### THIS WEEK @ BPC

**TODAY** 

8:30 AM Morning Worship Service

9:45 AM Sunday School (Nursery available)

11 AM Morning Worship Service (Nursery available)

Children's Church (3-4 year olds) 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Evening Worship Service

Children Singing with Marsha & Michelle

Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Middle School Devo & Donuts

5:30 PM Session Meeting

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adult Sunday School Classes: The "kitchen class" is studying Knowing God by J.I. Packer. led by Dr. Jim Neill. The "choir class" is studying Romans, led by Jackie Thompson. Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

TONIGHT at 6 pm: Dr. Dawson will continue a series on the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Enjoy an informal service including hymn requests, prayer requests, and fellowship. A great way to end the Lord's Day!

What is a Reformed Church? We have booklets available in the café area explaining "What is a Reformed Church?" Feel free to take one.

Winter Quarter Adult Sunday School: during the Winter Quarter, starting December, Dr. Dawson will be leading a joint Sunday school class on the book of Revelation. Don't get left behind!

POINSETTIAS. It is time to order poinsettias (\$12.00) to be placed in the sanctuary for the month of December. Order forms are in the breezeway behind the sanctuary, on the bulletin board across from the café, and in the church office. Please place completed forms with payment in the designated box in the church office or give to Sonia Jay by Nov. 22.

Sermons Available Online: Pastor Dawson's sermons are available online via the Brandon Pres website or Sermonaudio.com. Download the Sermon Audio app to listen anywhere on your mobile devices.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT at 6: Singing with Marsha & Michelle! Supper Provided.

Communicants Class: We are offering a communicants class next quarter. (December - February) Sign your child up on the bulletin board.

#### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Sybil Grace Glover Children's Church: Serina Blackwell Next Week: Layton Matthews

Next Week: Ellie Word

## YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: SR High – Galatians, led by John Thompson. JR High – O.T. lessons for today, led by Karl Carlton. Join us in Sunday School!

TONIGHT @ 6: Youth Bible Study. Supper Provided!

# **SERMON NOTES** Dr. John Dawson

November 15, 2015

Acts 24-26

I. Earthly Power

II. Peer Pressure

III. Personal Attack

IV. Procrastination

#### **STAFF**

Dr. John K. Dawson - Senior Pastor: jdawson@brandonpres.com Davida Curtis - Director of Children's Ministry: djacurtis@yahoo.com John Thompson - Director of Youth Ministry: johnt322@gmail.com Marsha Glover - Choral Music Director: mcglover1451@bellsouth.net Jacquelyn Thornell - Organist: jsthornell@bellsouth.net Olivia Mullins - Secretary: secretary@brandonpres.com Helen Mannery - Custodian

#### **OFFICERS**

Elders: TE John Dawson, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten

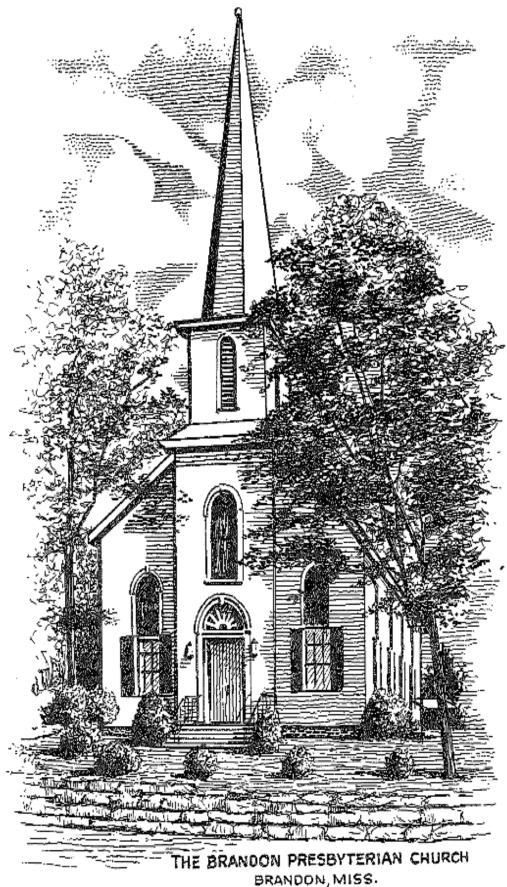
Deacons: Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Shepherding Group \$\pi\$1: Angela McInnis, Erin Carlton; Shepherding Group \$\pi\$2: Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; Shepherding Group #3: Jeanne Monsour; Shepherding Group #4: Kerri Matthews; Shepherding Group #5: Camille Herrington, JoStanford, Michelle Smith

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"The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, November 15, 2015

During the prelude, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.

Prelude

"My Inmost Heart Now Raises" Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*

"Come Into His Presence" BPC Children's Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP \*

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

People: Behold, he who keeps Israel

Will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper;

The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

He will keep your life.

People: The LORD will keep your going out and

your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

HYMN OF PRAISE \*

 $N^{O.}$  38

J. C. BACH

PSALM 121

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

INVOCATION \*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE \*

 $N^{0.}521$ 

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Christ, there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto men in

Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Walther

"Draw Us to Thee"

OFFERATORY \*\*

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Eliza Matthews & Clara Matthews, violinists

Marsha Glover, pianist

Doxology \*

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.

ANTHEM \*

"Shout to the Lord" Adult Choir

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Anthem)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

N<sup>o.</sup> 791

Acts 24-26

**SERMON** 

Dr. John Dawson

"Belief Prevention"

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

 $N^{0.}701$ 

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

BENEDICTION \*

THE POSTLUDE \*

\*Congregation Standing

\*\* 11 am Service Only

# To Our Visitors

We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" Romans 10:13

Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Dawson at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Dawson know if you have any questions.

#### IN PRAYER

- Missionary of the Week: Jana & Rodney Davila (Costa Rica)
- Ministries:: Aung Lai Matu (Atlanta Church Plant)
- Shepherding Group of the Week: John Dawson, John McInnis, Kyle Carlton
- That God would bless us with new visitors, families, members.
- Our deepest Sympathy for Jeanne Monsour & Jacquelyn Thornell in the loss of their aunt, Bea Sullivan.
- Laura Simoneau & Wilson Whitten: engaged.
- Bethany & Mark Lee: expecting baby girl, Lisa Marie, in February, Bethany is on bed rest.
- Rebecca & John Thompson: expecting in March.
- Rachel (Hutton) & Aaron Halbert: expecting triplets in spring, MTW missionaries to Honduras, recently adopted two toddlers.
- Ben Avant, brother of a co-worker of Barbara Fowler: spinal stenosis, hasn't been able to work since August, under 24/7 care.
- Ruth Compton: In Specialty Select Hospital, doesn't have much energy.
- Lewis Schrader, working with missionary Caleb Cheon in Taiwan: heart attack, swollen lung, possible pneumonia, possible blood clot.
- Linda Harrison: upcoming test, bronchitis.
  - Eric Burch, son in law of Helen Mannery: shattered pelvis, physical therapy.
- Carolyn Johnson, mother of Serina Blackwell: recovering from surgery.
- Trenia Reynolds, wife of David Wade's former boss: serious auto accident, moved to hospital in Atlanta, probably permanently paralyzed.
- Tommy Vaughan, cousin of Marsha Glover: may have rare, fatal brain disorder, cannot walk or get out of bed, receiving hospice care at home.
- Paula Mason, friend of Julie Rogers: progressive form of MS and recently diagnosed with POTS, barely able to walk. Carla Mason, her mother, also has MS and has to use a wheel chair most of the time.
- Martha Baker's siblings: multiple health problems, spiritual wellbeing.
- Cooper Bell, Tiffany Glover's nephew: heart valve problems, surgery scheduled to repair heart, had tubes placed in ears, recovering from cleft palate surgery.
- Evelyn Bates: Systemic Scleroderma.
- Joe Etherege, father of Serina Blackwell: stroke, at home.
- Townes Craft, the Carlton's neighbor: 1-yr-old with Pompe disease.
- Loved ones battling cancer: Jo Hertel, relative of Beej Ford: (carcinoma) stage 4; Ked Williamson, Kerri Matthews' cousin: (lymphoma); Sara Hutson, neighbor of Nancy Bramlett: (breast) beginning chemo; Roscoe Douglas, Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: (colon, liver, and lymph nodes) stage 4; Martha Morrison, Gary Morrison's sister-in-law: chemo; Will Glover, Bill Glover's father: (prostate) complications; Andrew McCall, 8-yr-old son of Robin & Rev. Perry McCall: (acute leukemia); Judy Bramlett, SIL of Nancy & Ken Bramlett: chemo, tired; Sara Willis, thirteen yr old friend of Davida Curtis, (brain) in remission but dealing with sickness; Grace Mills, Florene Dove's friend; Lamar Felter, Serina Blackwell's grandfather; Barth Whitney's mother (cervical).
- Service members: S.T. Heath, Mark Muse, Jason Gilmore, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- Nursing home residents & shut-ins: Joan Allen, Ann Benton, Ruth Compton, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner

# ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm): November 8
Sunday School
Last Week's Offering:
Weekly Budgeted Offering:
Year to Date Giving:
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:

\$ 45/77/56
93
\$ 6,046.00
\$ 6,142.00
\$ 289,141.00
\$ 276,390 (+12,751.00)