

## THIS WEEK @ BPC

**TODAY**  
 9:00 AM Rally Day & Senior Recognition  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study, Children's Meal & Activities, Youth Group

**TUESDAY**  
 9:30 AM Women's Ministry Team Meeting

To livestream the service go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGmzy521B7L2DpUAATzGHA>

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Daily Bread:** The summer issue has arrived; you can pick up a copy in the breezeway.


**Adult Sunday School:** Spring Quarter: Dr. John Belknap is teaching a class on the distinctives of the Reformed faith entitled, Presbyterian, What do you believe? A deep dive into some of the basics. John will be focusing on the Five Points of Calvinism. You will learn what these basics of the Reformed faith are and why they are important to your walk with Christ.. Please join us each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM.

**Adult Choir:** Choir rehearsal today from 4:45-5:30 PM.


**Adult Bible Study:** (5:30 - 7:00 PM). All adults are invited to study *Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Life in a Fallen World* by Sinclair Ferguson. We hope you will join us as we discuss this book on the greatest sermon ever preached. Books will be provided by the church. We meet in the Choir Classroom with Nate Inman leading.

**Ladies' Summer Sunday School Class:** will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> and go through August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying *Galatians - At His Feet Studies* by Hope A. Blanton and Christine B. Gordon. The class will be led by Lisa Hellier.

**Flowers:** The 2023 flower calendar is on the bulletin board, please sign up to reserve a date or call the church office and Barbara will sign you up.



**BPC Graduating Seniors**  
**Jonathan Dickey, Ryan Groebe, & Helen Vance**



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday Night: Catechism Club** will continue Sunday evenings through June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please study and come prepared to answer a few questions each night. The two younger classes will be studying the meaning of catechism questions and the 4th- 6th will continue learning how to study the Bible. (If you need a catechism book, please see Susan Inman.)

#### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

<b>Bell Ringer:</b> Avery Thompson	<b>Next Week:</b> Caroline Ouzts
<b>Nursery:</b> Ellie Word/Gray Ouzts	<b>Next Week:</b> Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser
<b>May:</b> Rebecca Thompson	<b>June:</b> Molly Eastland

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<b>May:</b> Joseph & Cathy Costello	<b>June:</b> Daniel & Cortney Greer
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### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Jr. and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 5:30 PM.

## Sermon Notes

"Jesus' Astonishing Claims Concerning Himself"  
 John 5:16-30

#### 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

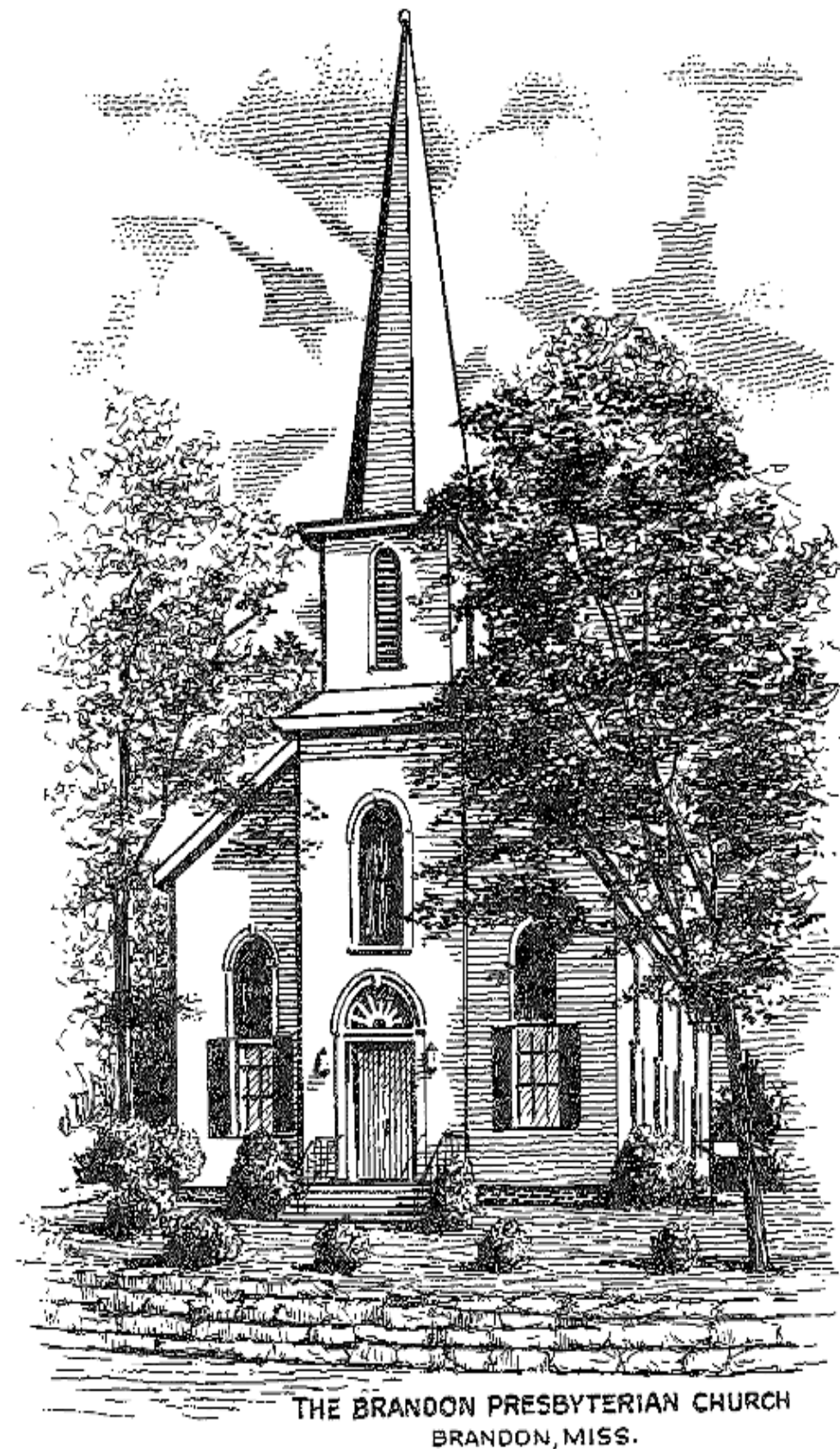
**Dickey Shepherding Group:** Angela McInnis, Ruth Lathem  
**Herrington Shepherding Group:** Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford  
**Morrison Shepherding Group:** Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison,  
 Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill, Becky Inman  
**Thompson Shepherding Group:** Mary Thompson, Jeanne 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, May 21, 2023

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

Meditation CHARLES WESLEY  
“Amazing Love! how can it be, That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?”

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST  
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” - Bach

Call to Worship \* PSALM 92:1-4  
Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!  
**People: Extol him, all peoples!**  
Leader: For great is his steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
**People: Praise the LORD!**

## Invocation \*

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 599  
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ”

Confession of Faith WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, Q&A 88-90  
Leader: What are the ordinary, external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption?  
**People: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

Leader: What makes the word effective for salvation?  
**People: The Spirit of God causes the reading and especially the preaching of the word to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and comfort through faith to salvation.**

Leader: How is the word to be read and heard in order to become effective for salvation?  
**People: For the word to become effective for salvation, we must pay careful attention to it, prepare ourselves, and pray for understanding. We must also receive it with faith and love, treasure it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

Confession of Sin  
Almighty God, Unto whom all hearts are open, All desires known, And from whom no secrets are hidden, Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, So that we may perfectly love you, And worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon ROMANS 8:31-34  
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring

any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hymn of Praise INSERT  
“You Are My All In All”

## Pastoral Prayer

## God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO  
“We Believe” - arr. Phillip Keveren  
In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear, there is only one foundation. We believe, we believe . In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see there is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.  
Chorus: We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ, we believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death, we believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again, we believe.

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 BRIAN MATTHEWS  
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 754  
John 5:16-30

Sermon REV. EARL ADAMS  
“Jesus’ Astonishing Claims Concerning Himself”

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>. 691  
“It Is Well with My Soul”

Benediction  
\*congregation Standing

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00):	May 14	134
Live Views:		3
Total Online views:		45
Sunday School:		74
Last Week’s Offering:	\$	4,987.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,295.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$	8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$180,244.00 (+13,344.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$166,900.00

## IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten/RUF
- **Ministry of the Week:** MS Benevolence
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Georgia Williams
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

## Weddings and Babies:

- **Chauncey Blakeney:** expecting another boy, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels’ Wife) Please continue to pray for her; she’s not doing well and pray for Noel and the family.
- **Mary Ruth Ruffin:** Continued prayers are appreciated as she adjusts to living at Lakeview Place in Magee.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with rheumatoid issues, fibromyalgia, diabetes, and cirrhosis.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 19 yr. old nephew): continued checkups at UAB show that dialysis is helping and the search for a transplant looks very promising at this time.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth’s son-in-law): continues to do well. Will continue to wear a heart monitor and take medication for his heart indefinitely.

## Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): had another PET scan earlier this week. His cancer has grown exponentially and he will begin a very aggressive chemotherapy next Tuesday. He will be inpatient at least 5 days for treatment.
- **Jim Smith:** The date of Jim’s next scan has been changed from June 13 to June 20; please pray for another stable scan.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney’s Mom): Her recent checkup at MD Anderson revealed a knot, but doctors don’t think it’s anything to worry about. She will have another scan in two months.
- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath’s 21 year old neighbor): diagnosed with brain cancer; has finished radiation treatments. He will take five chemo pills each month for the rest of the year unless something changes. An MRI is scheduled for June. His family appreciates the prayers.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee’s son): leukemia; had BMT on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Had his first monthly doctor visit; things continue to remain stable. His t-cells haven’t moved up much. Pray they move up and for continued healing. Thank you!
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour’s grandfather): Continues with chemo for cancer in his back. His outlook is positive.
- **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.

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

- **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, (Jeff & Lisa Bynum’s daughter and son- in-law); Baylor Griggs, Marine boot camp (Scott Word’s nephew)

Many thanks to our wonderful church family for the prayers, expressions of concern and meals after my recent stroke. They were very comforting during a difficult time.  
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