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“One Lord,  
One Church”  
Acts 10:34-43

## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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**220 Auburn Avenue, NE**  
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**Worship Times:**  
**10:00 am Traditional**  
**2:00 pm Contemporary**

**Pastor Jay and**  
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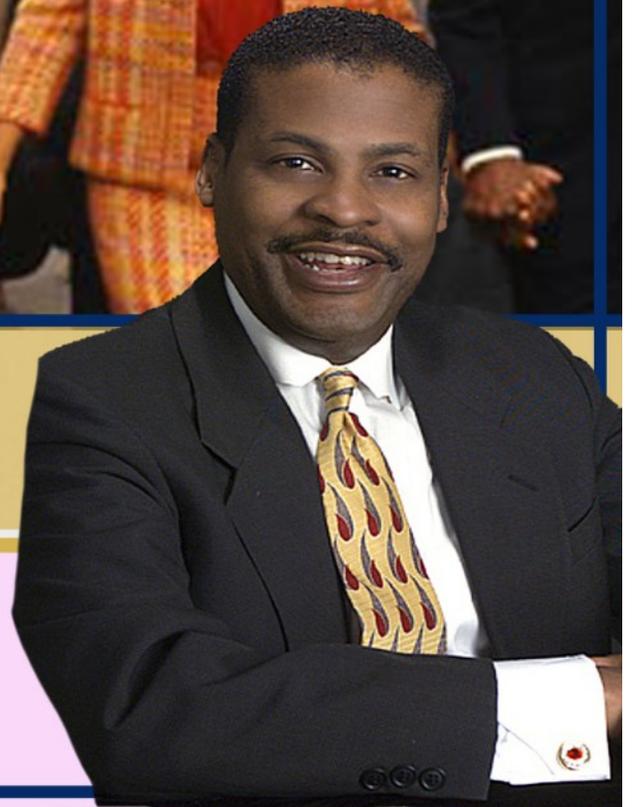


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Celebrating the life of  
**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**  
Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:00 am



Guest Speaker  
**Isaac Newton Farris, Jr.**  
Senior Fellow, The King Center  
& Nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Celebrating Founders'  
Day of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Sorority, Incorporated

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**Big Bethel AME Church**  
**The Order of Liturgy**  
**January 11, 2026 10:00 AM**  
**The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine**  
**Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist**

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

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

The Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #450 Blessed Assurance.....Sister Ariel Nash

The Prayer of Invocation .....The Reverend Gwen Senatle  
(Prayer Chant)

The Responsive Scripture Reading.....(Matthew 3:13-17, NRSVUE).....Sister Nash

Minister: 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

**People: 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you,  
and do you come to me?”**

Minister:15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

**People: 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,  
suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit  
descending like a dove and alighting on him.**

**ALL: 17 And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with  
whom I am well pleased.**

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

Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sisters Racquel Battle & Felicia Jones  
**(Everybody, Hug Somebody)**

The Announcements .....Sister Battle

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

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



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# PRAYER CONVOCATION

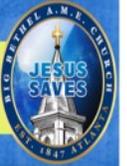
*Special Memorial Tribute to  
House Chairlady Mandi Ballinger*

## 01.11.2026

Sunday | 2pm-4pm | State Capitol  
South Wing

REPRESENTATIVE AL WILLIAMS DISTRICT 168

## 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



# Food Giveaway

Location:

**Big Bethel AME Church**  
206 Auburn Avenue

(Big Bethel AME Church/Magnolia Links, Inc. Food Pantry)

Date:

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Time:

**1:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
or While Supplies Last

## OPEN TO EVERYONE!



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# 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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**6:30** P M

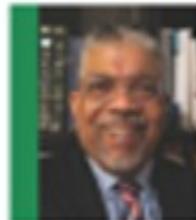
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COMPLIMENTARY  
REFRESHMENTS AT 6 PM

## PANEL DISCUSSION



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Willis**  
MODERATOR  
GEORGIA  
HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES



**Gary  
Spencer**  
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**Jay  
Augustine**  
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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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# Valentine's Vesper

## "All that Jazzy"

Saturday, February 14, 2026  
at 7:00 pm

**Courtland Grand Hotel**

165 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Attire-Semi Formal**

Featuring:

**The KT Collaborative**

**\$75pp**

**Dinner served**

**Tickets**

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# 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

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

*“Come order something special for  
your Valentine, or yourself”*





## Calling All Writers & Contributors!

Do you have a passion for justice, faith, history, or community issues?

**The Commission on Social Action** invites members of the Big Bethel family to contribute articles, reflections, poetry, commentary, or creative pieces to our monthly publication, **The Woke Express**.

**This is an opportunity to:**

- ✍️ Share your voice and perspective
- ✍️ Help educate and inspire our congregation
- ✍️ Reflect on current events through a faith and justice lens
- ✍️ Contribute to meaningful dialogue that strengthens our community

You don't have to be a professional writer—just willing to share thoughtfully and faithfully. Submissions are welcome from youth, adults, first-time writers, and seasoned contributors alike.

If you are interested in writing or would like more information, please contact the Keith Burnett or email us at [SocialAction@BigBethelAME.org](mailto:SocialAction@BigBethelAME.org).

**Let your voice help move the conversation forward.**

📖 **\*\*“Write the vision; make it plain.”\* – \*\*Habakkuk 2:2\*\***



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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 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 6:00pm  
 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 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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