

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:55 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Deacons' Meeting
 4:45 PM Adult Choir
 5:30 PM Children's, Youth and Congregational Meeting
 7:15 PM Missions Committee

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Women's Ministry Project Group
 6:00 PM Joint Officers' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Ladies Hebrew Bible Study

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Supper: Please prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper this morning.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us for a congregational meeting tonight 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.

Presbytery-wide Reformation Service: You are invited to join other churches in our presbytery for a Reformation Service on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. Dr. Bruce Baugus will be preaching.

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: Canceled tonight so the adults can attend the congregational meeting.

Ladies Weekly Bible Study: Lisa Hellier is teaching a 10 week study on Hebrews. It meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost of the books. We **will not meet** this Wednesday, October 4th.

Ladies Monthly Bible Study: will meet on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM. 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.

Mini Missions Conference: Join us on Saturday, November 4, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., for a Mini Missions Conference, featuring local Ministries supported by BPC. We will have a potluck meal, with the Missions Committee providing the meat. Come hear what our local Ministries are doing, and how you can support them.

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: Wilson Langley

Next Week: Antley Grace Eastland

Nursery: Gray Ouzts (SS), Caitlin Mills (WS) /Amy

Next Week: Cecile Whitten

October: Molly Eastland

November: Cecile Whitten

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

October: Melinda Neill

November:

Sermon Notes

"The Taming of the Tyrant"

Daniel 4:1-3

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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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

Ladies! SAVE THE DATE!

Please, mark your calendar NOW for the Women's Christmas Gathering, Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Information to follow soon.

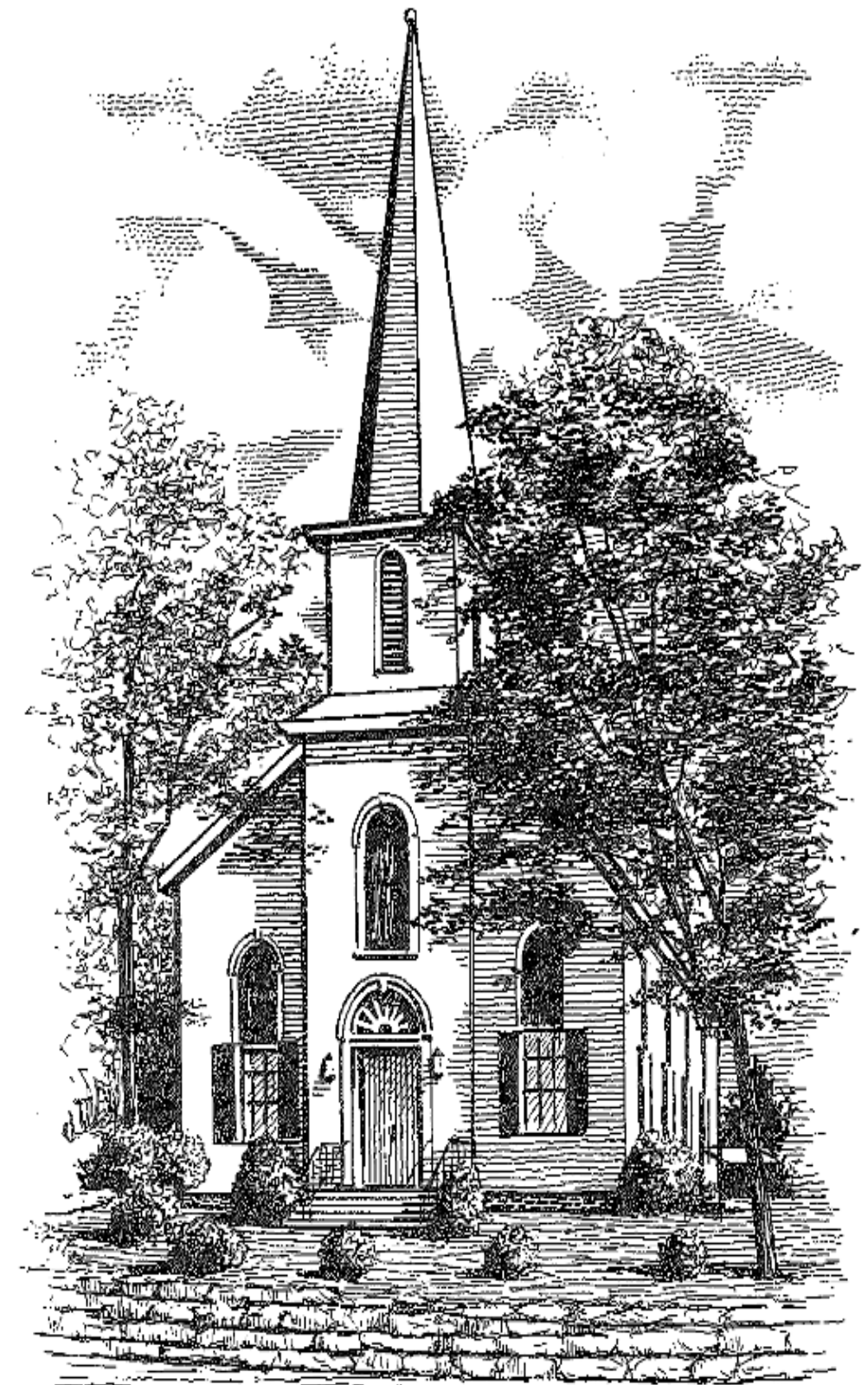
To Our Visitors

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, October 1, 2023

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

Meditation JOHN CALVIN

“Man is never sufficiently touched and affected by the awareness of his lowly state until he has compared himself with God’s majesty.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
“O Loving Savior” - Gounod

Call to Worship * ZEPHANIAH. 1:7; 3:9; HABAKKUK. 3:2

Pastor: Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near. He will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.

People: O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear.

Invocation PSALM 55:1

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 100
“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The 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 JOHN 3:19-20

“And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”

Assurance of Pardon ROMANS 5:1

“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 675
“Only Trust Him”

Pastoral Prayer REV. BRAD MILLS

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as

he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

Offertory ADULT CHOIR
“The Old Rugged Cross”

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

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 628
Daniel 4:1-3

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
“The Taming of the Tyrant”

Hymn of Preparation * N^o. 254 (STANZAS 1-3)
“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn of Response * N^o. 254 (STANZAS 4-5)
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Benediction 1CORINTHIANS 1:2-3

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. Please consider signing up to prepare the dish of your choice. Deadline for signing up to bring food is Oct. 8th.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Sept 17	113
Live Views: (10:00 AM)	9
Total Online views:	105
Sunday School:	98
Last Week’s Offering:	\$ 6,099.00
Online Giving:	\$ 349.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$334,439.00 (+8,984.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$325,455.00

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Caleb & Miyoung Cheon (Taiwan)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Center for Violence Prevention
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Avery Thompson
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- 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

- **Katharine Case** (Cortney Greer’s grandmother): in rehab; doing fairly well in physical therapy. She has 2 weeks left then they will reassess her progress to see if she needs to return home or transfer to nursing home.
- **Nancy Bramlett:** in room 304 at Wisteria; visitors now allowed. She does have therapy twice daily so visits should be made close to lunch time if possible.
- **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 several chronic illnesses.
- **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 is taking two different oral chemo pills and is tolerating it well. Testing 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. 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)