

Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday
August
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Preacher

Rev. Dr. Garland D. Higgins

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

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Welcome To
Bethel AME Church

“The City Hall of Sweet Auburn”

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

220 Auburn Avenue, NE
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Big Bethel's Annual

Back to School

Prayer Summit

Equipped by Faith. Empowered to Learn. Sent to Shine.

Sunday, August 9, 2026
10:00 am

Covering Our Students,
Educators, Families &
Schools in Prayer

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"Faith in Action"

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Kick-Off

Honoring the 63rd Anniversary of the March on Washington

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Big Bethel AME Church
(Bishops Hall-Entrance on Jesse Hill Drive)

10:00 am to 12:00pm

Tickets \$35.00

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Purchase tickets



Damon T. Hewitt, Esq.
President & Executive Director,
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Keynote Speaker



Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Senior Pastor
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The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, August -2, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D., Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Cornelius Pettway, Director

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 Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #141 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed....The Reverend Jessica N. Buford

The Prayer of Invocation.....Licentiate Ariel Nash
(Prayer chant)

Worship in Music.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Pettway, Director

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... Psalm 17:1-7 NRSVUEThe Reverend Shrala Askin

Minister: ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips
free of deceit.

People: ² From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

Minister: ³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no
wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**People: ⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of
the violent.**

Minister: ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

**People: ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me;
hear my words.**

**ALL: ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior, of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

The Preface to the Decalogue.....AME Hymn #258
From all that dwells 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 the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Project 2026.....Sister Charita Walters

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Walters
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins



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.....Big Bethel Mass Choir
Brother Pettway, Director

The Proclaimed Word.....The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins

The Invitation.....The Reverend Charmain R. Purvis

The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....The Reverend. Dr. Higgins

The General Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus the 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 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.

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The Benediction..... The Reverend. Dr. Higgins

~Sermon Notes~

“...you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church...” Matthew 16:18

Points/Topics:

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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!!!!





★ PROJECT 2026 ★

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

We are
93
Days Away to
NOVEMBER 3, 2026,
ELECTION DAY

OUR VOICE.
OUR VOTE.
OUR POWER.

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**YOUR VOTE
YOUR VOICE
YOUR FUTURE**
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**BE HEARD.
BE COUNTED.
BE THE CHANGE.**

**VOTE
TODAY
SHAPE
TOMORROW**

VOTE

OUR VISION

A world in which all young people have the power, the freedom, and the opportunity to thrive.

OUR VOICES

OUR VOTE

OUR FUTURE

OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE. OUR VOTE.

★ ★ ★ YOUNG. BLACK. PROUD. UNSTOPPABLE. ★ ★ ★

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES ★ TO REMEMBER ★



The last day to register to vote in the November 3rd General Election is **October 5, 2026**



First day of Advance (Early) Voting Starts **October 13, 2026**



October 17 and October 24, 2026, are the days for Saturday voting for the November General Election



October 18 and October 25, 2026, are the optional Sunday Voting dates for the November General Election



October 23, 2026, is the deadline to request an absentee ballot



October 30, 2026, is the last of advance voting for the November General Election



November 3, 2026, is Election Day



At least 3 weeks prior to advance voting and election day (around the end of September or before), check my voter page to make sure your status as a registered voter has not changed and, also, check the location of your polling place



WE ARE 93 DAYS AWAY FROM ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

RUNOFF ELECTION ★ ★ ★



In the event of a runoff, advance voting should start **November 23, 2026** – listen to the news to make sure this date is accurate because it could be sooner



Last day for advance voting in the runoff is **November 25, 2026**



December 1, 2026, is election day for the General Runoff Election



**CHECK. PLAN.
VOTE.
MAKE IT COUNT!**

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**We're All Joined By Blood.
Donate Today.**

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Blood Drive

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9am – 2pm

Fellowship Hall



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Presenting donors receive \$40 in Amazon e-gift card(s)!

To schedule your appointment to donate, please visit

www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: **BBAMEC.**

Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation.



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August **EVENTS**

2 COMMUNION SUNDAY

8 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 11AM-3PM

9 BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY 10AM

11 LEADING LADY MICHELLE'S BIRTHDAY

14-15 NAD CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION

TURNER CHAPEL, MARIETTA

16 SECOND SUNDAY 10AM

21 BEAUTY SHOP TALK/LADY MICHELLE BDAY PARTY

22 SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM

**23 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 10AM
ARC BLOOD DRIVE 9AM-2PM**

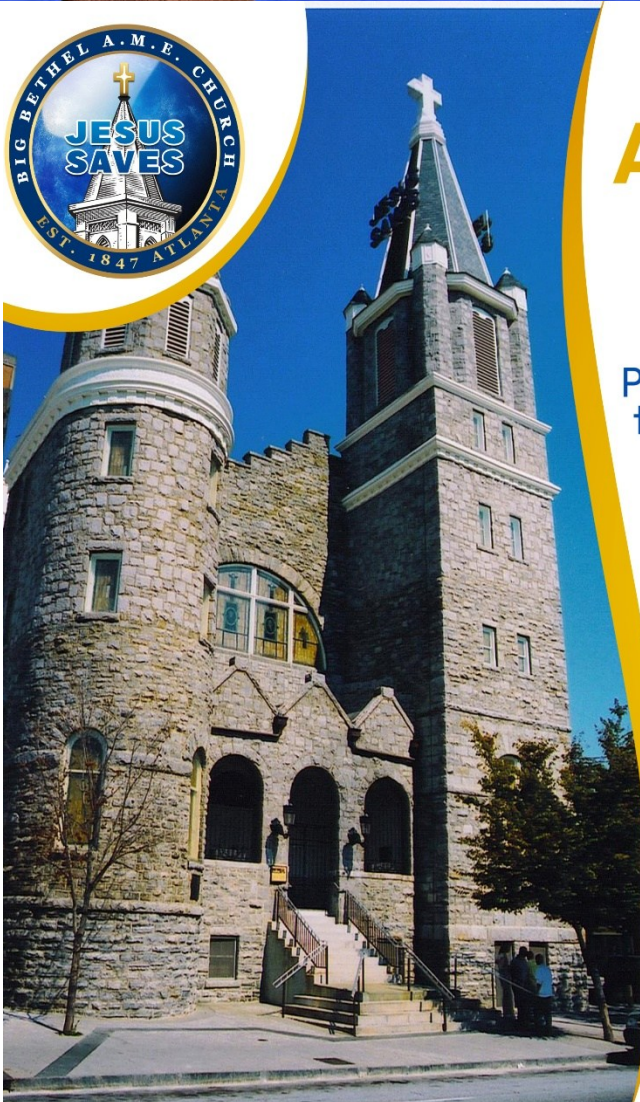
30 FIFTH SUNDAY 10AM



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Text **“JOIN”** to
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ATTENTION

Big Bethel Members

Are you missing out on church news & event info?

Perhaps your contact information needs
to be updated! Scan the code below or
go to the website.



Member Contact Update



www.bigbethelame.org/member-services

Be in the know!!



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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 2, 2026	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes/ Stewards	Altar Servers- Sisters Clarissa Carmichael & Jennifer Smith Shirley Simmons & Shirlynn Bulls Counter – Ade Kamson			Line Leaders – Sisters
Choir	Big Bethel Mass Choir~Brother Cornelius Pettway	Trustees	Brother Floyd Baxter & Brother Keith Halford	
Philippians	Sister Charita Walters	Ushers	Usherette Ministry #2	
Stewardesses	<i>Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry</i> Sisters Jewell Foster & Teresa Robinson	AV Ministry	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins	

Finance Team | Sisters Linda Williams, & Juanita Aiken; Brothers Tony Jones, & Bro. Joe Patterson

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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

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

Superannuates

The Reverend George Davis
The Reverend Bessie Donaldson
The Reverend Joyce C. Young

Local Elders

The Reverend Betty Miley
The Reverend Evelyn Jones
The Reverend Charmain Purvis
The Reverend Gwen Senatle

Licentiatees

Sister Ariel Nash



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Angela Rucker
2 Christopher Grant Garland Higgins Georgianne Thomas Vernetta Williams	3 Elizabeth Smith Sylvia Thomas	4	5 Kyla Barnes	6 Christopher Parker Cynthia Holt Dashir Brewington Gabrielle Thomas Jerry Camp Shirley Simmons Terry Thomas	7 Kerry Westbrooks Marshall Mastrianni Tawana Jones	8 Mary S. Williams
9 Shannon Miller Jr	10 Mary Wright Racquel Battle	11 Lisa Johnson-Whigham Lucky Buck Michelle Augustine Valerie Thomas	12 Clara Williams Vesa Hood*	13	14	15 Dorothy Young Mary Smith Shelley Webster
16 Sunnah Taylor Zaire Carmichael	17 Donald Harrison Kiara Cummings	18 Keshia Langley Oliver Hudson Reginald Dye	19 Brenda Tanks-Hewitt Jerome Crawl Stephanie Stowe	20 Anthony Stanley Courtavious Wright Johnny Ransom Roosevelt Turner III Warren Green	21 Tony Jones	22
23	24 Felicia Jones*	25 Michelle Perrymon	26 Grace Terrell-McCoy	27 Corene Jordan* Garrett Horton William Dye, IV	28 Valda Petit-Frere	29 Joseph Daniels Kivian Taylor
30 Edward Jones* Wanda Patterson*	31					

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#)Monday – Saturday 6:00 am
Church School8:45 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 6:00pm
Love Feast In-person on Thursdays before Communion Sunday at 6:30pm
Holy Communion First Sundays
Discipleship New Members Class.....Monthly Specified Saturdays -TBA
Board of Stewards..... 1st Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Board of Trustees..... 2nd Tuesdays 7:00 pm
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... ..Tuesdays @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before 1st & 3rd Sunday
Johnson-Schofield Men’s Choir.....2 Mondays before Second Sunday
Babcock-Young Voices of Unity/Big Bethel Chorale..... Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before
Third Sunday
Bearden-Scott Youth Choir2 Saturdays before Fourth Sunday
Big Bethel Praise Ensemble..... 2 Thursdays @ 7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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