

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 Christmas Cantata

TUESDAY

5:15 PM Women's Christmas Gathering

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts

SATURDAY

6 PM Youth Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT at 6 pm: Join us for the annual Christmas Cantata followed by a reception. Bring finger food and a friend!

Winter Quarter Adult Sunday School: Dr. Dawson is leading a joint Sunday school class on the book of Revelation. Don't get left behind!

Christmas Family: Due to your generous donations we were able to raise \$620 for the family we adopted for Christmas. The children will receive a lot of clothing, a few toys, and other necessities. The parents will be given a gift card to Ramey's for groceries. Thank you!

Women's Christmas Gathering: "Jesus, Light of the World." THIS Tuesday, December 15, at 6:15 pm. Come fellowship, food, encouragement from God's Word, fun crafts, Christmas carols, and more. We will take up a special offering for the WIC Love Gift (RUF) and the PCA Disaster Relief Fund. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Cookbooks: Need last minutes Christmas/hostess gifts? Don't forget our "Heavenly Creations" cookbooks. They make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Pick one up in the church office for only \$12.

Flower Calendar: The flower calendar for 2016 is on the bulletin board across from the cafe'. Please sign up for a Sunday of your choosing. If you have a special date you would like, you might want to sign up early.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT at 6: No Sunday Evening activities for children until January.

Birthday Party for Jesus: Thank you to all of you that helped us!

Communicants Class: We are offering a communicants beginning NEXT Sunday. Sign your child up on the bulletin board.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Jack Inman **Next Week:** Abigail Oliver
Children's Church: Rebekah Dawson **Next Week:** Molly Napier

YOUTH MINISTRY

TONIGHT @ 6: Christmas Cantata with reception to follow.

Youth Christmas Party! THIS Saturday, December 19 @ 6 pm. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater! We will be work on a mercy ministry service project, play games, and eat dinner.

SERMON NOTES

December 13, 2015

DR. JOHN DAWSON

Philippians 2:1-11

I. Are You Out for Yourself?

II. Are You Each for the Other?

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OFFICERS

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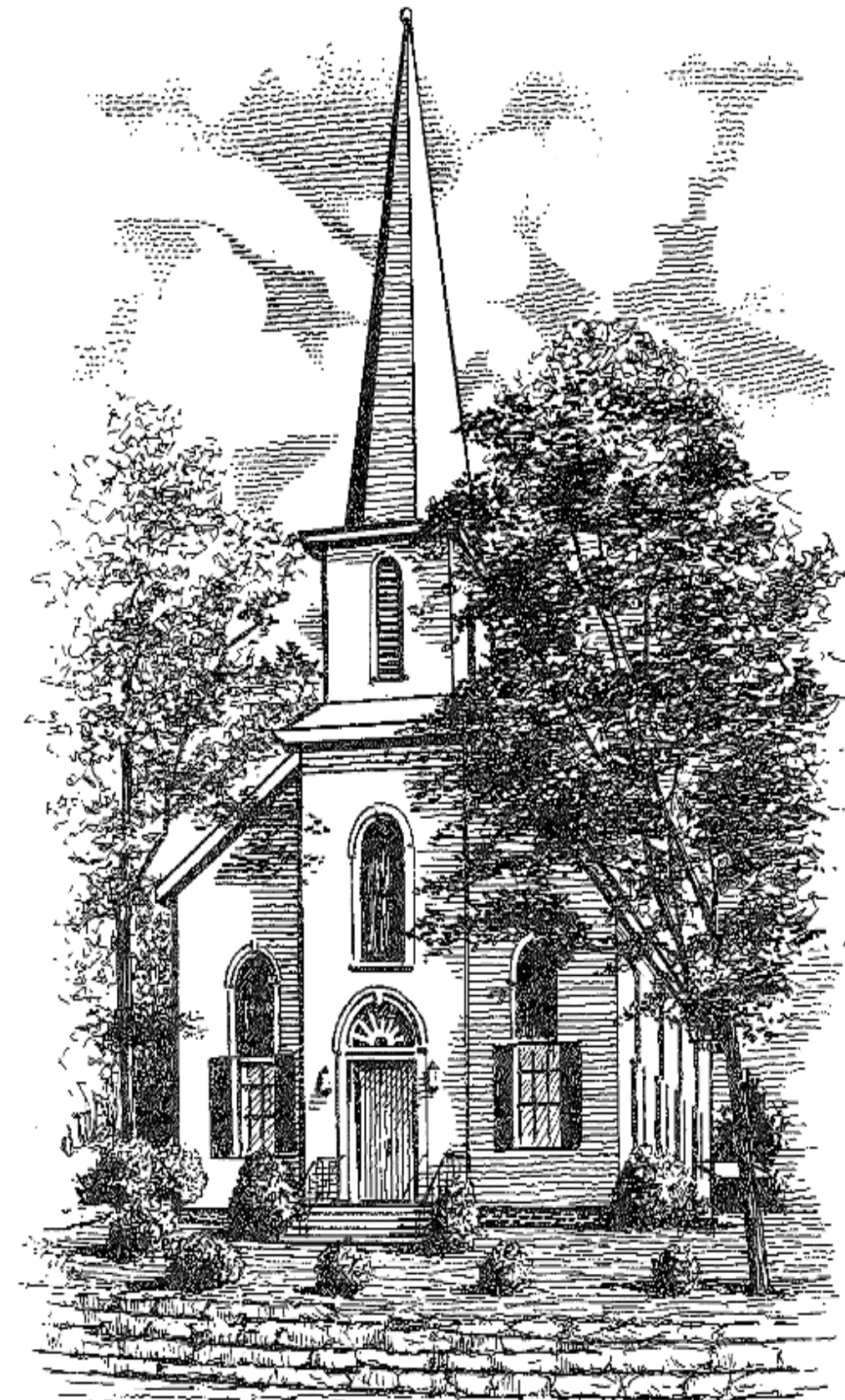
Deacons: Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith,
Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Shepherding Group #1: Angela McInnis, Erin Carlton; *Shepherding Group #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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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 13, 2015

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

PRELUDE

“Noel Angevin”
Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

FRANCK

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Star of Wonder”
Elementary Children's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Leader: The Word was made flesh,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Leader: and dwelt among us,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!
O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy,
For he has been glorified! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

N^o. 203

INVOCATION *

HYMN OF PRAISE *

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

N^o. 229

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GALATIANS 4:3-7

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRICE

“Love Come Down at Christmas”

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 **

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

Adult Choir

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

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

N^o. 831

Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON

DR. JOHN DAWSON

“The Meaning of the Christmas Spirit”

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

N^o. 207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

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:** Caleb Cheon (China)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Bethany Christian Services
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith
- That God would bless us with new visitors, families, members.
- **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.
- **Tommy Stanford:** Leukemia returned, in ICU with heart issue, declining.
- **Jeanne,** sister of Sharon Nicholson: recovering from surgery.
- **Rachel (Hutton) & Aaron Halbert:** expecting triplets in spring, MTW missionaries to Honduras, recently adopted two toddlers.
- **Mike Hollingsworth,** friend of Barbara Fowler: radiation.
- **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, recovering from bronchitis.
- **Eric Burch,** son in law of Helen Mannery: shattered pelvis, physical therapy.
- **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 & family,** friend of Julie Rogers: progressive form of MS, POTS, barely able to walk, condition worsening, she is concerned for how hard her family is working to care for her. **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.
- **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):	December 6	49/89/69
Sunday School		122
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 9,780.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,142.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 313,262.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 300,958 (+12,304.00)