

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)
6 PM Evening Worship Service (Nursery available)

THURSDAY

5:15 PM Christmas Eve Service (Nursery available)

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, December 23 - Friday, January 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Winter Quarter Adult Sunday School: Dr. Dawson is leading a joint Sunday school class on the book of Revelation.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: THIS Thursday evening at 5:15 pm. We will take up a special love offering for the Ministerial Relief Fund.

Cookbooks: Need last minute 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.

Merry Christmas

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT at 6: No Sunday Evening activities for children until January 3.



SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Abigail Oliver
Children's Church: Molly Napier

Next Week: Jake Whitney
Next Week: Michelle Smith

YOUTH MINISTRY



TONIGHT @ 6: No Youth Activities. We will resume Sunday, January 3.

SERMON NOTES DR. JOHN DAWSON Philippians 2:1-11

December 20, 2015

I. Nature

II. Narrative

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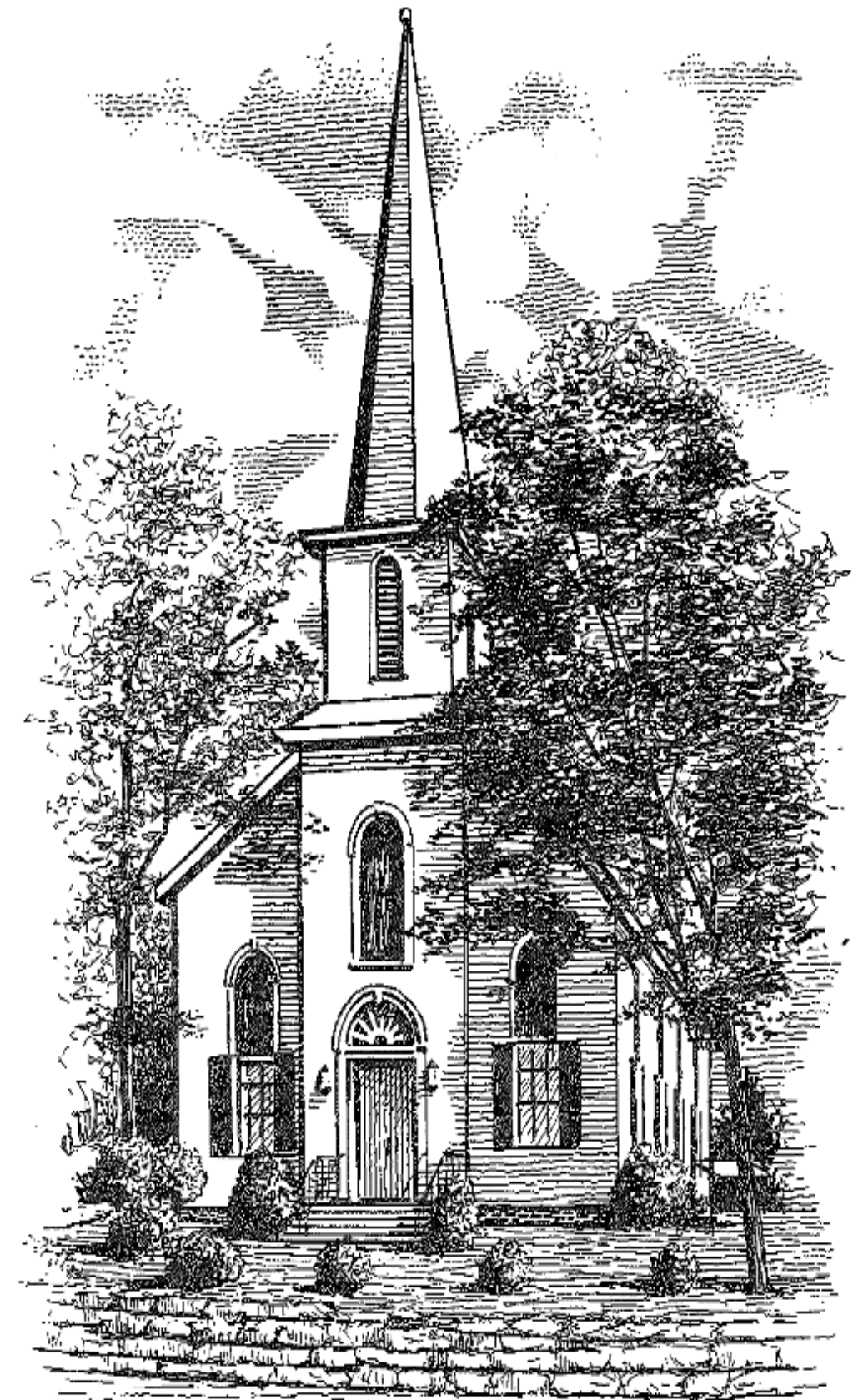
Deacons: Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Shepherding Group #1: Angela McInnis, Erin Carlton; *Shepherding Group #2:* Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; *Shepherding Group #3:* Jeanne Monsour, Erin Clayton; *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, December 20, 2015

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

PRELUDE

art. by CAROL TURNQUIST

"The Birthday of a King"
Marsha Glover, pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **

"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"
Preschool Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *

PSALM 85:7-10

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

People: **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.**

Leader: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *

N^o. 214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

INVOCATION *

HYMN OF PRAISE *

N^o. 205

"Away in a Manger"

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

People: **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become superior to angels, as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

Leader: For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you?"

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son?"

People: **And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.**

Leader: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed."

People: **But you are the same, and your years will have no end."**

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

art. by CAROL TURNQUIST

"The First Noel"

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 **

"Hope Has Come"

Elementary 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

"Our Model For the Christmas Spirit"

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

N^o. 213

"What Child Is This?"

BENEDICTION *

THE POSTLUDE *

* Congregation Standing

** 11 am Service Only

IN PRAYER

- *Missionary of the Week*: Rev. & Mrs. Goodman (Global Field Support)
- *Ministry of the Week*: Mississippi Benevolence
- *Shepherding Group of the Week*: John Dawson, John McInnis, Kyle Carlton
- That God would bless us with new visitors, families, members.
- **Laura Simoneau & Wilson Whitten**: engaged.
- **Bethany & Mark Lee**: expecting baby girl in February, Bethany is on bed rest.
- **Rebecca & John Thompson**: expecting in March.
- Sympathy for Jo Stanford on the loss of her husband, **Tommy Stanford**.
- Sympathy for Marsha Glover on the loss of her cousin, **Tommy Vaughan**.
- Sympathy for the family of **Ruth Compton** on her death.
- Sympathy for Charlie Moak on the loss of his sister, Mary Frances DeCoux.
- **Jane Kaiser**, Amy Ortiz' mother: fell in retirement home, brain injury, rehab.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm):	December 13	52/27/?
Sunday School		117
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 4,036.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,142.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 317,298.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 307,100 (+10,198.00)

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.