

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:55 AM Worship Service
 2:00 PM Blakeney Baby Shower
 4:45 PM Adult Choir
 5:30 PM Children's, Youth and Adult Studies

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Mustard Seed Handbell Choir

SATURDAY

Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor's Welcome Class: Pastor Brad is teaching a class for any prospective members and anyone who has not had an opportunity to attend a membership class. The class is meeting during Sunday School at 9:00 AM in one of the upstairs classrooms for 6-8 weeks. See Pastor Brad for more information.

Adult Fall Sunday School Class: The adult Fall Sunday School class facilitated by Skip Lathem 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: Sunday nights 5:30-7:00 PM. The adults are studying *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I* by Timothy Keller. Nate Inman is leading.

Mustard Seed Handbell Choir concert: Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 PM. 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 Sept 17th.

Ladies Weekly Bible Study: Lisa Hellier will be teaching a 10 week study on Hebrews. It will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning Sept 27th. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the books.

Devo & Donuts: All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to join us every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month the students are in school at 7:15 AM beginning Sept 27th.

Ladies Monthly Bible Study: Meets every second Tuesday at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM (except December). The next meeting will be October 10th. We are studying 1 Timothy, "*Entrusted To Be Invested*" by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the books.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes: There are a few more boxes to be picked up and packed in the Cafe area. After packing your box, please bring it back to the church by November 5th. If you would prefer, you can make a donation to help pay for shipping the boxes. Please put "shoeboxes" in the memo line of your check. Questions?? See Ruth Lathem or Susan Inman.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Classes for 2 years - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Sunday Night: Children's Sunday Evening Program is from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The 2 yr. olds - K5 and 1st - 3rd 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: Taylor Vance

Next Week: William Belknap

Nursery: Rebecca T./Melinda N.

Next Week: Davida Curtis/Laken Curtis

September: Rebecca Thompson

October: Molly Eastland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

September: Gray Ouzts

October: Melinda Neill

Sermon Notes

"Here We Stand"

Daniel 3:1-18

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Fellowship: Youth Group will resume tonight at 5:30 PM.

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OFFICERS

Elders: RE Scotty Dickey, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison,
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 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 Brian and Kerri Matthews.**

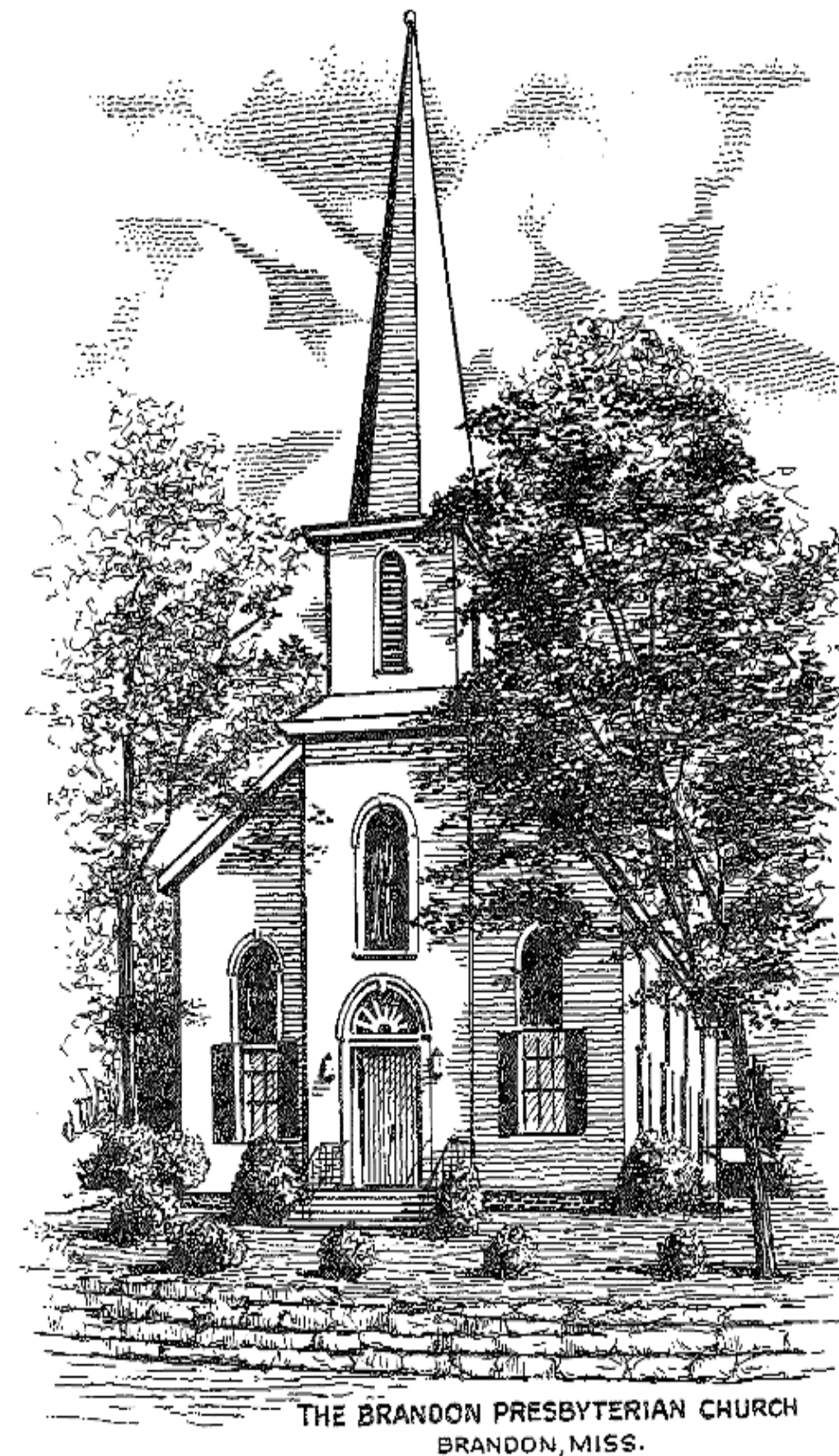
To Our Visitors

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.



**THE BRANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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*"The Church's One Foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."*

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, September 17, 2023

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

Meditation HAROLD BEST

"We begin with one fundamental fact about worship: at this very moment, and for as long as this world endures, everybody inhabiting it is bowing down and serving something or someone—an artifact, a person, an institution, an idea, a spirit, or God through Christ."

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
"He Leadeth Me" - Bradbury/Ritter

Call to Worship * PSALM 99:1-3
Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
People: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Invocation 1 KINGS. 8:10; 2 CHRONICLES 5:13-14

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 115
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Confession of Faith / Catechesis:

Second Helvetic Confession XVII – "Of the Catholic and Holy Church of God, and of the One Only Head of the Church" (Part 2)

And, seeing that there is always but "one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5); also, one shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one testament or covenant, – it necessarily follows that there is only one Church. We, therefore, call this Church *catholic* because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, and extended unto all times, and is not limited to any times or places. Therefore, we condemn the Donatists who confined the Church within the corners of Africa. Nor do we approve of the Roman clergy who vaunt that the Church of Rome alone is in a manner catholic.

Confession of Sin MATTHEW 18:3
"Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Assurance of Pardon ISAIAH 53:5-6
"But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 565
"All For Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer SCOTTY DICKEY

God's Tithes & Our Offerings MATTHEW 10:8b
"Freely you received, freely give."

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL
"Thee We Adore" - arr. 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 SCOTTY DICKEY

Anthem

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 627
Daniel 3:1-18

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
"Here We Stand"

Hymn of Response * N^o. 181
"We Come, O Christ, to You"

Benediction DEUTERONOMY 26:17-19

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

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Cortney Greer as they prepare to welcome Emma Katharine into their family. It will be Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 PM at the church. If you would like to help or have questions, please call or text Camille Herrington, 601-201-7876. Cortney is registered at Babylist.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00):	Sept 10	107
Live Views: (10:00 AM/6:00 PM)		8
Total Online views:		56
Sunday School:		100
Last Week's Offering:	\$	3,584.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,395.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$	8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$	323,106.00 (+14,341.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$	308,765.00

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** David & Robin White (Atlanta; Field Support)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Palmer Home
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill and Nate Inman
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jackson, Jude and Lily Smith
- **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Groebe
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- **Meredith Pennebaker** (Jim & Melinda Neill's daughter): expecting a boy October 21st.
 - **Chauncey Blakeney:** expecting another boy November 6th
 - **Cortney Greer:** expecting a girl January 6, 2024
 - **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024
 - **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a girl March 17, 2024
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- **Frank Clayton:** had a heart cath on 9/13, received a third stent; at home resting.
 - **Nancy Bramlett:** hospitalized at St. Dominics undergoing tests. Her family requests no visitors at this time.
 - **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): is at home (Meridian). Please pray for his recovery to continue.
 - **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 27th. He has gone five years without a relapse and is now classified as cured.
- **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)