

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts
 6:30 PM Ladies Hebrew Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Supper: Please prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper next Sunday, October 1st.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us for a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 1st at 5:30 PM. We will share our plans for resuming the Sunday Evening Service this Fall. We will also spend some time answering any questions and hearing any feedback you may have. This will be an informational meeting only (nothing to vote on), but we would love to see everyone who is able to attend.

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.

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 this Wednesday. 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 this Wednesday.

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: William Belknap **Next Week:** Wilson Langley
Nursery: Davida Curtis, Laken Curtis /Amy **Next Week:** Caitlin Mills (WS)/Amy
September: Rebecca Thompson **October:** Molly Eastland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

September: Gray Ouzts **October:** Melinda Neill

Sermon Notes

"Through Fiery Trials"

Daniel 3:19-30

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.

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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 Ken and Elizabeth Pinkerton.

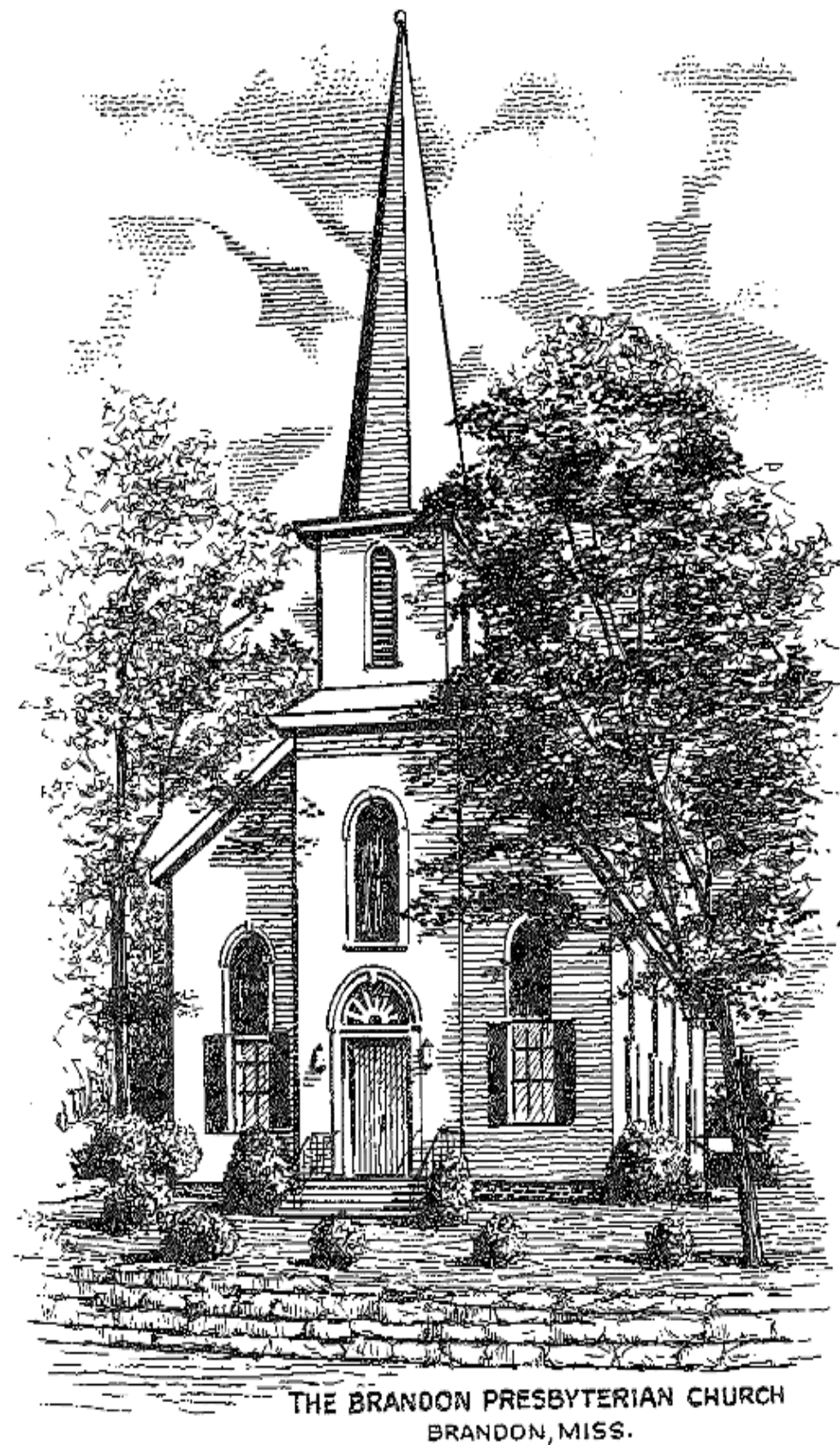
To Our Visitors

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 24, 2023

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

Meditation JOHNATHAN EDWARDS

“True virtue never appears so lovely, as when it is most oppressed: and the divine excellency of real Christianity is never exhibited with such advantage, as when under the greatest trials. Then it is that true faith appears much more precious than gold; and upon this account, is found to praise, and honor, and glory.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
“Dear Lord and Father” - Larson

Call to Worship * 1 PETER 1:6-7

People of God, rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Invocation PSALM 18:6

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 122
“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

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 3)

The Church is divided into different parts or forms; not because it is divided or rent asunder in itself, but rather because it is distinguished by the diversity of the numbers that are in it. For the one is called the Church Militant, the other the Church Triumphant. The former still wages war on earth, and fights against the flesh, the world, and the prince of this world, the devil; against sin and death. But the latter, having been now discharged, triumphs in heaven immediately after having overcome all those things and rejoices before the Lord. Notwithstanding both have fellowship and union one with another.

Confession of Sin JOHN 3:3

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Assurance of Pardon MARK 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 94
“How Firm a Foundation”

Pastoral Prayer JIM NEILL

God's Tithes & Our Offerings 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9
“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL
“To a Wild Rose” - MacDowell/Larson

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

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGES 627-628
Daniel 3:19-30

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
“Through Fiery Trials”

Hymn of Response * N^o. 165
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Benediction JEREMIAH 31:25, 3

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

You Are Invited

Who: All BPC women, at least 15 years of age
What: Coffee and Connection
When: Saturday, October 14th, 9:30 A.M. - approx. 12:30 P.M.
Where: BPC Fellowship Hall
Why: Coffee and juice with delicious brunch, Fun and inspirational activities, Fellowship with other women of our presbytery, Fabulous door prizes

As the host church, BPC will provide food for the event. A sign up sheet for each item to be served is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Please consider signing up to prepare the dish of your choice.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Sept 17 127
Live Views: (10:00 AM/6:00 PM) 10
Total Online views: 105
Sunday School: 102
Last Week's Offering: \$ 4,736.00
Online Giving: \$ 149.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving: \$327,991.00 (+10,881.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$317,110.00

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** David & Robin White (Atlanta; Field Support)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Palmer Home
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sarah Scott and Steele Stanford
- **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
- 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

- **Nancy Bramlett:** is in room 304 at Wisteria and can have visitors now. She does have therapy twice daily so visits should be made close to lunch time if possible.
- **Katharine Case** (Cortney Greer's grandmother): in the hospital since last Saturday; believe she had a TIA; has improved but still very weak and confused. They are running tests; will probably be moved to a rehab facility soon.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): is at home in 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)