

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Children's Christmas Party: Carols, Kids and Crockpots
FRIDAY	Office Closed	

Pastor Search Committee Members

Ashley Belknap	John Thompson	Alternates
Scotty Dickey	Dr. Jim Neill	Angela McClinnis
Thomas Eastland		Gray Ouzts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School - Winter Quarter: Skip Lathem is leading the study: Lessons from the Upper Room. Chapters 13 - 17 of John's Gospel record for us the, "Farewell Discourses," of Jesus, which took place the night before his crucifixion. From the humility of our Lord stooping to wash his disciples' feet, to the majesty of his High Priestly Prayer, we have much to learn from this glorious portion of Scripture. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Christmas Party: Carols, Kids and Crockpots :will start at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We will sing carols, led by Brian Matthews, and hear the Christmas story, read by Jackie and Mary Thompson. We will then have a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall and the children will make a craft. **The whole church** is invited to attend this evening of worship and fellowship. Please bring a soup to share.

Adult Choir: No Choir Rehearsal today, December 25th, or January 1st. Choir resumes on January 8th.

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Candlelight service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Special Offering: During the Christmas Eve worship service we will take a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Ministry. Its purpose is to look after retired pastors, widows, and other PCA church servants.

Adult Bible Study: will resume January 8th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. We will continue studying Philippians.

2022 Giving: Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2022 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

Flower Calendar: The 2023 flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

byFaith Magazines : New byFaith magazines are ready for pickup in the breezeway.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Classes for 2 years - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.
Sunday Night: No Sunday evening activities through January 1st. We will resume January 8th. No Sunday School classes December 25th, or January 1st.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Taylor Vance **Next Week:** William Belknap
Nursery: Rebecca Thompson/Jude Smith **Next Week:** Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser
December: All Coordinators **January 2023:** Davida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

December: Susan Inman **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: No Sunday School today or next Sunday; next SS class is Jan. 8th.
Youth Fellowship: will resume meeting on January 8th at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes

"God is AT Work IN US!"
 1 Peter 1:1-2

- I. God is AT Work IN US as He Foreknew us:

- II. God is AT Work IN US in your sanctification:

- III. God is AT Work IN US in sprinkling the blood of Christ on you:

- IV. God is AT Work IN US, blessing us with Grace and Peace:

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Elders: RE Scotty Dickey, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jim Neill, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten
Deacons: Chris Groebe, Nate Inman, Eric Napier, Andrew Rush, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Darrin Tolar

Officers Emeritus:

Elders: Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †
Deacons: John McClinnis †, Ken Bramlett †, Edsel Parks †, Richard Harrison

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

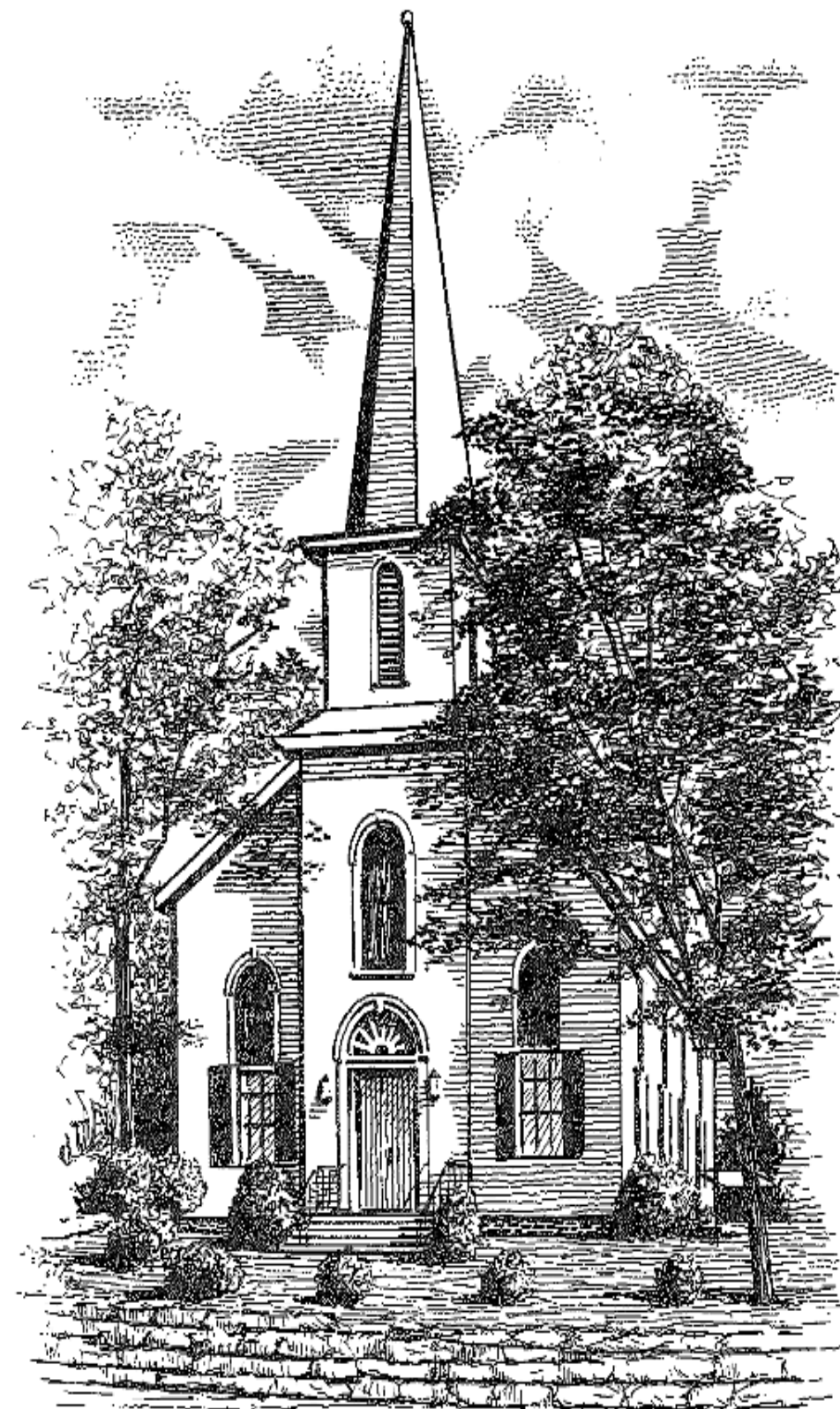
Women's Ministry

Flower Coordinator - Sonia Jay: esjay@att.net
 Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McClinnis, Ruth Lathem
 Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford
 Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison,
 Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill, Becky Inman
 Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour
 Whitten Shepherding Group: Julie Huddleston, Elizabeth Pinkerton

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

To Our Visitors

We are pleased to have you 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 an usher at the end of the service. Let an usher know if you have any questions.



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 Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."*

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022

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

Meditation

AUGUSTINE

“Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man,. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/ Preparation for Worship

KATE INMAN, PIANO

“Carol of the Bells”

Call to Worship *

LUKE 1:50-55

Leader: His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

People: he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

Leader: He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

People: He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

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“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Responsive Reading

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, Q&A 37-38

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

People: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o 224

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
(Marsha, piano)

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Still, Still, Still” - arr. Berry

Gloria Patri *

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music

JERRY WATSON

“O Holy Night”

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

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1 Peter 1:1-2

Sermon

Mr. JAMES “BEBO” ELKIN

“God is AT Work IN US!”

Hymn of Response *

N^o 201

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): December 11	120
Live Views:	9
Total Online views:	32
Sunday School:	72
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 4,204.00
Online Giving:	\$ 857.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$379,479.00 (-3,021.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$382,500.00

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:**
- **Ministry of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill, Nate Inman
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Griffin, William, and Graham Belknap
- **College Student of the Week:** Jesse Dickey
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- **Matt Stowers and Kara Beth Carter:** to be married May 6th.
- **Lacey Morrison Avioli:** expecting a boy December 15th.
- **Terry Word Pullen:** expecting another boy January 1st.
- **Anna Kate Stowers:** expecting a boy February 20th.
- **Laura Whitten:** expecting a boy April 1st.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; had BMT on June 1st. Had his last clinic visit last Thursday. He was scheduled to have his central line removed, but his CD3 counts are not rising as expected. Still having some blood in his urine; will see a urologist at his next visit. Pray his CD3 counts rise and they find out what is causing the blood in his urine.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's nephew): is under a doctor's care at UAB with kidney issues; he will be undergoing treatments for an extended period.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): continues to do well. Wears a monitor to monitor his heart 24/7.
- **Jim Smith:** fractured vertebra (L3); please pray for no further complications and healing.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** Jim has had another stable scan. We are praising God for His goodness and mercy to us!!!
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): is taking chemo; cancer has returned to his back; needs prayer.
- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): The latest PET scan showed all the masses throughout his body are almost nonexistent. He will continue chemo through February, 2023. He needs to gain weight and build strength. Prayer is powerful.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney's Mom): has completed radiation, is back home and doing well. She will have chemo every 21 days through next March. In April, 2023, she will have a scan to make sure everything is clear.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia, sleep apnea and avascular necrosis in his ankles & knees; all is stable. Thank you for your prayers.

- **Service members:** Matthew Hellier, CA; Glenn Stewart, Fort Campbell (Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew); Laurel and Aaron Arnold, Fort Story (Jeff & Lisa Bynum's Daughter and son-in-law)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

We have received Christmas Cards from the Harris Bond Family & David and Robin White. They are posted on the bulletin board.

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