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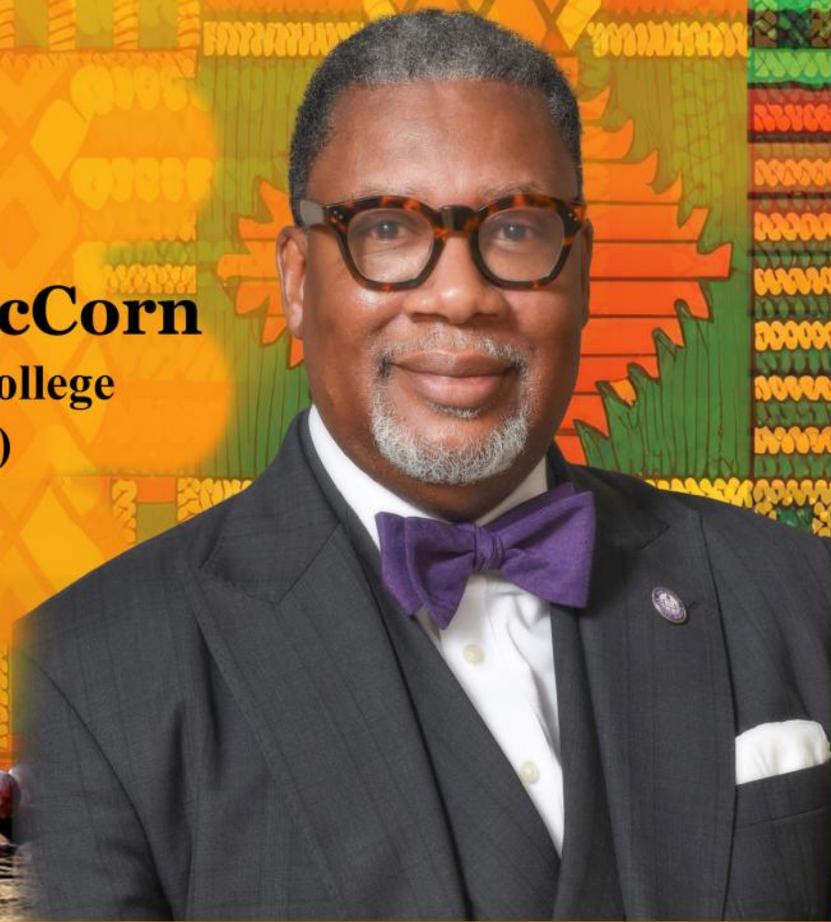
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate
Holy Communion
#CommunionSunday

Guest Speaker

Dr. Lester A. McCorn

President, Paine College
(Augusta, GA)



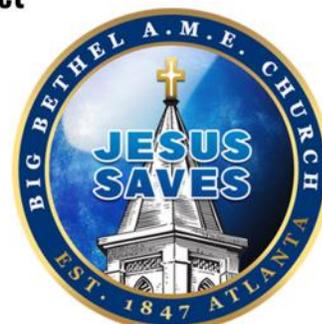
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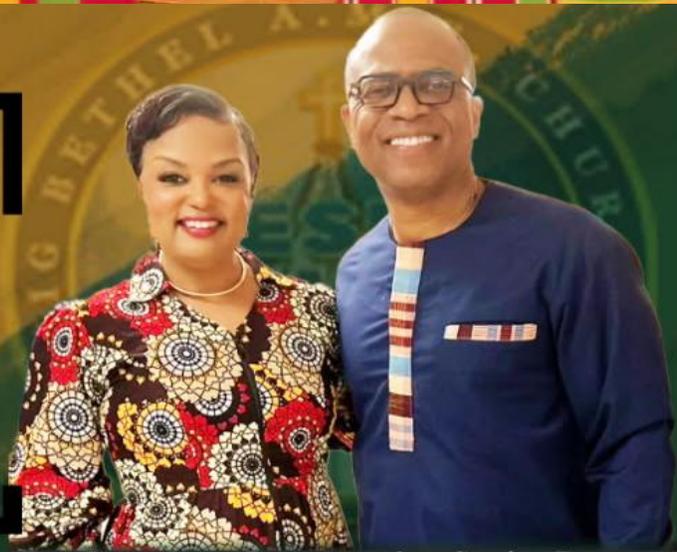
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Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine Senior Pastor
Michelle Burks Augustine Leading Lady

10:00 am Worship

**Feb 1st
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**Feb 8th
Sunday**

**#BlackUnity #UnitySunday
#AMEHistory #Founder'sDay**

Attire: Support Black schools, orgs, and causes

Elsie Cooke Holmes
28th National President
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



**Feb 15th
Sunday**

**#SocialJusticeSunday
#BlackOutSunday**

Attire: All Black

Marc H. Morial
President & CEO
National Urban League



**Feb 22nd
Sunday**

#AfricanHeritageSunday

Attire: Afrocentric

Rev. Dr. Garland D. Higgins
Executive Pastor, Antioch AME Church &
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Reverend Dr. Lester A. McCorn



Rev. Dr. Lester A. McCorn is described as a transformational leader, scholar, activist, and non-profit executive, with nearly 40 years of leadership experience. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, he is the newly elected 18th President of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. He is the former President of Clinton College, a private historically Black college (HBCU) founded in 1894 by the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Under his leadership, Clinton

College experienced dramatic growth in enrollment and student success, as well as a transformative \$25 million campus building program, which included its first new medical clinic, a newly constructed Academic Center for Excellence, and a Digital Library and Learning Commons. Clinton successfully completed its 10-year accreditation reaffirmation evaluation with zero suggestions, findings, or recommendations. Dr. McCorn has taken the helm of Paine College at an inflection point in its 143-year history. The College has recently adopted a ten-year Transformation Plan in partnership with the Augusta National Golf Club, Bank of America, United Negro College Fund, Community Foundation of CSRA, and EAB. Paine College has been rebranded with the motto: "Preparation for Transformation."

President McCorn is an alumnus of Morehouse College, Yale Divinity School, and Chicago Theological Seminary. He holds the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) from United Theological Seminary, where he was a Gardner C. Taylor Fellow in social justice and prophetic leadership. He also served as an adjunct professor and doctoral mentor to the Taylor Fellows at United Seminary for several years. He is currently completing the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Leadership and Change from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio, with an expected graduation in Fall of 2025. His dissertation is entitled, "Good News for the Poor and More: Towards Reclaiming Martin Luther King Jr.'s Radical Gospel of Economic Justice in Pursuit of the Beloved Community."

Dr. McCorn is former Fellow of the Next Generation Leadership

Program of the Rockefeller Foundation, Leadership Greater Chicago, and the Harvard University New Presidents Program. He is also the former board chair of Habitat for Humanity of York County.



Rev. Dr. McCorn is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and a former pastor of churches in Boston, New Haven, Connecticut, Chicago, Atlanta, and Baltimore. Prior to his appointment to Clinton, he was the Senior Pastor of the historic, 1500-member Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church of Baltimore. He is the author of "Standing on Holy Common Ground: An Africentric Ministry Approach to Prophetic Community Engagement" (MMGI Press: Chicago).

Dr. McCorn is a proud Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is married to Mrs. Charlene M. McCorn, an elementary school teacher in Fort Mill, South Carolina. They are proud parents of four adult children and five grandchildren.

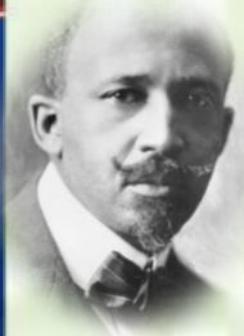




The Opening Hymn
AME Hymn #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing

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.



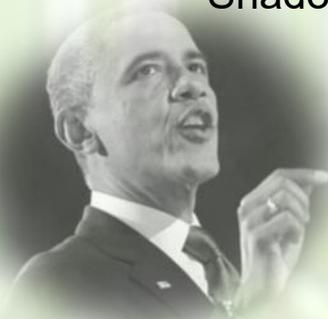
Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?



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.



The Liturgy for the Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 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 # 571 Lift Every Voice and Sing.....The Reverend Chamain Purvis
*See full hymn lyrics on page 5.

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Jessica Buford
(prayer chant)

Worship In Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Griffiths & Brother Pettway, Co-Directors

*The Responsive Scripture Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:25-31, NRSVUE.....Sister Ariel Nash

Minister: 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

People: 26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

Minister: 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

People: 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,

Minister: 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

People: 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

All: 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*The Preface to the Decalogue.....AME Hymn #258.....Sister Nash
(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.....Sister Nash

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 Racquel Battle
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

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

Worship In Giving: Tithes & Offering.....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD

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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 Preacher.....Pastor Jay Augustine

Worship In Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Griffiths & Brother Pettway, Co-Directors

The Proclaimed Word.....The Reverend Dr. Lester A. McCorn
18th President of Paine College, Augusta, GA

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.....Reverend Dr. McCorn



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



Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806
 Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
 Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
February 1, 2026	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes		Stewards	Brother Gordon Freeman & Brother Ade Kamson
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir ~Sister Monique Griffiths Brother Cornelius Pettway	Trustees	Brother Floyd Baxter
Philippians	Sister Racquel Battle	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2
Stewardesses	R. T. Bussey & Eva Watson Stewardess Ministry Sister Alicia Oden & Sister Daphne Stowe	AV Ministry	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins

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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 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

Licentiatees

Sister Ariel Nash

Be Our Valentine!



*Senior Ministry
Valentine Luncheon*

**Please join the Senior Ministry for our
Valentine's Luncheon, Thursday,
February 12th, Noon - 2:00p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.**

**Please contact
Martha Thomas 404-783-2290 or
Cornelia Jordan 770-289-6451 to be
included in the event no later than
Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

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Valentine's Vesper

"All that Jazzy"

Saturday, February 14, 2026
at 7:00 pm

Courtland Grand Hotel

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Attire-Semi Formal

Featuring:

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\$75pp

Dinner served

Tickets

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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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BIRTHDAY

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



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lauren Crim Patricia Diggs	2	3 Merlene Thomas	4 Karen Walter William Coleman	5	6 Joseph Patterson* Linda Lowe Marla Thompson- Kendall	7
8 Alfreda Jackson Anna Lucas Carnella Robinson Susan Wright	9 Melvin Aiken Tanyika Black Wanda Ridgeway	10 Jewell Foster	11 Sydney Pritchett	12 Guy Howard Sharon Franklin Stephen Jackson	13 Henderson Pettway Rosa Baxter	14 Christian Pettway Ishmael Buford  Valentine's Day
15 Demetrius Sheppard Henry Green	16 Christopher Tyler Rev. Jessica Buford Rev. Lairalaine Morgan White	17 Alexandria Miller Maria White Tillman* Sheila Bussey	18 J. Wayman Henry Daja Tillman	19 Wesley Jackson	20 Timothy Crim	21 Marie Brown
22 Brooke Austin Lyndon Devorce	23 David Phillips Geraldine Dod- son Chandler	24	25 Christopher Adams Justin Spearman	26 Alexander Johnson Ronnie Oden	27 Kayla Jenkins	28 Billy Howard Ingram Celeste Jackson Ernest Tate Jennifer Smith Miriam Redding Ruth Sisk Harris



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)..... 12:30 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 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.....2Thursdays @7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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