

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study, Children's Meal & Activities, Youth Group

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor's Welcome Class** – Pastor Brad will teach a class for any prospective members and anyone who has not had an opportunity to attend a membership class. The class will meet for 6-8 weeks beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School at 9:00 AM in one of the upstairs classrooms. See Pastor Brad for more information.

**Adult Fall Sunday School Class:** The adult Fall Sunday School class will be a study based on Dr. R. C. Sproul's book – *Loved by God*. With Dr. Sproul as our guide, we will discover the threefold nature of God's love: His electing *benevolence*, His redeeming *beneficence*, and His rewarding *complacency*. Classes begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with Skip Lathem facilitating.

**Adult Book Study:** Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 PM the adults are studying *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I* by Timothy Keller. Nate Inman will be leading. Books will be provided.

**New Committee Structure** : Some of you may have wanted to get more involved, but were not sure how. We hope these new committees make room for everyone to utilize the gifts the Lord has given them and distribute the workload evenly. Please review the committees and let any of the elders know if you are interested in joining one. You may continue to serve in your current committee or shift to one that better fits your gifts and interests.

- *Worship* — Responsible for evaluating our worship services and working alongside the Session to implement any changes. Will develop a plan for welcoming visitors and receiving new members.
- *Missions* — Communicate with our current missionaries and review new applicants. Plan events and projects that will promote greater interest and involvement in missions.
- *Discipleship* — Will plan the calendar for Adult Sunday school and work alongside the Youth Ministry and Children's Ministry Director to evaluate materials, find and train teachers, and promote more involvement.
- *Fellowship* — Plan events and develop ministries that encourage deeper fellowship. This group will support the Men's and Women's Ministry as well as coordinate meal deliveries.
- *Administration* — Meet with the staff to coordinate calendars, communicate announcements, and evaluate personnel needs. Will manage the church website, social media, and library.

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 is from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The 2 yr. olds - K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are studying the Parables of Jesus. The 4th - 6th graders are reading *Pilgrim's Progress* and will discuss gospel truths and the work of Christ in the life of a believer.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Sarah Costello      **Next Week:** Steele Stanford  
**Nursery:** Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser      **Next Week:** /Amy Kaiser  
**August:** Ellie Word      **September:** Rebecca Thompson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**August:** Matthew & Cassie Warren      **September:** Gray Ouzts

Sermon Notes

"The Believer's Comfort in Death"  
 Acts 7:54-60

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Jr. and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.  
**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM.

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

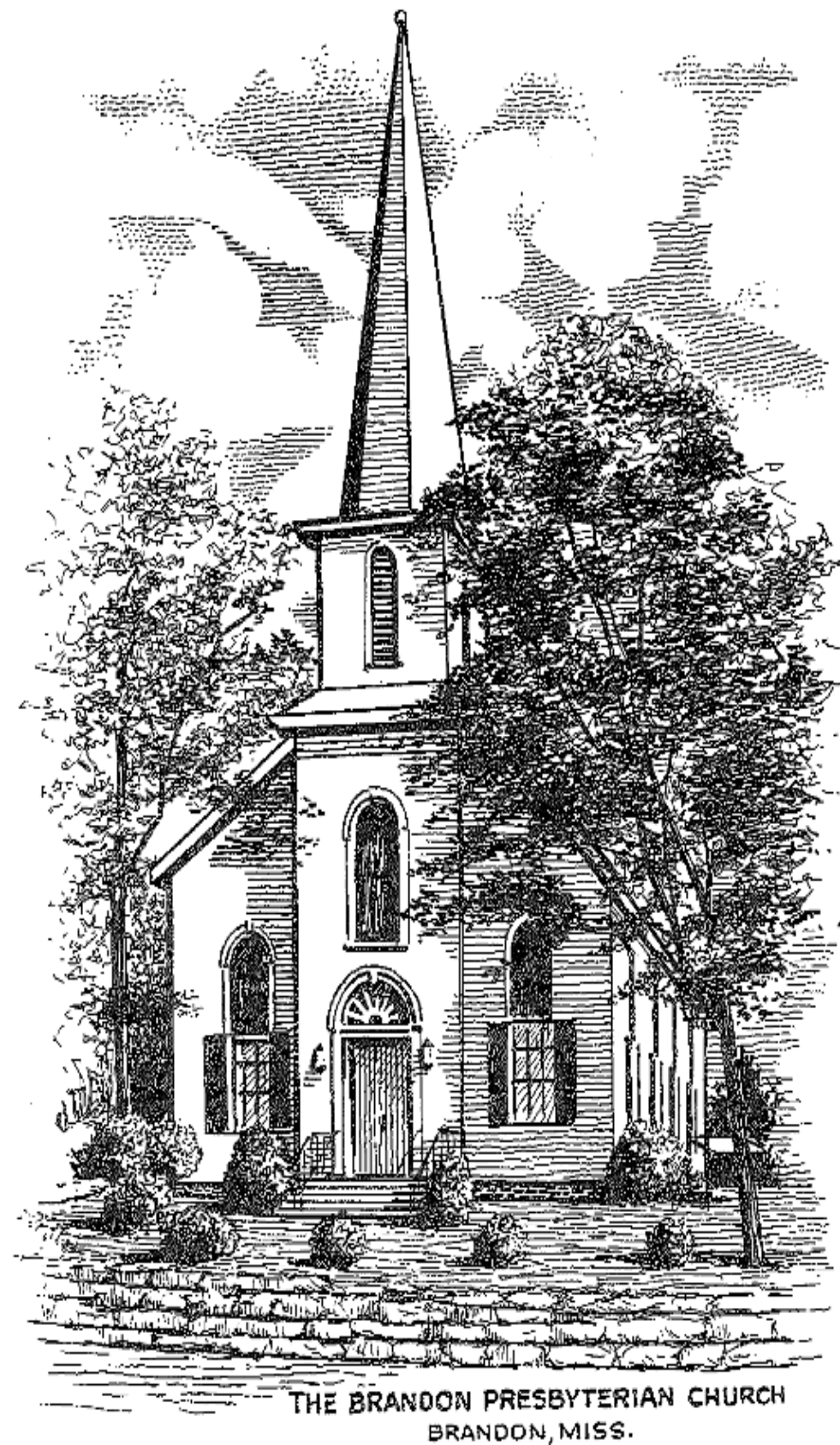
Women's Ministry

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 are given by Denny and Ladine Blaylock to the glory of God and in memory of their fathers, Victor Blaylock and Douglas harper.

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, August 27, 2023

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

## Meditation

JOEL BEEKE

“Have you ever tried to meditate for even ten minutes on the fact that you are dying and on your inevitable death and afterlife? By nature that is nearly impossible to do. Even as Christians, it can be difficult. We can spend scores of hours planning a two-week vacation on another continent, but can scarcely spend one hour planning for a never-ending eternity.”

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude/Preparation for Worship

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“If Thou Art Near” - Bach

### Call to Worship \*

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13; ROMANS 8:38-39

Leader: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

**People: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### Invocation

JOHN THOMPSON

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 302

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

### Confession of Faith

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH 32.1

The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption, but their souls, (which neither die nor sleep,) having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies, the scripture acknowledgeth none.

### Confession of Sin

ISAIAH 53:6A

All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...

### Assurance of Pardon

ISAIAH 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 107

“Praise Ye the Father!”

### Pastoral Prayer

Scotty Dickey

### God's Tithes & Our Offerings

1 CHRONICLES 16:29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; worship the Lord in holy array.

### Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Something for Thee” - Birchwood/Lowry

### 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

JOHN THOMPSON

### Anthem

ADULT CHOIR

“Medley of the Cross”

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

### Reading of Holy Scripture

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Acts 7:54-60

### Sermon

REV. ALLEN STANTON

“The Believer's Comfort in Death”

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 691

“It Is Well with My Soul”

### Benediction

REV. ALLEN STANTON

### 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.

\*Congregation Standing

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00):	Aug. 20	162
Live Views: (10:00 AM/6:00 PM)		10
Total Online views:		91
Sunday School:		101
Last Week's Offering:	\$	7,287.00
Online Giving:	\$	149.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$	8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$297,357.00 (+13,627.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$283,730.00

*Ladies monthly Bible Study will begin September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet every second Tuesday at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM (except December). This year we are studying 1 Timothy, “Entrusted To Be Invested” by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt.*

*A weekly Bible Study will be offered this fall also. Lisa Hellier will be teaching a 10 week study on Hebrews. It will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning September 27.*

*We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the books.*

### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Rodney & Jana Davila, El Salvador
- **Ministry of the Week:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Caitlin & Thatcher Mills
- **College Student of the Week:** Madelyn Mills
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

### Weddings and Babies:

- **Meredith Pennebaker** (Jim and Melinda Neill's daughter): expecting a boy October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Chauncey Blakeney:** expecting another boy November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Cortney Greer:** expecting a girl January 6, 2024
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024.

- **Nancy Bramlett:** is in Merit Health Rankin with Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): Kidney transplant was successful! Please pray for Hays and his donor, Christy, as they recover.
- **Charlie Moak:** dealing with medical issues; please keep him in your prayers.
- **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:

- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; June 1st we received news that Ames had relapsed. Ames has started two different oral chemo pills and is tolerating it well. Will test his peripheral blood monthly to check for the translocation t6;9 and FLT3. Last blood draw showed that he was moving in the right direction. Pray that the Lord will help us and guide us to the right decision for Ames.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): had his annual check up July 27<sup>th</sup>. He has gone five years without a relapse and is now classified as cured. Thank you for your prayers.
- **Jack Thompson** (Scott Word's uncle): esophageal cancer; is still in ICU at UAB Birmingham. He has been up and down, but recently seems to have improved.
- **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.
- **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.

- **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)

**Baby Shower:** There will be a baby shower for Chauncey Blakeney at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Chauncey would like to have a “diapers & wipes shower.” If you have any questions, please contact Carole Morrison.