

THIS WEEK @ BPC

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TODAY

10:00 AM Worship Service

Pastor Search Committee Members

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion: Please prepare your hearts to receive the Lord's Supper on January 8th.

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. There will be no Sunday School next Sunday; class resumes on January 8th.

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

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 or call the church office and Barbara will sign you up. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

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

Poinsettias Pickup: If you would like a Poinsettia, please take one after the worship service this morning.

Christmas Cards: We have received Christmas Cards from Covenant Theological Seminary, French Camp, & Palmer Home for Children. They are posted on the bulletin board.

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 January 1st.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: William Belknap	Next Week: Antley Grace Eastland
Nursery: Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser	Next Week: /Amy Kaiser
December: All Coordinators	January 2023: Davida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

December: Susan Inman **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: No Sunday School next Sunday; SS resumes on Jan. 8th.

Youth Fellowship: will resume meeting on January 8th at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes

"What Our Christmas Cards Never Tell Us"

Matthew 1:1-6, 16

STAFF

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OFFICERS

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 McInnis †, Ken Bramlett †, Edsel Parks †, Richard Harrison

Women's Ministry

Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, 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

Flower Coordinator - Sonia Jay: esjay@att.net

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

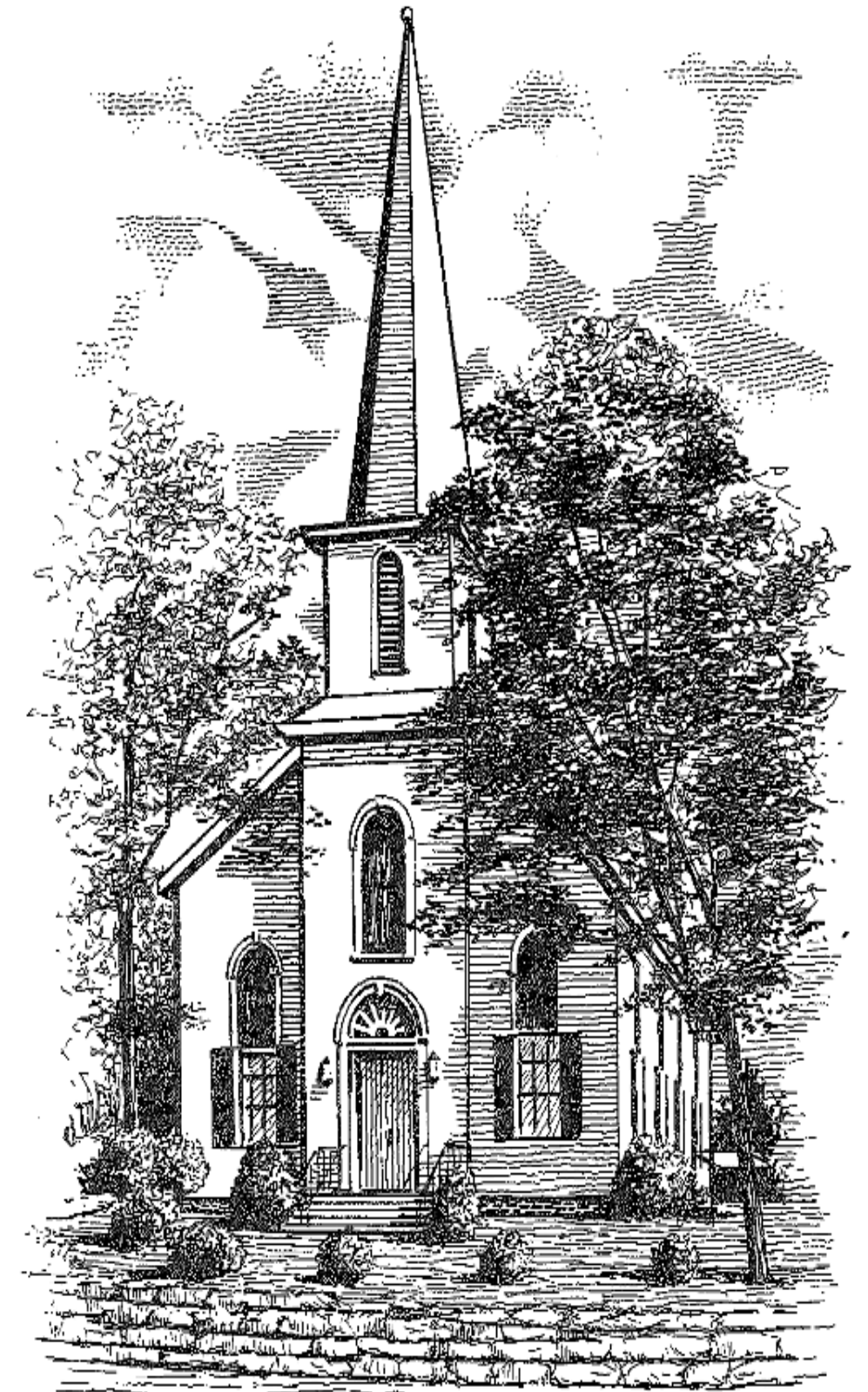
To Our Visitors

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

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 25, 2022

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

Meditation COLOSSIANS 1:19
"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell."

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/ Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" - Johnny Marks

Call to Worship * LUKE 1:68-69; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6; JOHN 1:14; LUKE 2:14
Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

People: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: Give thanks for the Horn that was raised up!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Give thanks for the light that has shone in the darkness!

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Leader: Give thanks for the Word that was made flesh!

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise * N^o 207
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Confession of Faith 1TIMOTHY 3:16
Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Confession of Sin

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in the Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon MATTHEW 1:20-21
But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Hymn of Praise * N^o 199
"See, amid the Winter's Snow"

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings
Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL
"Noel Provencal" - P. Candeille

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music LAKEN CURTIS, TROMBONE
"Christmas Joy Medley"
(Marsha, piano)

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 681
Matthew 1:1-6, 16

Sermon REV. BILLY DEMPSEY
"What Our Christmas Cards Never Tell Us"

Hymn of Response * N^o 223
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Benediction

Postlude * JACQUELYN THORNELL
"Suisse Noel - Daquin"
*Congregation Standing

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): December 18	93
Live Views:	10
Total Online views:	36
Sunday School:	66
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 5,402.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,155.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$390,036.00 (-114.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$390,150.00

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:**
- **Ministry of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, Dan Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Nolan Blakeney
- **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Groebe
- God would bless us with new conversions, visitors, families, & members.

Weddings and Babies:

- **Matt Stowers and Kara Beth Carter:** to be married May 6th.
- **Terry Word Pullen:** expecting another boy January 1st.
- **Anna Kate Stowers:** expecting a boy February 20th.
- **Laura Whitten:** expecting a boy April 1st.
- **Bobbie Gilmore:** is still in Baptist Hospital and continues to improve. Doctors are pleased with her progress. She is still not allowed visitors. Thank you for your prayers.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; had BMT on June 1st. Had his appointment on Tuesday; his CD3 counts have not improved but are relatively stable. The doctor is going to check his CD3 count one more time before proceeding to the next step. Please pray his counts rise so that we don't have to remove T cells from Parker to give to Ames.
- **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

Gary & Carole Morrison announce the arrival of their grandson, Dominic "Ross" Avioli, on December 9th. Ross was born at 7:15 PM and weighed 6lb. 15oz. Mom, Dad, Ross and his two older sisters are all doing fine; they live in Keller, TX. Congratulations from your BPC family!