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#SocialJusticeSunday
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Guest Speaker

Marc H. Morial



President & CEO

National Urban League

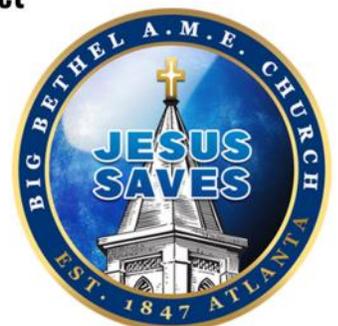
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10:00 am Traditional
2:00 pm Contemporary

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

12 Noon Worship



Preacher
Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
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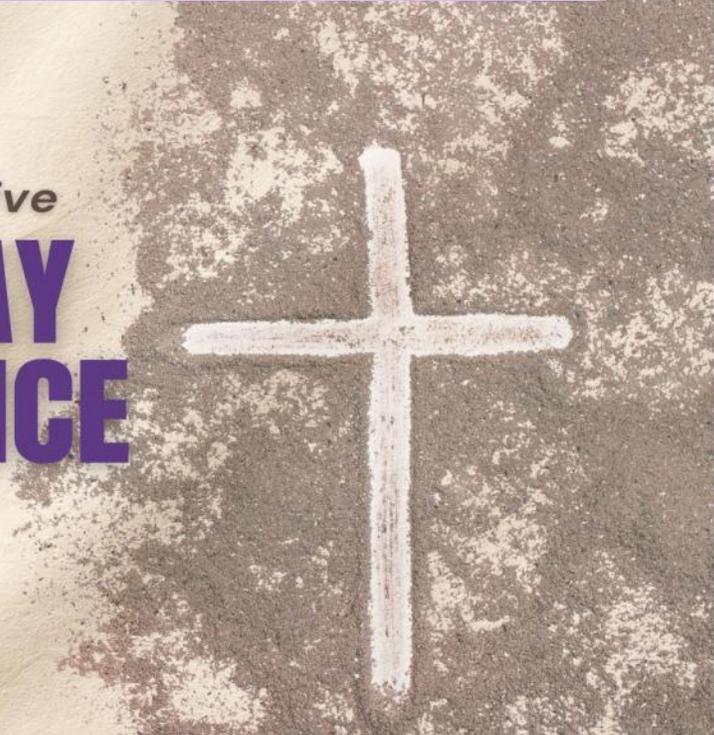
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The Auburn Avenue Collaborative

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

February 18, 2026 | 7 pm
in-person and online

Ebenezer Baptist Church
101 Jackson St NE, Atlanta, GA



Marc H. Morial



National Urban League President and Chief Executive Officer Marc Haydel Morial was born on January 3, 1958, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is the son of Sybil Haydel Morial, a teacher and university administrator, and the late Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, who was the first African American Mayor of New Orleans. Morial attended a Jesuit high

school, receiving his diploma in 1976. He earned his B.A. degree in economics and African American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania in 1980 and received his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1983.

In 1992, Morial served two years in the Louisiana State Senate, where he was recognized as Legislative Rookie of the Year. Prior to his elected service, Morial worked as a private practice lawyer at Adams and Reese, one of the Gulf South's leading law firms. One of his most noteworthy U.S. Supreme Court cases - *Chisom v. Roemer* - established that the Voting Rights Act be applied to the election of judges. This led to the election of the first African American judge in Louisiana.



Morial served two terms as mayor of New Orleans from 1994 to 2002. Many improvements were made during his terms as mayor including crime reduction, police reform and the passing of a significant bond issue. In addition, during his last two years in office, Morial served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors. The Morials, father and son, have the distinction of being one of the first African American political dynasties.

In May 2003, Morial was appointed president and CEO of The National Urban League, a revered civil rights organization. Since that appointment, Morial's Empowerment Agenda has worked to reenergize the League's diverse constituencies; to build on the strength of its nearly one hundred year old legacy; and to increase its profile both locally and nationally.

Morial has been recognized by *Non-Profit Times* as one of America's top 50 non-profit executives, and was named one of the "100 Most Influential Blacks in America" by *Ebony* magazine. In June 2009, Morial was appointed chair of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee.

Morial is married to news anchor Michelle Miller and is the father of three.

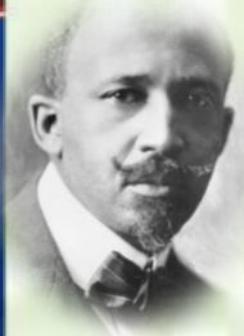




The Opening Hymn
AME Hymn #571 Lift Every Voice and Sing

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.



Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
February 15, 2026 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship Through Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Cornelius Pettway & Sister Monique Griffiths 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 Monica C. Jones, PhD
*See full hymn lyrics on page 5.

The Prayer of Invocation.....The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine White
(prayer chant) Chair, Big Bethel Social Action Commission

Worship In Music.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir
Sister Griffiths, Director

*The Responsive Scripture Reading.....2 Peter 1:16-21, NRSVUE.....The Reverend Shrala Askin

Minister: ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

People: ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Minister: ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

People: ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Minister: ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

All: ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Violet T. Ricks, Esq.
(*Everybody, Hug Somebody*)

Worship through Creative Expression.....Signs of Praise Mime Ministry
Brother Jory Young, Director

The Big Bethel Black History Moment.....Black History & Heritage Ministry

The Pastor's Perspective: Democracy and the 2026 Mid-Term Elections.....The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AMEC

Special Presentations: Defenders of Democracy

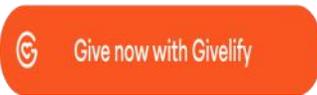
A Contribution for DemocracySire Archon William J. Stanley, III
Kappa Boule', Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

A Public ProclamationThe Honorable Mo Ivory
Commissioner, Fulton County

Big Bethel Salutes Marc H. Morial Brother Joel S. Boykin
Big Bethel Social Action Commission

A Special Big Bethel Salute to the Honorable Fani T. Willis.....Rev. Dr. Jay Augustine
Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church

Worship In Giving: Tithes & Offering.....The Reverend Gwen Senatle

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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

The Presentation of the Speaker.....Pastor Jay Augustine

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

The Proclaimed Word.....Brother Marc H. Morial
President and CEO, National Urban League

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Special Requested Prayers.....The Reverend Charmain Purvis

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!!!!





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Food Giveaway

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206 Auburn Avenue

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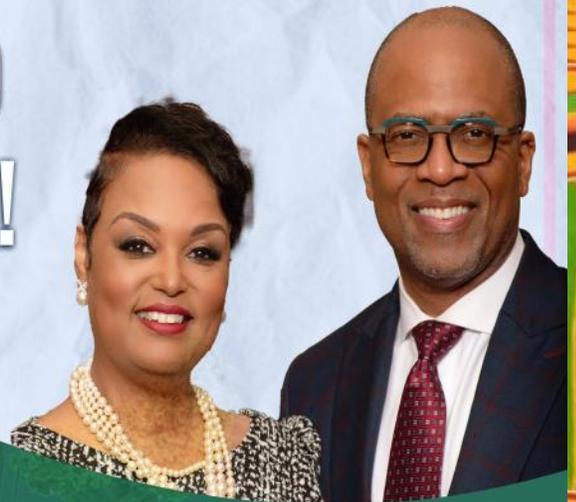
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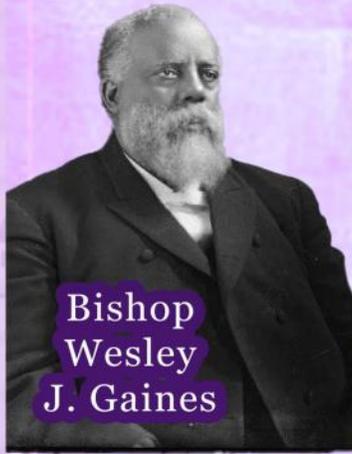
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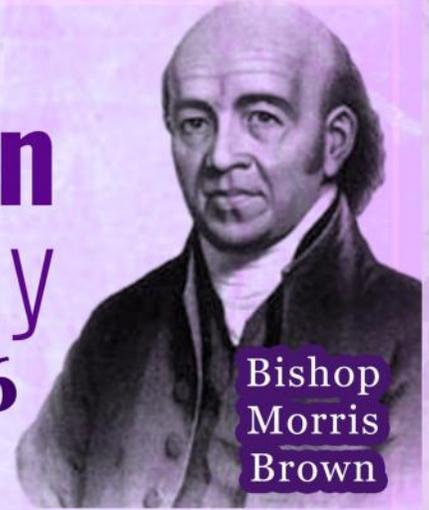
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Bishop
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Morris Brown College Sunday

March 15, 2026
10:00 am



Bishop
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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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What: The Eva M. Jolly Children / Adult Book Collection, The India Clayton Ebony Magazine Collection and Book Reading by Dr. Caarne L. White.

Why: Preserving Black History Month

When: Sunday, February 22

Time: Presented during Children's Church and after 10:00 o'clock service

Where: Classrooms 3 & 4 in the Fellowship Hall

Presented By: It's Not Where You Start



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SUN FEB 15TH



10:00 am

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Garland D. Higgins

Executive Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church &
Christian Education Director, 6th Episcopal District

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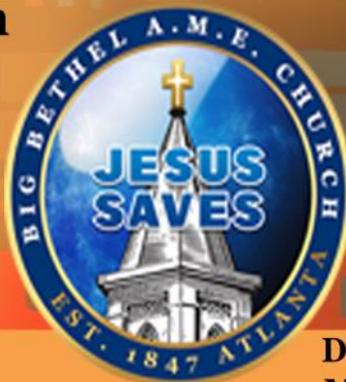
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Join us for
**NEW MEMBERS
COMPLETION SATURDAY**

Date(s) : February 21, 2026

8:45 AM - 1:00PM



Registration

All classes offered with Recognition Service upon completion. 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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We would love to hear from you!!



WORSHIP FOLLOW-UP

A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT A TOUGH SUBJECT

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REV. DR. JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE
SENIOR PASTOR

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"TO GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"

RE-SCHEDULED for Saturday, February 28th, 12:00—2:00 PM



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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)..... 12:30 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 3rd, & 4th 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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