

Sunday
August
09

Worship Experience

"Keep Your Eyes
on the Prize."

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor

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

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

"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

Scan to 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 Promise of the Vote"

An Evening Celebrating Courage, Community, and Democracy

Sunday, August 23, 2026
@5:00 pm

**An Evening of Courage,
 Freedom, and the Enduring
 Journey Toward Equal Voice**

Bishop William Barber II
 President, Repairers of the Breach
 Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign
 Founder, Public Theology and Public Policy, Yale Divinity School

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The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, August 9, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, 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 #272 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior...The Reverend Shrala R. Askin

The Prayer of Invocation..... The Reverend Jeffrey L. Streator, PhD
(Prayer chant)

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

The Responsive Scripture Reading..... Romans 8:31-39 NRSVUE..... Licentiate Ariel R. Nash

Minister: ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

People: ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

Minister: ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

People: ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Minister: ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

Minister: ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

People: ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

ALL: ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Project 2026.....Sister Andrea Young Jones

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

Worship through Creative Expression.....Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry
Sister Rosalyn Bussey Johnson, Director

The Pastor's PerspectiveThe Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,
Senior Pastor

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Maurice Eckstein



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

Presentation of Special Awards

The Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.....Sister Lisa Rayam-Tucker
The Laura L. Turner Women's Missionary SocietySister Braunwin Camp
Presented by: Sister Lisa Johnson Whigham

100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta, Inc.....Brother Brian Jones
Presented by: Brother Alvin Francis

100 Black Men of Dekalb County, Inc. Brother Troy Vincent
Presented by: Brother Tony Jones

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. Brother Carl Hill
Presented by: Brother Tim Crim

The Back-To-School Prayer Summit

Elementary and Secondary School Teachers and AdministratorsThe Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins
Higher Education Professors and Administrators The Reverend Jeffrey Streater, PhD
All StudentsThe Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD
Sister Shuana Tucker-Sims, PhD and The Links, Incorporated Pastor Jay Augustine

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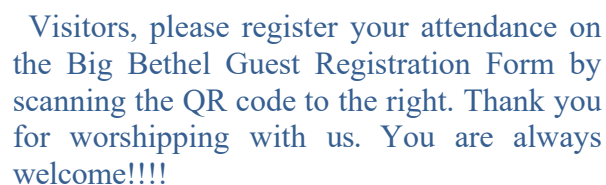
The Proclaimed Word....."Keep Your Eyes on the Prize"Pastor Jay Augustine
Matthew 14:22-33, NIV

The Invitation.....The Reverend Dr. Higgins

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~Sermon Notes~

Points/Topics:

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★ PROJECT 2026 ★



Early Voting Starts
October 13, 2026



November 3, 2026 –
Election Day

86

Days to
ELECTION DAY

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?



Are you familiar with
the Candidate and the
duties required of the
officeholder?



Since May, the members of the Project 2026 team
have discussed the following important points:



Make your **plan** to vote;



You should determine the location of your **polling place** and the hours in which you can vote;



Remember, Advanced Voting will be held from
October 13 until **October 25, 2026**, and that the
Advanced Voting location may not be your usual location;



Election Day is the last day to cast your vote
and will be held on **November 3, 2026**;



And you should check **My Voter Page** throughout
the process of getting ready to vote.



The work of the Project 2026 team will continue
to **inform** and **engage** you, as you prepare to
vote in the upcoming election.



Until Election Day, our team will provide information
on the duties of the officeholders for **federal, county,
and local seats**. Even if the office is not on the ballot
this election cycle, we will discuss those offices, as well.

**WE KNOW THAT A
KNOWLEDGEABLE VOTER
IS AN INFORMED VOTER.** ★ ★

★ THE FIRST POSITIONS ARE – ★



Water Authority at Large and District Positions –

The water authorities don't just supply water, they safeguard
the quality of rivers, control water pollution, and have important
responsibilities for fisheries, conservation, recreation, and navigation.



Soil and Water Conservation (Fulton County) – This position
protects the state's soil and water resources within a district
and provides a way for citizens to set local resource priorities
for state and federal assistance programs.



Take the
5x5
Challenge

Contact 5 of your friends and ask them, **ARE YOU VOTER READY?** If the answer is no,
let them know how to start the process of being voter ready. Ask those 5 friends to
each contact 5 friends to help get them **VOTER READY**. Stay in touch with them to
assist with any concerns or issues that may arise as they become **VOTER READY**.



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

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9am – 2pm

Fellowship Hall



Scan to Register



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.

August **EVENTS**

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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

THIRD SUNDAY 10AM

21

BEAUTY SHOP TALK/LADY MICHELLE BDAY PARTY

22

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM

23

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 10AM & 5PM
ARC BLOOD DRIVE 9AM-2PM

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FIFTH SUNDAY 10AM



BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
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Join us for
**NEW MEMBERS
COMPLETION SATURDAY**

Date(s) : August 15, 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.



Text alerts are here!

Stay connected with
Big Bethel—opt in
today.

Text **“JOIN”** to
833-472-3188 and
follow the prompts.



SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes/ Stewards	Altar Servers- Sisters Clarissa Carmichael & Jennifer Smith Line Leaders – Sisters Shirley Simmons & Shirlynn Bulls Counter – Ade Kamson		
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>	AV Ministry	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins
Finance Team Sisters Linda Williams, Olivia Alston, & Juanita Aiken; Brothers Tony Jones, & Bro. Joe Patterson			

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#)Monday–Saturday 6:00 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 6:00pm
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 Choir.....2 Saturdays before Fourth Sunday
Big Bethel Praise Ensemble.....2 Thursdays @ 7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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