

Sunday
August
23

Worship Experience

#SocialJusticeSunday

"The more things...
the more things
stay the same"

Exodus; 1:8, 2:10

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

Senior Pastor Big Bethel AME Church

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Welcome To
Bethel AME Church

"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"

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

220 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, GA 30303
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**Pastor Jay and
Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**

"The Promise of the Vote"

An Evening Celebrating Courage, Community, and Democracy

Sunday, August 23, 2026
@5:00 pm

**An Evening of Courage,
Freedom, and the Enduring
Journey Toward Equal Voice**

Bishop William Barber II
President, Repairers of the Breach
Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign
Founder, Public Theology and Public Policy, Yale Divinity School

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★ PROJECT 2026 ★



Early Voting Starts
October 13, 2026



November 3, 2026,
is Election Day

71

Days to
ELECTION DAY



VOTER REGISTRATION

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE



IN THE NOVEMBER 3rd ELECTION?



Are you familiar with the Candidate and the duties required of the officeholder?



Until Election Day, the Project 2026 team will provide information on the duties of the officeholders for **federal, county, and local seats**. Even if the office is not on the ballot this election cycle, we will discuss those offices, as well.

A FEW OF THE LOCAL POSITIONS ARE -



COUNTY SOLICITOR GENERAL

The Office of the Solicitor General, commonly referred to locally as county solicitors or state court solicitors, prosecutes misdemeanor cases and violations of the county code in State and Magistrate Court, such as family violence battery, assault, stalking, DUI, shoplifting, abandonment of minor child, and criminal trespass.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The County Commissioner oversees the collection and disbursement of public funds and other county affairs. The Commissioner levies local taxes and administers county governmental services such as correctional institutions, courts, public health oversight, property registration, building code enforcement, and public works within the respective county.



Deputy registrars will be available until 12:30 p.m. or if there is a need to continue registration, the deputy registrars will stay until 1:00 p.m.



Our dates for registration are as follows -
EVERY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

October 4, 2026, is the last day we will hold a register-to-vote activity



Please bring your government issued photo ID with you.



The last day to register to vote in the November General Election is **October 5, 2026**



If you would like to become a deputy registrar, the next online training is two (2) days away

- On **August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
- Please register for deputy registrar training at https://zoom.us/join/register/uV_ppa1sRKK2-FLpbP2Q
- If you have any questions, contact Bro. E. Tate

★ REMEMBER ★ A KNOWLEDGEABLE VOTER IS AN INFORMED VOTER.



Take the
5x5
Challenge



Contact 5 of your friends and ask them, **ARE YOU VOTER READY?** If the answer is no, let them know how to start the process of being voter ready. Ask those 5 friends to each contact 5 friends to help get them **VOTER READY**. Stay in touch with them to assist with any concerns or issues that may arise as they become **VOTER READY**.



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The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble
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 #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing.....The Reverend Shrala R. Askin

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

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble
Brother Pettway, Director

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... Matthew 16:13-20 NRSVUE.....The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins

Minister: ¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

People: ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others say Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Minister: ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

People: ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Minister: ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

People: ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Minister: ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

ALL: ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Project 2026.....Sister Andrea Young Jones

An Appeal: Big Bethel’s Blood Drive.....Sister Geraldine Burton

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Charita Walters
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

The Pastor’s PerspectiveThe Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,
Senior Pastor

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



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..... Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble
Brother Pettway, Director

The Proclaimed Word....."The More Things Change...The More They Stay the Same".....Pastor Jay Augustine
Exodus 1:8;2:10

The Invitation.....The Reverend Jessica N. Buford

The Doxology.....AME Hymn #69.....All Worshipers (standing)
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The 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!!!!



August **EVENTS**

2 COMMUNION SUNDAY

8 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 11AM-3PM

9 BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY 10AM

11 LEADING LADY MICHELLE'S BIRTHDAY

14-15 NAD CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION
TURNER CHAPEL, MARIETTA

16 THIRD SUNDAY 10AM

21 BEAUTY SHOP TALK/LADY MICHELLE BDAY PARTY

22 SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM

23 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 10AM & 5PM
ARC BLOOD DRIVE 9AM-2PM

30 FIFTH SUNDAY 10AM



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9am – 2pm

Fellowship Hall



Scan to Register



Presenting donors receive \$40 in Amazon e-gift card(s)!

To schedule your appointment to donate, please visit
www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: **BBAMEC.**
Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.



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2026 MID-TERM ELECTIONS
VOTER'S GUIDE



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United General Conference of the A.M.E. Church
The District of Columbia, D.C.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor



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18 YEARS OLD AND
OLDER TO JOIN.**



COMPLETE MEMBER FORM TODAY

MEETINGS EVERY 4TH SATURDAY AT 9AM
Joi C. Stinson, President

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

WEDNESDAY

**BIBLE
STUDY**

IN PERSON

7PM

**START DATE:
TBA**



COME GROW IN THE WORD. LEAVE EQUIPPED TO WALK IT OUT.

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Celebrating
**GRANDPARENTS
Sunday**

September 13, 2026
10:00 am

Honoring the **LEGACY** of **Love**
Faith and **WISDOM** that
strengthens generations

**All Grandparents are invited and encouraged
to attend as we celebrate and honor you!**

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We have a NEW link on

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CLASSES & CHURCH
SCHOOL**

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Bible Study & Church School



Text alerts are here!

Stay connected with Big Bethel—opt in today.

Text **“JOIN”** to **833-472-3188** and follow the prompts.




You are invited to witness the

Official Street Renaming

**Bogey Ct. to
Charles M. Schofield Ct.**

**You are invited to witness the
Official Street Renaming:**

**Sunday, August 30, 2026
at 3:00 pm**

**Intersection of Country
Club Dr. & Bogey Ct.**

*Congratulations
Sis. Rose Schofield*

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes/ Stewards	Altar Servers- Sisters Clarissa Carmichael & Jennifer Smith Line Leaders – Sisters Shirley Simmons & Shirlynn Bulls Counter – Ade Kamson		
Choir	Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble Brother Cornelius Pettway	Trustees	Brother Floyd Baxter & Brother Keith Halford
Philippians	Sister Charita Walters	Ushers	Usherette Board #3
Stewardesses	<i>Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Sisters Tawana Jones & Shirley Woodson	AV Ministry	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins

Finance Team | Sisters Linda Williams, Olivia Alston, & Juanita Aiken; Brothers Tony Jones, & Bro. Joe Patterson

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: 941 4160 8101 Password: 939252).....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.....Monthly Specified Saturdays -TBA
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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