

Greetings Big Bethel Family,

Our church wide retreat, # Big Bethel strong...Embracing All Generations was held on April 16, 2016. There was great participation by 100 plus members who attended, with the initial result being a massive flow of thoughts and ideas on ways to help our Church grow. In the past, we have held retreats that created a lot of excitement that gradually faded as time passed with little or no follow-up. This year, the Retreat Committee in concert with the Pastor committed to ensure that the efforts of the Retreat were fully developed and executed to support our church growth goals.

The retreat sessions were facilitated by our own Big Bethel members who have made the commitment to become the leadership of three Glory Teams created to build upon goals and ideas developed during the retreat. The Glory Teams are: **Enhancing Our Youth Ministries, Marketing to Millennials, and Worshiping Outside the Box.**

Our Glory Teams have been hard at work since the retreat ended. Each team presented their initial reports to the Retreat Committee in June and these reports are being passed on to you, our congregation. These Initial Reports illustrate how the Glory Teams have organized and how they are going about the task of developing plans and programs that will lead to the growth of our Church.

All Big Bethel members are highly encouraged to volunteer your service to one of the three Glory Teams listed below. Don't be the member that asks: "What have you all done as a result of the retreat?". Instead, be the member who proudly boasts: **"Look at what we are accomplishing as a result of the retreat!"**.

If you are not already a part of one or more of the Glory Teams, we encourage to choose to work with one or more teams. Simply contact any member of a Glory Team listed below or either of the Retreat Coordinators (Dr. Jackie Michael jmichael@westga.edu or Bro. Guy Howard guyathome@gmail.com to be added to the team of your choice.

Last but not least, we want to recognize and give a special "Thank You" to the individuals who have worked so hard to provide leadership to our Glory Teams. When you see them, please take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Dr. Jackie Michael & Bro. Guy Howard

Retreat Coordinators

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