

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:30 PM Deacons' Meeting  
 5:00 PM Adult Choir

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Women's Ministry Project Group

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 next Sunday 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 facilitated by Skip Lathem began this morning; it is 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*.

**Adult Book Study:** No study tonight; will resume next Sunday.

**New Committee Structure :** Please review the committees listed below 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.

**Mustard Seed Handbell Choir concert:** on Wednesday, September 20th at 6pm. After the concert, we will have pizza, salad and cookies. If you would like to stay for supper, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by September 17th.

**Devo & Donuts:** will resume next Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM. All students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month the students are in school.

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. No Children's meal or activities tonight.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Steele Stanford      **Next Week:** Sophie Warren  
**Nursery:** Cassie Warren/Amy Kaiser      **Next Week:** Cortney Greer/Amy Kaiser  
**September:** Rebecca Thompson      **October:** Molly Eastland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**September:** Gray Ouzts      **October:**

Sermon Notes

"The Dream Team"  
 Daniel 2:1-23

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Jr. and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.  
**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group will not meet tonight.

STAFF

**Brad Mills** - Pastor: brad@brandonpres.com  
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**Barbara Sanchez** - Secretary: secretary@brandonpres.com

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 Dotsy Peel.

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, September 3, 2023

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

## Meditation

JOHN OWEN

“A due contemplation of the glory of Christ will restore and compose the mind. . . . [It] will lift the minds and hearts of believers above all the troubles of this life, and is the sovereign antidote that will expel all the poison that is in them; which otherwise might perplex and enslave their souls.”

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude/Preparation for Worship

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“Sheep May Safely Graze” - Bach

### Call to Worship \*

PSALM 95:1-4A

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

### Invocation

REV. BRAD MILLS

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Footnotes: “descended into hell” = descended into the place of the dead, not of eternal punishment. “catholic church”= the church exists universally, not just in one culture or denomination.*

### Confession of Sin

JEREMIAH 17:9

The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?

### Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; and Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin .

### Hymn of Praise \*

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“Thy Word”  
(piano, Marsha)

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Brad Mills

### God's Tithes & Our Offerings

PROVERBS 3:9-10

Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

### Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“What Wondrous Love is This” - William Held

### 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

REV. BRAD MILLS

### Anthem

ADULT CHOIR

“O Church, Arise”

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

### Reading of Holy Scripture

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Daniel 2:1-23

### Sermon

REV. BRAD MILLS

“The Dream Team”

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 587

“Who Is on the Lord's Side?”

### Benediction

1SAMUEL 2:8

### 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. 27	123
Live Views: (10:00 AM/6:00 PM)	7
Total Online views:	51
Sunday School:	98
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 8,286.00
Online Giving:	\$ 349.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$305,992.00 (+13,917.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$292,075.00

***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:** David & Robin White (Atlanta; Field Support)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Palmer Home
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ejay & Gracey Napier
- **College Student of the Week:** Lauren Mills
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

### Weddings and Babies:

- **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a baby March 17, 2024
- **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>. (Baby shower 9/17; 2 PM)
- **Cortney Greer:** expecting a girl January 6, 2024
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024.

- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): is at home (Meridian ). Please pray for his recovery to continue.
- **Nancy Bramlett:** is in Merit Health Rankin with Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **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:

- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath's 21 year old neighbor): diagnosed with brain cancer. His MRI results showed that he is stable; his tumor has not grown. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **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.
- **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)

The adult choir will kick off our Christmas music season with a time for viewing and listening to the music of our 2023 Christmas program and a time for food and fellowship at 5:00 P.M. this Sunday evening. If you are new to the choir, you are invited and do not need to worry about bringing food since you will be our guests. Please consider the invitation to join us and come ready to get into our beautiful Christmas music enhanced by food and fellowship with choir members.