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

Youth

Children's Activities (Singing with Marsha & Michelle)

WEDNESDAY

6 PM Youth

6:15 PM Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Bible Study: THIS Thursday, 6:30 pm, @ BPC. Snacks & drinks provided.

Women's Fall Bible Study: THIS Wednesday @ 6:15 pm. We're studying *Psalms*: Songs Along the Way by Kathleen Nielson. Childcare is provided.

Reformation Sunday: *Morning:* Dr. Guy Waters will speak for Worship and Sunday School on "Being Presbyterian" (4th grade - Adult). Dr. Waters is Professor of N.T. at RTS, and author of "How Jesus Runs the Church." He has a B.A. from U of PA, an M.Div. from WTS, and Ph.D. from Duke. *Evening:* Adults will meet in the sanctuary for worship while the kids enjoy a celebration of the reformation with dinner, singing, a lesson and trunk-or-treating.

Thanksgiving Project: The deadline to participate in the turkey drive is *NEXT SUNDAY*, *October 30*. Place donations in the envelope on the bulletin board. Make checks out to RCHRC with "turkeys" in the memo line. Thank you! For more info, see Davida Curtis.

Great news! The number of college/career age people in the church is growing! Would you be willing to help gather, reach, and help disciple this age group? Contact Pastor Dawson at jdawson@brandonpres.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT @ 6 pm: Singing with Marsha & Michelle. Dinner provided.

Reformation Celebration, Shine With the Light of Jesus: NEXT Sunday, October 30, 6 pm. Reformation Lesson, Singing w/ Marsha & Michelle, Dinner, and Trunk-or-Treat! Invite Friends!!! If you would be willing to host a trunk, please sign up on the bulletin board!

NEEDED - Children's Church, Sunday School, & Nursery volunteers: Prayerfully consider serving our children in these ministries. Sign up for a time slot on the bulletin board.

Children's Bulletins: Available Sunday mornings for ages 3-6 and 7-12. Pick one up!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Next Week: TBD

Bell Ringer: Eliza Matthews Next Week: Gracey Napier Children's Church: Serina Blackwell & Molly Napier Next Month: Melinda Neill

Nursery: Melinda Neill, John Dawson

YOUTH MINISTRY

TONIGHT @ 6: We're meeting to participate in a service project. Don't miss it!

Devo & Donuts (6th-8th grades): NEXT Wednesday, November 2, at 7:15 am. See *Davida Curtis* for more info or to sign up.

Youth Bible Study THIS Wednesday, October 26, 6 - 7:15 pm, (place TBD). We love to fellowship with church members in their homes. If you're willing to open your home to us, contact John Thompson.

SERMON NOTES Dr. JOHN DAWSON

October 23, 2016

Psalm 127

I. The Lord's Discernment Draws Us Near

II. The Lord's Perception Draws Us Near

III. The Lord's Purpose Draws Us Near

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OFFICERS

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

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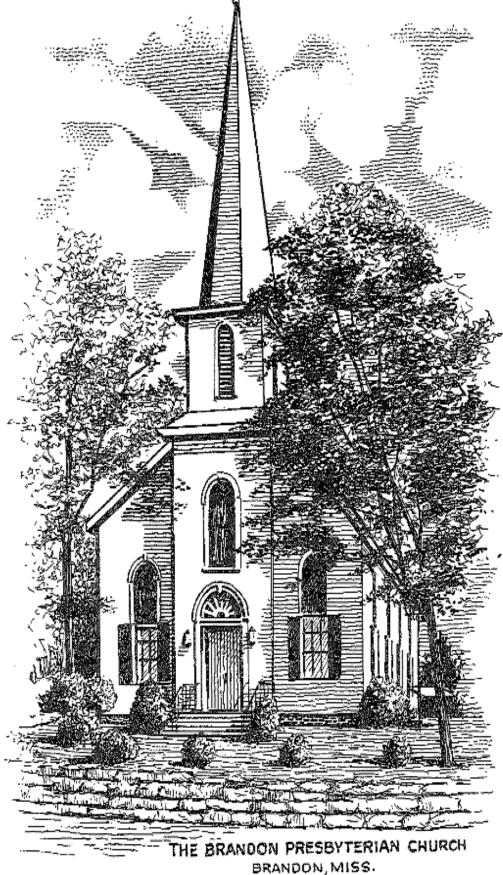
WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Women's Ministry Director: Rebekah Dawson
Dawson Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis; Thompson Shepherding Group:
Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; Whitten Shepherding Group: Jeanne Monsour, Erin Clayton;
Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews; Carol Booth;
Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, October 23, 2016

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Words for Meditation

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

- Psalm 139:23-24

Prelude Zachan

"All Glory Be to God on High" Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

JOHN 10:27-30

Leader: [Jesus said], "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they

follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no

one will snatch them out of my hand.

People: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Leader: I and the Father are one."

Hymn of Praise *

N^{o.} 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

N^{o.} 36

"Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me"

Responsive Reading

No. 826

Psalm 113

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

arr. by D. WAGNER

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Anthem **

"Know My Heart" Adult Choir

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church) **

Reading of Holy Scripture

Psalm 139:1-18

Sermon

Dr. John Dawson

"Does the Depth of His Knowledge Draw You Near?"

Hymn of Response *

(INSERT)

No. 444

"He Knows My Name"

Benediction *

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: Mr. & Mrs. Lott (SE Asia)
- Ministry of the Week: RTS
- Shepherding Group of the Week: Walt Herrington, Brian Smith
- God would continue to bless us with new visitors, families, & members.
- Presidential Elections
- Brittany Beddow & David Mahaffey: engaged.
- Brandi Wilkins (Bethany Lee's sister) & Jonathan Hall: engaged.
- Elaine Moore: expecting a baby in November.
- Kristen & Sam Murray: expecting a baby in late December.
- Lacey (Morrison) & Dominic Avioli: expecting a baby in January.
- Amanda Stokes: Intern with RUF, Western Carolina University.
- Laura Whitten: Intern with RUF, Stanford.
- Florene Dove: Outpatient surgery to remove melanoma; this Wednesday will get results from biopsy & surgery.
- **John Walter & Colton Chase**, Barbara Fowler's friend's step-sons: lost their mother in an ATV accident.
- Scott Word's uncle, Vic: lung transplant list, regressing, not breathing well.
- Bethany Lee: postpartum issues.
- **Joan Allen**: At Merit Health Hospital for minor procedure, will be going to live at Brandon Court for long term care when released.
- **Jim McBrayer:** Recovering from procedures.
- **Greg Wilkins**, Bethany Lee's dad: severe back problems, outpatient surgery relieved some pain, walking some now.
- Ken Bramlett: No hip issues, but struggling with pain & dizziness.
- Loved ones battling cancer: Gayle Richardson: cancer, chemo & radiation, pray for strength & healing. Caffie Chambers, Barbara Fowler's friend's sister: breast cancer. Judy Bramlett, Ken Bramlett's sister: cancer returned in several places, in treatment, problems w/ white cell blood count, tests to see if treatments are working soon. Bobby Taylor, John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma, PET scan, awaiting results. Austin Brayfield, Cecile Whitten's Aunt: inoperable brain tumor, had an infection and was hospitalized, now in rehab, physical & spiritual needs. Jeff Harrison, Charlie Moak's close friend: prostate cancer, bladder tumors, radiation, slowly regaining strength, hasn't been tested for effectiveness of treatment yet. Jack Thompson, Scott Word's Uncle: prostate cancer, doing well, needs to be monitored with regular check-ups, his wife will have surgery for digestive issues soon. Roscoe Douglas, Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: (colon, liver, lymph nodes) stage 4, doing well, upcoming PET scan. Andrew McCall, 8-yrold son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: (acute leukemia). Lamar Felter, Serina Blackwell's grandfather: hospice care.
- Service members: S.T. Heath, Mark Muse, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- Nursing home residents & shut-ins: Joan Allen, Ann Benton, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm): October 16 40/74/53

Sunday School 81

Last Week's Offering: \$ 4,518.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 6,249.00
Year to Date Giving: \$ 280,419.00

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