

Sunday
Nov
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“Thank God for it”



Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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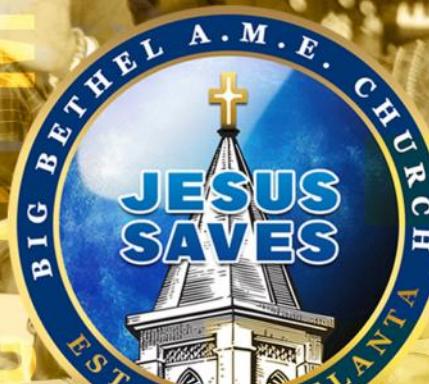
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Atlanta's First Black Church

220 Auburn Avenue, NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

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Worship Times:

10:00 am Traditional

2:00 pm Contemporary

**Pastor Jay and
Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**

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Dec
14

Christmas Jazz



Featuring

**Marcus
Johnson**
Jazz Musician

6:00 pm
Meet & Greet

7:00pm
Show time

Save the Date

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Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy - November 23, 2025

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir
Sister Nicole Chapman, Director

The Doxology All Worshipers (standing)

The Opening Hymn "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" Sister Jennifer Lowe

The Prayer of Invocation Sister Jennifer Lowe
(Prayer Chant)

The Scripture Reading (Luke 17:11-19, NKJV) Brother Chris Greene

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Worship in Music The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir
Sister Chapman, Director

Welcome to Big Bethel Brother Joshua Young
(*Everybody, Hug Somebody*)

The Announcements Sister Racquel Battle

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

Worship in Giving The Reverend Jessica Buford



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

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| The Song of Preparation..... | The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir Sister Chapman, Director |
| The Proclaimed Word | "Thank God For IT!" (2 Corinthians 12: 5-10, NKJV) Pastor Jay Augustine |
| The Invitation | The Reverend Jessica Buford |
| The Doxology and Benediction | Pastor Jay Augustine |



~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!!!!

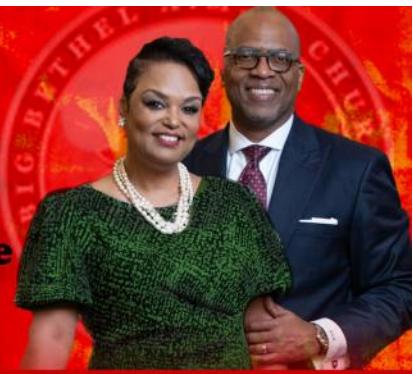


Christmas on the Ave

Come on Home for Christmas

ALL DECEMBER, COHFC A LOVE OFFERING

This offering will be used to make a contribution, on behalf of Big Bethel, to organizations serving the less fortunate. There are several ways to donate: offering envelopes, the kiosk, and Cash App



**Sun
Nov. 30
&
Sun
Dec. 7**

The Giving Tree

Please select a gift request card from the tree for a child in foster care. We ask that gifts be brought to the church on Sunday, December 7th or December 14th
contact: Jacquelyn Jones 678-642-0562, or Tawanna Jones 678-662-7141

**Sun
Nov. 30
&
Sun
Dec. 7**

Poinsettias for loved ones

Our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias purchased by you for \$10.00, in memory/ honor of a loved one
Contact: Shelley Webster, shelley@shelleywebster.com

**Sun
Dec. 14**

Gifts of Warmth

Let us remember our unhoused brothers and sisters during the winter season with gifts of socks, knit hats, gloves, jackets, and other items of clothing. Please place your gifts in the designated boxes in the sanctuary.
contact: Gwen Langley 404-643-3640, or gloria Howard 678-485-8850

**Sun
Dec. 14**

Sick and Shut-in Caregivers' Recognition

Please come to the back of the sanctuary and select the name of one of our wonderful members to contact, i.e. call or send a card, during the Advent season.
contact: Jackie Washington 404-808-6485 or Carolyn Smith 678-641-8251

**Sun
Dec. 21**

COHFC Annual Concert 4:00 pm

Come, be inspired by glorious musical renditions from the music and arts ministry, and bring a guest with you. A fellowship reception will be held following the concert.

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A Come on Home for Christmas Event

“A Soulful Christmas at Big Bethel”

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4:00 pm

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

FEED MY SHEEP SERVE~SUPPORT~GIVE THANKS

We need volunteers and sponsors for the
Big Bethel Thanksgiving Community Feeding

THANKSGIVING DAY | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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Scan the QR code to get involved!



For more information, contact:

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THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION REMAINS STEADFAST IN EMPOWERING EVERY VOICE AND ENCOURAGING EVERY VOTE.

The Commission on Social Action at Big Bethel AME Church remains firmly committed to advancing civic engagement. As a church rooted in justice, service, and community empowerment, we recognize voting as both a sacred responsibility and a powerful instrument for shaping policies that reflect our shared values.

This year, our Commission has worked intentionally to ensure that our congregation and surrounding community have every opportunity to participate meaningfully in the electoral process. One key highlight has been hosting VOTE Atlanta representatives during our First Sunday Brunch, where they engaged attendees in conversations about Atlanta's political landscape, current policy issues, and the importance of informed voting. Their presence has helped equip our members with knowledge to navigate elections thoughtfully and confidently.



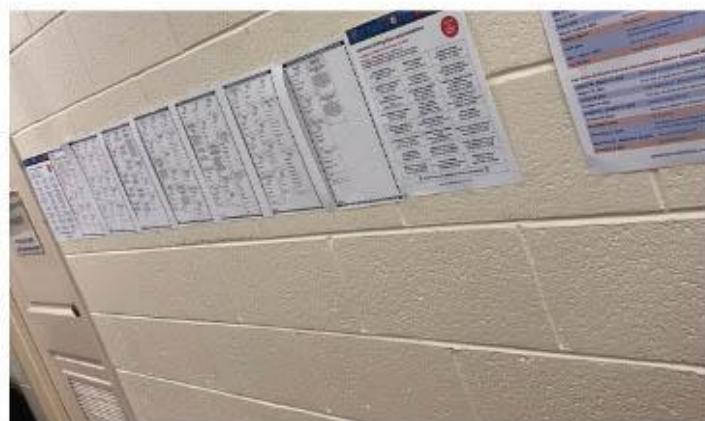
Big Bethel Pastor Jay Augustine speaks at a rally on protecting voting rights and in commemoration of the works of the late John Lewis

Our efforts reflect a core belief: people of faith play a vital role in shaping a just society. Voting is not simply a civic act—it is an expression of stewardship, responsibility, and hope. When we engage the political process with knowledge, conviction, and moral clarity, we honor our faith traditions and help build communities where equity, dignity, and opportunity can flourish for all.



Rev. Dr. Lairalaine White speaks to the congregation on voting in the upcoming Public Service Commission

Throughout the election season, we have also provided on-site voter registration opportunities before and after worship, ensuring that eligible citizens can easily register or update their information. During our Ministry Moments, the Commission has offered clear, accessible information on early voting locations, key deadlines, and nonpartisan background information on candidates, enabling congregants to make informed decisions at the polls.



The Commission on Social Action provides information to visitors and congregants on early voting locations and requirements for casting a vote, as well as, candidates of election in our designated ministry space at Big Bethel



GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025



Join Big Bethel AME Church in the spirit of generosity this Giving Tuesday!

Your gift helps support our Outreach and Benevolent Ministries, providing hope, help, and healing to those in need.

♥ We will gladly provide the necessary paperwork for matching funds through your corporation — doubling the impact of your gift!

Let's give together and make this season brighter for our community!



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,
Senior Pastor

Join us for
**NEW MEMBERS
COMPLETION SATURDAY**

**Dates : November 22, 2025,
December 13, 2025
8:45 AM - 2:00PM**



Registration

All classes offered with Recognition Service in December. 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| 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 |
| Holy Communion..... | First Sundays |
| Discipleship New Members Class..... | 8:45 am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays |
| Baptism..... | As Announced |

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

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| Monday..... | 10:00 am—2:00 pm |
| Tuesday—Friday..... | 10:00 am—4:30 pm |

CHOIR REHEARSALS

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| 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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