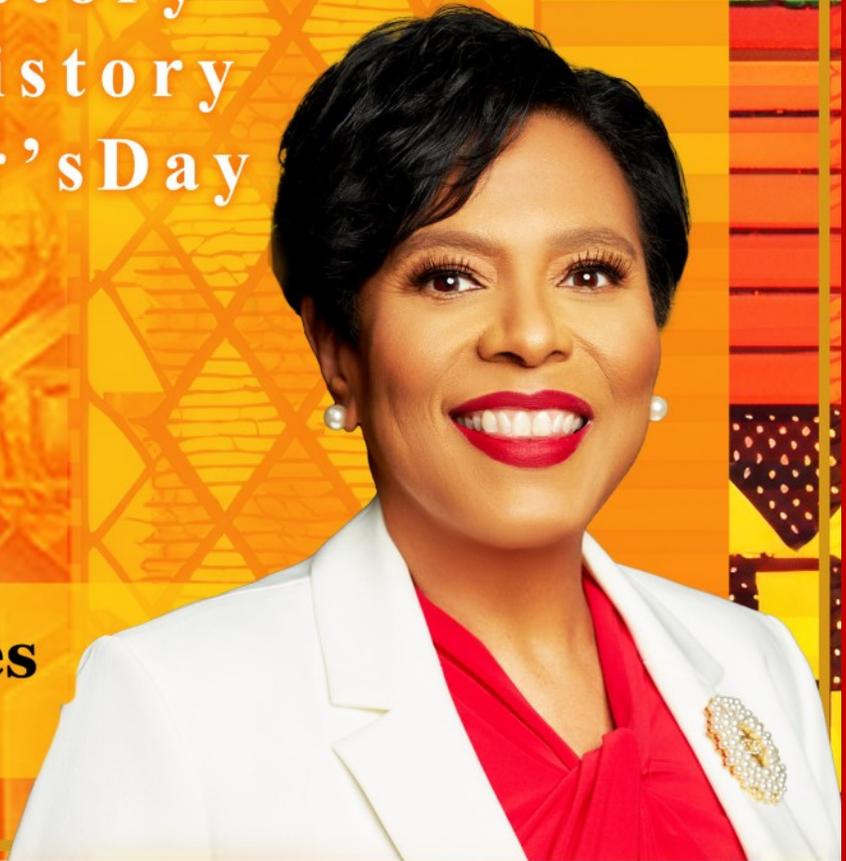


Guest Speaker

Elsie Cooke Holmes

28th National President

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

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate
#BlackOutSunday
#SocialJusticeSunday

Attire:

All Black



**Guest
Speaker**

Marc H. Morial



President & CEO
National Urban League



SUN FEB 15TH



10:00 am

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Elsie Cooke-Holmes



Elsie Cooke-Holmes is a native of Jackson, Tennessee. Both her personal life and professional career have been distinguished by her background of public service and community involvement.

Elsie is currently Principal/Owner of Cooke-Holmes LLC, a firm offering executive, leadership and career coaching and human resources consulting, specializing in leadership development and change management. Elsie's career in corporate America spans over 30 years. She was employed by Texas Instruments and Andersen Consulting prior to joining PepsiCo. At PepsiCo, Elsie held numerous technical and management positions in the company's Information Technology and the Human Resources

Departments, most recently serving as Human Resources Leader for the Corporate Human Resources and Global Financial Shared Services organizations. During her tenure, she was a recipient of Pepsi's Right Side Up Leadership Award and multiple HR Excellence Awards.



Elsie was proud to serve as International President and Chair, Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated from 2022-2025, the 28th woman to ascend to the Sorority's highest office. She joined the Sorority in 1976, in the Epsilon Kappa Chapter at the University of Memphis. While in college, she was elected National Second Vice President and served as a member of the National Board of Directors and member, National Scholarship and Standards Committee, representing the Sorority's collegiate members. She is the first National Second Vice President to serve as International President. Elsie has held numerous other leadership positions on Delta's local, regional, and national levels including: National First Vice President, National Secretary, Eastern Regional Director, Eastern Region member of the National Scholarship and Standards Committee, Co-Chair of the National Leadership Academy, Co-Chair of the National Human Resources Committee, Chair of the Regional Restructuring Task Force, member of the National Program Planning and Development Committee, member of the National Communications and Public Relations Committee, chapter president of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter and member of the Advisor's Council for the Pi Lambda Chapter. She is currently a member of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter where she chaired the Strategic Planning Committee.



Elsie is a member of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation Board of Directors and the Werthing Foundation Board of Directors, where she serves a board secretary. She recently completed her tenure on the Delta 4 Women in Action Board of Directors and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Board of Directors. She has held membership on the Accend (Formerly YWCA of Greater Dallas) Board of Directors, serving as board secretary and member of the Nominations and Governance Committee. Elsie participates in a number of other

community activities, including membership in The Links, Inc., NAACP and NCNW. She is a member of the St. Luke United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX. Elsie is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for her leadership and commitment to community service, including her latest honors, the Award of Honor presented at the 2025 General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the National Coalition of Black Civic Participation's Spirit of Democracy Award, the Collin County NAACP Ida B. Wells Freedom and Justice Award, the National Panhellenic Council Daisy Wood President's Award for Distinguished Service, the American Mental Health Counselors Association's Leadership Award for Outstanding Support of Mental Health Service, the BOSS Network's Legacy in Leadership Award and the Cheryl A. Hickmon Social Action Award presented by the Murrieta-Temecula Alumnae Chapter. The City Council of Plano, TX recognized Elsie with a Proclamation and naming of Elsie Cooke-Holmes Day in Plano, TX, in 2025.

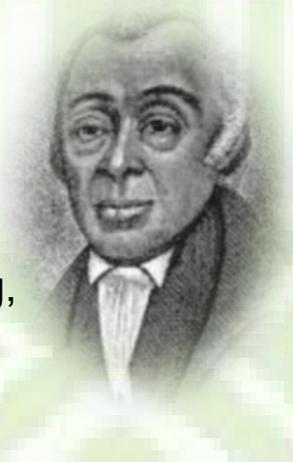


Elsie is a graduate of the University of Memphis, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology/Computer Systems Degree. She received her MBA from Columbia University.

Elsie is married to Clarence H. Holmes, Jr. She resides in Plano, Texas and loves traveling to connect with her extended family, six godchildren, sorority sisters and friends.

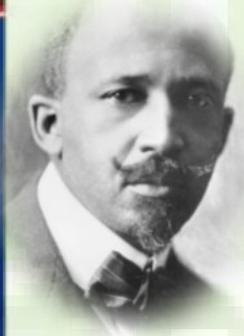


The Opening Hymn
AME Hymn #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing



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.



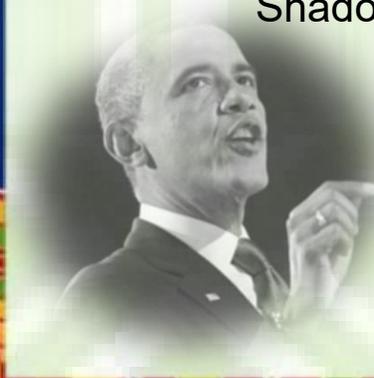
Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?



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.

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.



Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
February 8, 2026 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship Through Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Monique Griffiths 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 Hymn of Praise.....AME Hymn # 571 Lift Every Voice and Sing.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle
*See full hymn lyrics on page 5.

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine White
(prayer chant)

Worship In Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Griffiths, Director

*The Responsive Scripture Reading.....Psalm 112:1-9;10, NRSVUE.....The Reverend Jessica Buford

Minister: ¹ Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.
² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

People: ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Minister: ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

People: ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Minister: ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

All: ¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Violet T. Ricks, Esq.
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

Worship through Creative Expression.....The Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry
Sister Rosalyn Johnson, Director

Special Presentation & Recognitions.....Sisters Shirley Y. Simmons & Lisa Johnson-Whigham

The Big Bethel Black History Moment.....Black History & Heritage Ministry

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

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

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

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

Worship In Music.....The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Griffiths, Director

The Proclaimed Word.....Sister Elsie Cooke-Holmes
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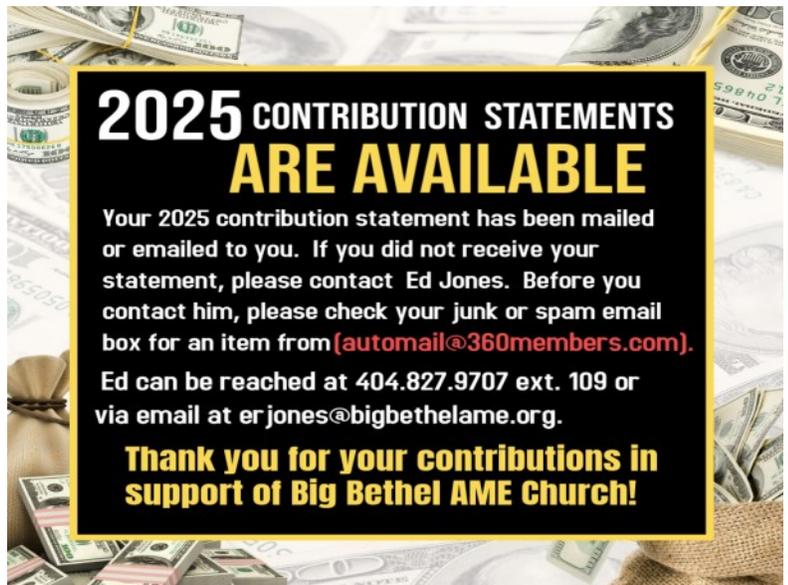
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Special Requested Prayers.....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD

The Doxology..... All Worshipers (standing)

The 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!!!!

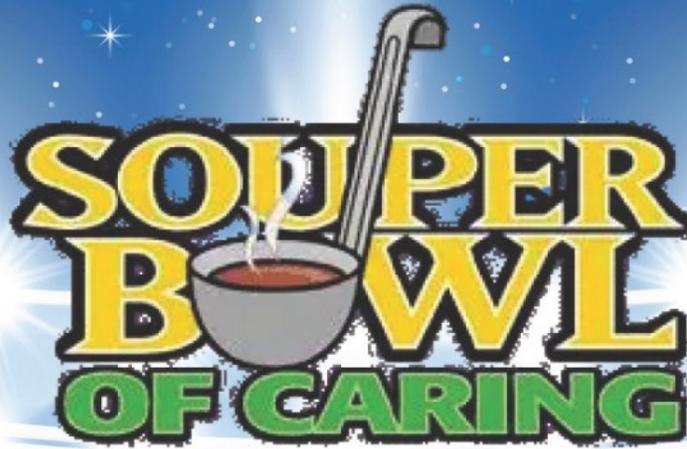
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Your 2025 contribution statement has been mailed or emailed to you. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Ed Jones. Before you contact him, please check your junk or spam email box for an item from (automail@360members.com).

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February 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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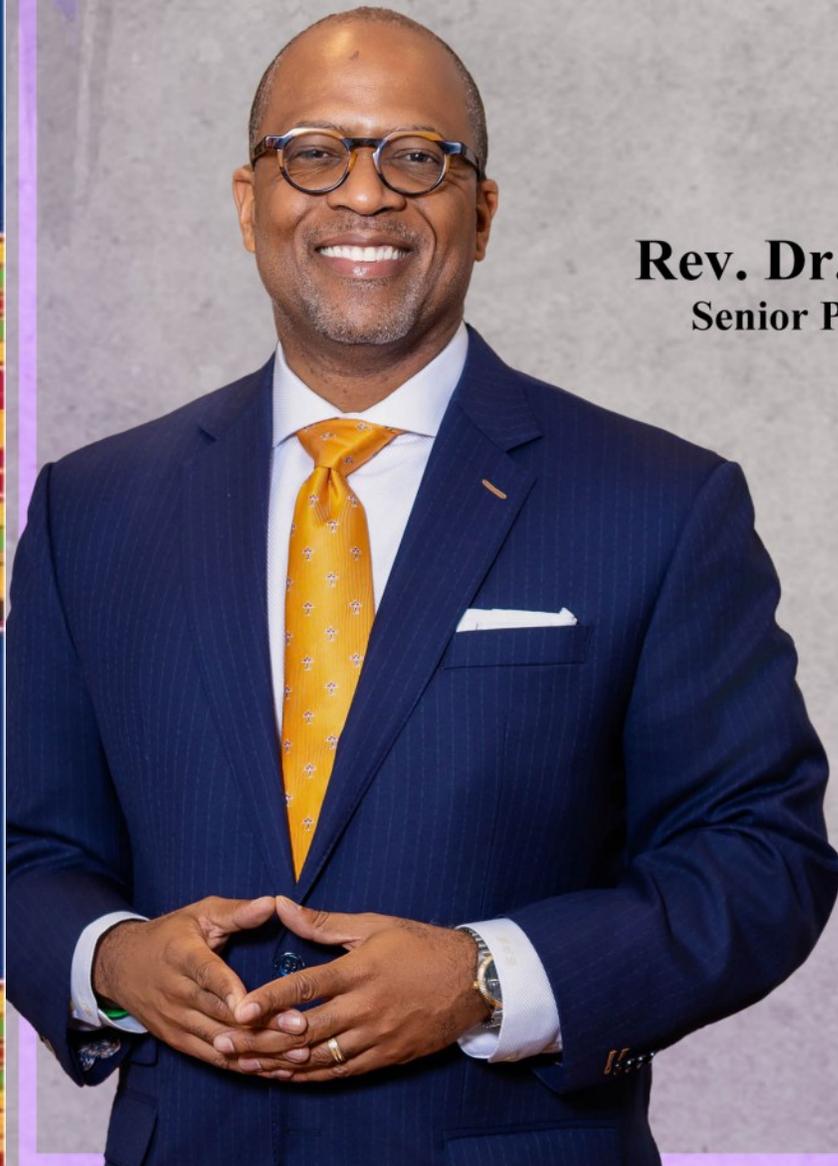
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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

12Noon Worship



Preacher
Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
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What: The Eva McCormick Jolly Children's Book Collection on display for Children and Adults.

Why: Preserving Black History Month

When: Sunday February 1 & Sunday 22

Time: Presented during Children's Church & 1st Sunday Brunch

Where: Classrooms 3 & 4 in the Fellowship Hall

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Senior Pastor

Join us for
**NEW MEMBERS
COMPLETION SATURDAY**

Date(s) : February 21, 2026

8:45 AM - 1:00PM



Registration

All classes offered with Recognition Service upon completion. You may register by scanning the QR Code or go to Member Resources on the church website and click the Discipleship New Members registration button.



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A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT A TOUGH SUBJECT

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SENIOR PASTOR

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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).....12:30 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 3rd, & 4th 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.....2Thursdays @7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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