

Sunday
March
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Women's History Month

Holy Communion



Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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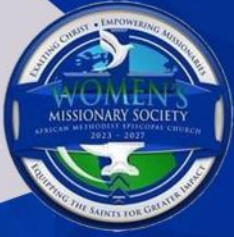
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Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary Society &
Young People's and Children's Division



Annual Day
Sunday, March 22, 2026

@10am

"Intentional"

1 Corinthians 15:58



Guest Speaker
Mrs. Deana Young McAllister



Supervisor of Missions
Ninth Episcopal District

Mrs. Braunwin Camp, WMS Local President

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A Brief History of Women's History Month

Every year, the month of March is designated as **Women's History Month** by presidential proclamation. This month is set aside to honor and celebrate the many contributions women have made to American history, culture, faith, and society.

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa. In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement quickly spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980,



“From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

President Jimmy Carter's Message designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim National Women's History Week in March until 1987, when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, officially designating the month of March as **Women's History Month**. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each President has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as Women's History Month.



The Liturgy for the Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, March 1, 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 # 394 We Will Understand It Better By and By.....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.....Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, NRSVUE.....The Reverend Shrala Askin

Minister: ¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?
² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

People: ³ **For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.**

Minister: ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

People: ¹⁴ **For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.** ¹⁵ **For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.**

Minister: ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us,

All : ¹⁷ **as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.**

*The Preface to the Decalogue.....AME Hymn #258.....The Reverend Askin
(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 Askin
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 Nancy H. Cooke
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

The Big Bethel Women’s History Moment.....Black History & Heritage Ministry

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

Christian Stewardship Worship In Giving.....The Reverend Dr. Garland Higgins

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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

Worship In Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
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The Proclaimed Word.....“The Sister Who had Faith and Believed”.....Pastor Jay Augustine
Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

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.

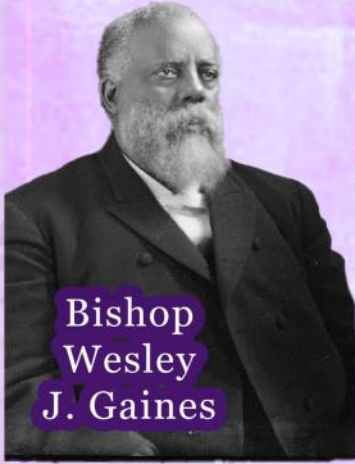
The Doxology..... All Worshipers (standing)

The Benediction.....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!!!!

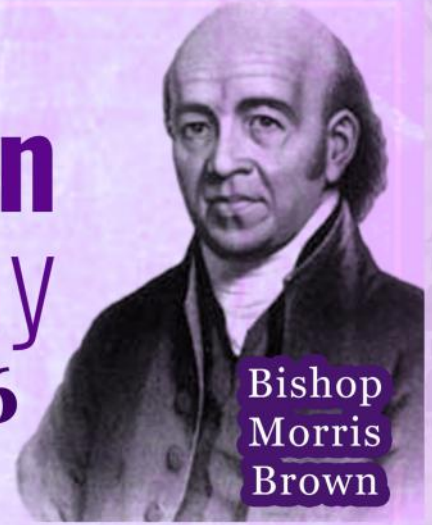




Bishop
Wesley
J. Gaines

Morris Brown College Sunday

March 15, 2026
10:00 am



Bishop
Morris
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Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Debra L. Haggins
Founding Dean of the School of Religion
Hampton University
Hampton, VA



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**The Department of Christian
Education Ministries**
invites you
to join us for our first 2026

Lunch and Learn Series
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
1:45-2:45

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472518679?pwd=NzI0R0lqNmVYY0RrRFY2VzV6ZGtMZz09>

Monica C. Jones, PhD
Facilitator

AME rituals, practices, traditions and other
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For additional information or inquiries, please contact:
Dr. Opal Walters-Knowlton, Chairperson
dr.opalk@gmail.com

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Big Bethel AME Church

Strategic Planning

Part 2

Saturday, March 14, 2026
at 8:30 am

Breakfast and lunch will be served.



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

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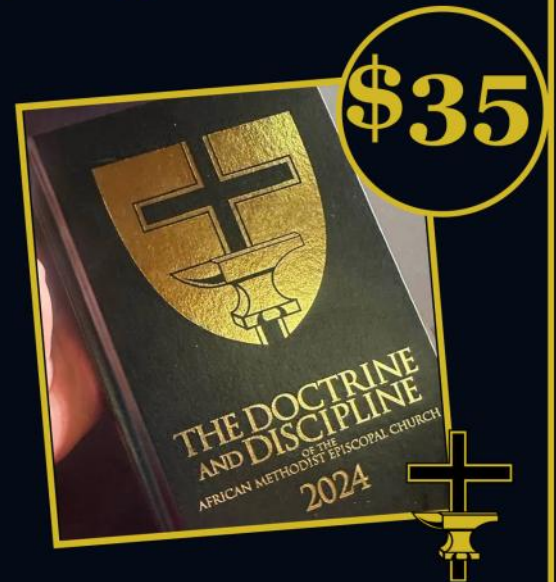
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What: The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church

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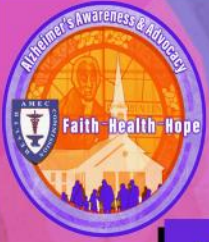
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6th Connectional

Purple Sunday

Stewardship of the Mind
Through Alzheimer's Awareness

Sunday, March 15, 2026

1 p.m. PDT; 3 p.m. CDT; 4 p.m. EDT; 11p.m. GMT+2

Join Us and:

- Hear from individuals living with various forms of dementia
- Hear from an Alzheimer's Caregiver
- Learn about GUIDE, a Medicare program for Caregivers
- Get updates on Alzheimer's research and more.
- Hear how Grant A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles, CA has become a dementia friendly congregation.

Bishop Gregory Eason, IHC Commission Chair

Dr. Ouida Collins, IHC Medical Director

Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Bentsi-Addison, IHC Executive Director

Mrs. Roslyn Thibodeaux Goodall, National Partnership Committee Chair

Registration Link

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/YKcJkbhJS06iKq_ZTEeH-w

Email amecihcalz@gmail.com for more information.

WAYS TO WATCH:

- Join from home
- Host a Watch Party at home or church
~Serve brain healthy refreshments
- Partner with a senior member or caregiver who may need help logging on to Zoom

Registration Link



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Understanding Alzheimer's:

Prevention, Diagnosis, and Care Resources

Saturday March 28, 2026

10:00 AM–12:00 PM | Doors open at 9:15 AM

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Free memory screenings and medication reviews

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Isaiah Rolle, DO, PhD
Emory University



Suzette Binford, MEd
Emory University



Maureen Burke
Registered
Occupational Therapist,
Emory University

To register, call 678.841.4016 or go to
[UnderstandingALZForum.Eventbrite.com](https://www.understandingalzforum.eventbrite.com)

Questions? Email gadrc.outreach@emory.edu





TEEN'S CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY Month

FOOT SOLDIERS: CLASS OF 1964

**TUESDAY
MARCH 24,
2026
3:00 pm-4:30
PM
404-613-7000**

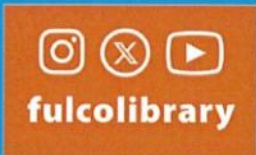


You are invited to join us for a powerful story. The Story that Changed the World, "Foot Soldiers" movie and discussion, tells the Story of Fearless Young Black Girls on Spelman College Campus Who Became the first WOMEN to rally for Civil Rights! Facilitator: Ms. Wendy Goff & Instructor Dr. Georgianne Thomas

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Senior Pastor

Palm Sunday

CONCERT

MARCH 29, 2026 | 4:00PM

FEATURING

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1st Sunday Brunch

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ZERO WASTE

Beginning this month, our 1st Sunday Brunch is embracing Zero Waste practices as part of Big Bethel's commitment to creation care and environmental stewardship.

- We are using biodegradable and compostable plates, cups, napkins, and utensils made from plant-based or recycled materials.
- We are reducing single-use plastics and eliminating styrofoam products.
- We are practicing proper waste sorting, including composting and recycling wherever possible.
- We are modeling responsible food service that reduces landfill waste and lowers our environmental footprint.

These practices help:

- ✓ Reduce pollution and plastic waste
- ✓ Lower greenhouse gas emissions from landfills
- ✓ Support sustainable businesses
- ✓ Protect the health of our community and future generations

As people of faith, we believe stewardship of God's creation is an act of worship.

Thank you for partnering with us as we serve justice at the table
— caring for both neighbor and planet.

“The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.” — Psalm 24:1



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



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

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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday in Lent	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 1, 2026	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes		Stewards	Brother Alvin Francis & Brother Everett Jolly
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>Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Sister Shirley Woodson & Sister Dorothy Glass	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 Dr. Garland D. Higgins

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

Sister Ariel Nash



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

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tempestt Dav-enport	2 Brian Oden Ethel Hicks* Jordan Loud Jordan Stanley Louvenia Thomas* Sharon Jordan	3 Randall Wright Shawn Tidwell	4 Austin Jeffrey Murray Chloe	5 Charles Anderson Serenity Cromartie	6	7 Augustus Pritchett Jennifer Lowe
8 Alicia Oden Amos McCrary Kendall Hill	9 Cheryl Cephus-Vickers Kawanza Smith*	10 Geraldine Burton* Kokilia Nelson Lauren Washington Mary Jackson Ni-Col Harris	11	12 Tyan Cloud	13 Rev. Margaret Franklin Rodrique Taylor	14
15	16 Sherrie Johnson-Neal	17 Cherie Hill Eric Sullivan Robert Pritchett	18 Joseph Purter	19 William-Adam Jackson	20 Charis Eppes Tracy Franklin*	21 Njeri Collier Terri Lynn Day
22 Janae Robinson Paige Thomas	23 Camille Nelson Frankie Akins	24 Carol Crowder Deborah Hutchinson Derek W. T. Lee Price Michael*	25	26 Rev. Evelyn Jones Rev. Jacqueline Williams-Rucker	27 Grace Greene	28 Everett Jolly Nancy Cooke Norman Childs
29	30	31 Edwin Wood Jackson	<p><i>For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.</i></p> <p>Ephesians 2:10</p>			



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 6:00 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 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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