

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service (*Nursery, NO Children's Church*)
NO Evening Worship or Activities

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias // The poinsettias have been beautiful this year, and we want to thank all who contributed to them. Please pick up poinsettias after the 11 am service TODAY (December 31). After today, they will be in the entrance by the nursery until Wednesday.

2018 Flower Calendar // now on the bulletin board // If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on a specific date, sign up now.

Year End Giving // For your giving to count toward 2017 totals, your gift needs to be submitted to us by midnight TONIGHT.

Adult Choir Practice Resumes // NEXT Sunday, January 7, Adult Choir will practice will resume at 5 pm.

Joint Officer's Meeting // Tuesday, January 9, at 6 pm.

Family Night Supper // Wednesday, January 17, at 6:15 pm. Hosted by the Herrington/Smith Shepherding group.

1 Peter Women's Bible Study // Resumes Wednesday, January 24, at 6:15 pm.

Deacon Emeritus // John McInnis has been granted Emeritus status for his many years of very faithful service.

Adult Sunday School Classes // Walt Herrington is leading a class on the Sacraments in the Choir Room // Dr. Dawson is leading a class on Dealing with suffering in the Kitchen Classroom.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School // Classes from 3 yrs - 6th grade meet every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Children's Sunday Night Activities // We will resume NEXT Sunday, January 7: Scotty Dickey will lead the children through the book "Old Story New." In February we will be singing with Marsha & Michelle in preparation for Easter.

NO Children's Church // TODAY, December 31 - New Years Eve

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Jackson Smith

Nursery: Deedee S., Michelle S., Rebecca T.

January: Peter Glover

Next Week: Jake Whitney

Next Week: Susan Inman

February: TBD

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School // Jr High & Sr. High classes meet at 9:45 am every Sunday.

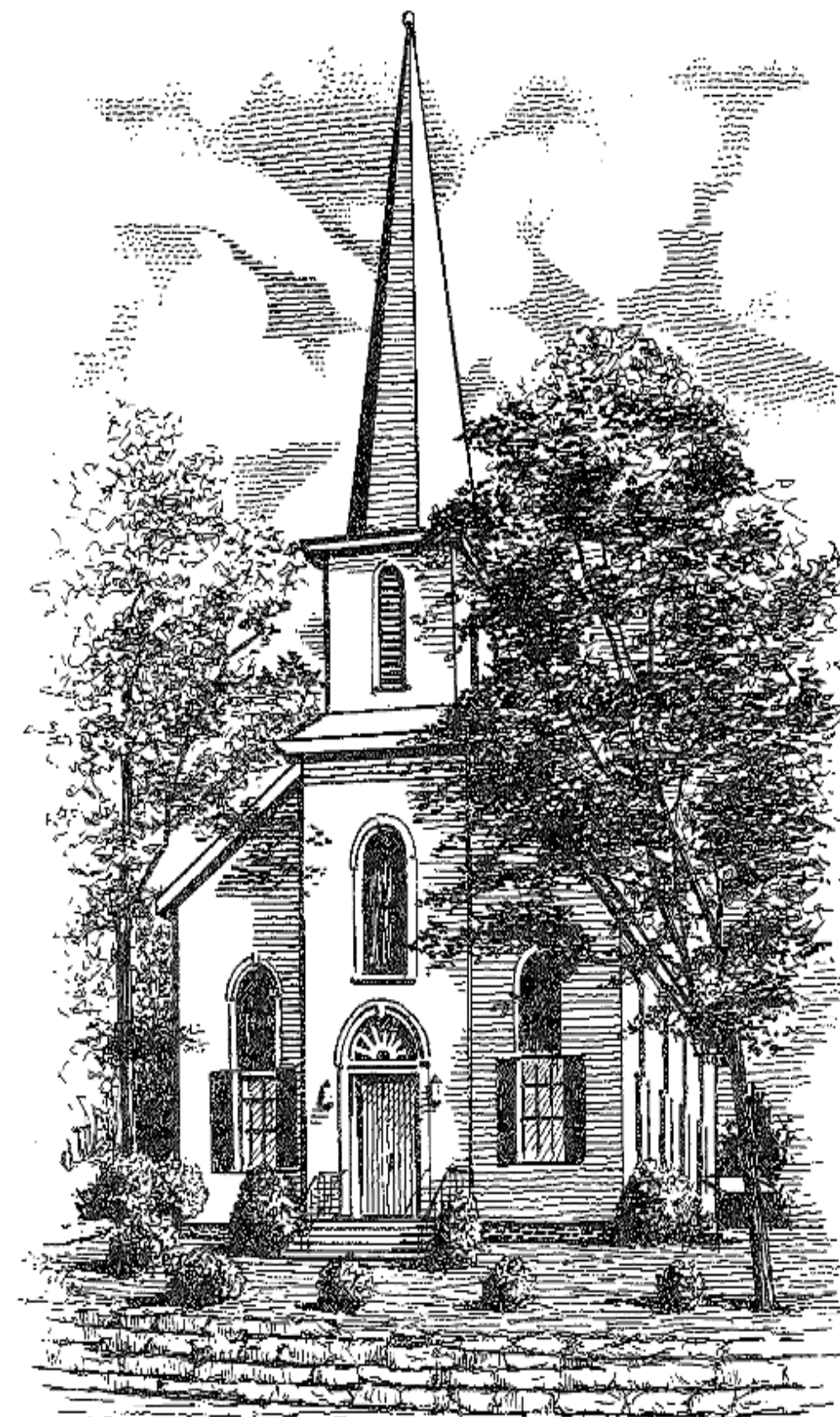
Youth Sunday Night Activities // Will resume NEXT Sunday, January 7.

Middle School Devo & Donuts // Will resume Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:15 am.

SERMON NOTES

December 31, 2017

John 3:22-30



THE BRANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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*"The Church's One Foundation
Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."*

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OFFICERS

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

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Women's Ministry Director: Rebekah Dawson
Dawson Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, Dotsy Peel
Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill
Whitten Shepherding Group: Jeanne Monsour, Molly Napier
Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews
Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 31, 2017

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

Prelude Marsha Glover, pianist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * PSALM 114

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

People: Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Leader: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee?

O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

**People: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.**

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 4
“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 308
“Jesus Paid It All”

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Footnotes:

“descended into hell” = descended into the place of the dead, not of eternal punishment.

“catholic church”= the church exists universally, not just in one culture or denomination.

Morning Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Special Music **

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.

Reading of Holy Scripture N^o. 752
John 3:22-30

Sermon MR. HUNTER NICHOLSON
“He must increase, but I must decrease”

Hymn of Response * N^o. 252
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing

** 11 am Service Only

Hunter Nicholson was born and raised in Brandon and graduated from Brandon High School. He graduated from Ole Miss with a Bachelor of Accounting and a B.A. in Spanish and Public Policy Leadership. After college, Hunter works briefly with an accounting firm in Washington, D.C. before considering a call to enter into full-time ministry. In 2016, Hunter moved back to Brandon with his wife (Carlee) and newborn daughter (Charlie), to pursue an M. Div. at RTS Jackson. He also works part-time at FPC Jackson as an assistant with their student ministry.

To Our Visitors	We are pleased to have you worship with us. Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:
	<i>“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”</i> 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:** Dr. & Mrs. Quarterman (Ukraine)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Center for Violence Prevention
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Scotty Dickey
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Troy Stokes
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
- **Director of Student Ministries Search Committee:** Scotty Dickey, Michelle Smith, Chris Groebe, Kerri Matthews.

- Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of **Peggy Piner**, who passed away this past week. Visitation is TODAY at 1 pm at Parkway Funeral Home in Ridgeland, MS, followed by the funeral service at 2 pm. Pastor Dawson will officiate.

- **Kayla Tolar & Andrew Downs:** engaged; wedding May 18, 2018.

- **Jim McBrayer:** In hospice care in Ridgeland.
- **Will Glover**, son of Marsha & Bill Glover: Brain cancer, chemo & radiation, will be part of a clinical study, weekly treatments.
- **Jacquelyn Thornell**, Surgery, discharged 12/18, doing well.
- **Vic Borromeo**, Scott Word’s uncle: recovering from double lung transplant; immune system, stamina & spirits are low. Hasn’t returned to work yet.
- **Joni & Michael Vance:** baby girl born Oct. 22, Taylor Hayes, hole in heart, will have surgery to repair hole in heart and replace valve sometime in the future.
- **Evelyn Culpepper:** broken femur, recovering from surgery at her daughter’s.
- **Gage Parker**, 18 yr old son of Barbara Fowler’s friend, Gina: Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, chemo in hospital, last scans show some decrease in cancer cells.

- **Loved ones battling cancer:** **John McInnis:** pancreatic & liver cancer, finished fourth round of chemo, beginning new, milder, chemo treatments, scan in 6 weeks to determine progress. **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, continues to improve, scan in January. **Joyce Ellzey**, David Wade’s aunt: Chemo followed by surgery. **Jane Dowell**, mother of Alex Word’s friend, LeAndrea Hampton: aggressive brain cancer, she may have 6 months - 3 years to live. **Steven Bell**, Tiffany Glover’s brother: liver cancer returned, stage 4. **Melanie Morano**, daughter of Peggy Jordan’s neighbor: small recurrence of brain cancer, moving to MD Anderson. **Jack Thompson**, uncle of Scott Word: prostate cancer, all looks well so far, test in November. **Robin Marbury Morris**, Jeanne Monsour’s niece: colon & liver cancer, will continue chemo here in Jackson. **Judy Bramlett**, Ken Bramlett’s sister-in-law: found two more tumors, hoping to get into clinical study. **Bobby Taylor**, John Dawson’s cousin: stage 4 lymphoma. **Roscoe Douglas**, Rebekah Dawson’s SIL’s father: stage 4 colon cancer, lung tumors, has lived 2 1/2 years despite being given only 6 months at diagnosis, treating with only Proton therapy, vitamins, and diet changes, quality of life very good, recovering from recent hip operation. **Andrew McCall**, 8-yr-old son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.

- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joan Allen, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/11 am/6 pm):	December 24	48/74/108
Sunday School:		80
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 7,079.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,381.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 388,483.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 331,812.00 (+\$56,671)