

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Women's Ministry Leadership Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Men's Sunday School Class:** During Sunday school this summer, the men will continue studying wisdom literature from the Old and New Testaments. A team of teachers will be leading a study of the book of James. Please join us.

**Ladies' Summer Sunday School Class:** During Sunday school this summer, the ladies will be studying *Galatians - At His Feet Studies* by Hope A. Blanton and Christine B. Gordon. The class will be led by Lisa Hellier. Please join us.

**Adult Choir:** No choir rehearsal or choir in the loft today.

**Children's Play Dates:** every Monday in July at the Flowood Nature Park from 9:30-11:30 AM.

**Joint Sunday School Class:** On July 30<sup>th</sup> adults, youth and students in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School to hear MNA Missionary Harris Bond/Church Planter tell us about his church plant, Ouachita Presbyterian Church, in Monroe, LA.

**Back to School Swim Party :** will be August 4th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the Crossgates pool (113 Woodgate Drive Brandon). Supper and snacks will be provided. Come for a great time of fellowship and wet fun! Please let Nate or Susan Inman know if you plan to attend.

**Installation Service:** Please join us on Sunday evening, August 6th at 6:00 PM for Rev. Brad Mills Installation Service. A nursery will be provided.

**Mission Trip:** Jim and Lisa Hellier are raising support for their August mission trip to Cali, Colombia, to present a Biblical Theology workshop, led by Nancy Guthrie, for women. They need to raise \$2500 by August 1st to cover travel expenses.

Individuals willing to donate can give a check made out directly to Lisa Hellier or if you wish to make a tax deductible donation, please write a check to ConexusLA, designated to Lisa Hellier's account in the memo line. All checks can be turned into the office. Thank you for your consideration.

**Pardon our progress:** the settee and chairs that normally occupy the pulpit are being reupholstered and the chairs now in their place are temporary. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to work on updating our facilities.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**Sunday Night:** Children's Sunday Evening Programs will begin August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The 2 yr. olds - K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be studying the Parables of Jesus. The 4th - 6th graders will read *Pilgrim's Progress* and will discuss gospel truths and the work of Christ in the life of a believer.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Lawson Hoge **Next Week:** Lou Woods

**Nursery:** Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser **Next Week:** Sue Bohnen & Gray Ouzts (SS)/ Rebecca Thompson & Caitlin Mills (WS)

**July:** Gray Ouzts **August:** Ellie Word

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**July:** Kerri Matthews **August:** Matthew & Cassie Warren

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group will resume meeting on Sunday evenings August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sermon Notes

"By the Rivers of Babylon "

Daniel 1:1-7

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

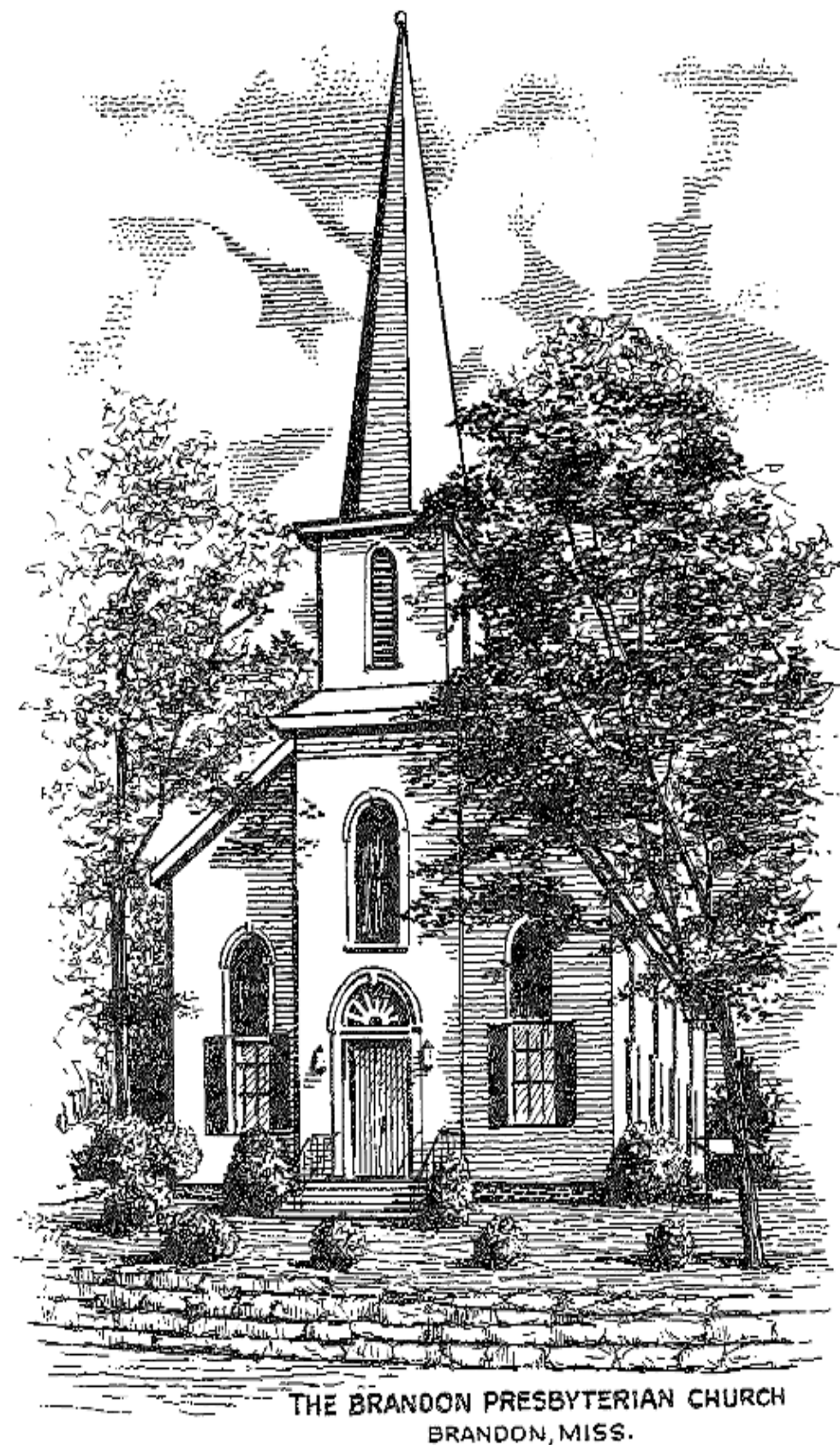
Women's Ministry

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 by Lauren, Lawson, Keaton, and Hayes Hoge.

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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# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, July 23, 2023

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

## Meditation

PSALM 137:1-4

“By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?”

## Welcome & Announcements

## Prelude/Preparation for Worship

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“Fanfare on “Duke Street”” -Paxton

## Call to Worship \*

1CHRONICLES 29:11-13

Leader: To the Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is his.

**People: To him is the kingdom, and he is exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from him, and he rules over all.**

Leader: In his hand are power and might, and in his hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**People: Now give thanks to our God and praise his glorious name.**

## Invocation \*

## Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>: 30

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ”

## Confession of Faith

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, Q&A 106-107

Leader: For what do we pray in the sixth request?

**People: In the sixth request (And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one) we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin or support and deliver us when we are tempted.**

Leader: What does the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

**People: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever) teaches us to be encouraged only by God in our prayers and to praise Him by acknowledging that kingdom, power, and glory are His. To show that we want to be heard and have confidence that we are, we say "Amen".**

## Confession of Sin

Johannes Oecolampadius

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we, poor, miserable sinners, confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

## Hymn of Praise

N<sup>o</sup>: 705

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”  
(Marsha, piano)

## Pastoral Prayer

## God's Tithes & Our Offerings

## Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” - Mason/Ritter

## 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

JERRY WATSON

“The Lord's Prayer”  
(Marsha, piano)

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

## Reading of Holy Scripture

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Daniel 1:1-7

## Sermon

“By the Rivers of Babylon”

REV. BRAD MILLS

## Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>: 585

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

## Benediction

\*congregation Standing

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): July 16,	143
Live Views:	4
Total Online views:	34
Sunday School:	102
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 5,539.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,435.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$257,848.00 (+15,843.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$242,005.00

To livestream the service go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGmzy521B7L2DpUAATzGHA>

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Mike & Mary Lott (Southeast Asia)
- **Ministry of the Week:** RTS (Reformed Theological Seminary)
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ryan Groebe
- **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Goebe
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

### Weddings and Babies:

- **Chauncey Blakeney:** expecting another boy November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Cortney Greer:** expecting another baby January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): God hears our prayers. Hays will be receiving a kidney transplant this Thursday, July 27 at UAB. Please continue to pray for him, his donor, and their medical teams.
- **Joyce Crotchet** (Lisa Karmacharya's Mom): is in Hospice care for a debilitating neurological disease. Please pray for Mrs. Crotchet, Lisa and their family.
- **Nina Hart** (Evelyn Carpenter's Mom): passed away July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please be in pray for her children, grandchildren and family members.
- **Charlie Moak:** dealing with medical issues; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Sonia Jay:** continuing to recover from recent injuries; please keep her in your prayers and please pray for Elton and family as they care for her.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with rheumatoid issues, fibromyalgia, diabetes, and cirrhosis.
- **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:

- **Jack Thompson** (Scott Word's uncle): esophageal cancer; had his surgery Thursday and everything went well. The doctors said that they got all of the cancer. We are very thankful for those answered prayers. They put a feeding tube in Friday; he will remain in the hospital for several days. Recovery will take 6-8 weeks.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney's Mom): continues to do well; will continue with periodic visits to her doctor.
- **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. His MRI has been rescheduled for August. His family appreciates the prayers.
- **Jim Smith:** Jim's scan was stable. We are so grateful to God for His mercies. We are over 5 1/2 years out now from his cancer surgery.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; underwent yearly bone marrow aspirate May 25th at UAB; is having a molecular relapse. Trying an oral chemo pill. The transplant was unsuccessful at eliminating his disease. Please continue to pray for our family during this time as we struggle with this news and navigate through more decisions regarding Ames' care. Pray that the Lord guides us and helps us make the best choices for Ames.
- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): had another PET scan. His cancer has grown exponentially; he has begun a very aggressive chemotherapy.
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): Continues chemo to control his cancer.
- **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:** Baylor Griggs, Fort Lejeune, NC, Infantry training (Scott Word's nephew); 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)