

## 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 Meal & Activities, Adult Bible Study

### TUESDAY

9:30 AM/6:30 PM Women's Ministry Monthly Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

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

### SATURDAY

9:30 AM Coffee & Connection

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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:** 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:** will meet this Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Next week it will be moved to Thursday, October 19th since Family Night Supper is on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study:** will meet this Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Devo & Donuts:** will meet this Wednesday at 7:15 AM - 8:15 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Family Night supper:** Make plans to join us for a Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be served starting at 5:30, and end at 6:30. This catered meal will cost \$3 per person, with a maximum of \$10 for a family. Please sign up on the list on the Bulletin board by noon on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are studying the Parables of Jesus. The 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** Antley Grace Eastland **Next Week:** Avery Thompson

**Nursery:** Thomas Eastland (SS), Molly Eastland (W)/Cecile Whitten

**Next Week:** Carrie Mills/Amy Kaiser

**October:** Molly Eastland **November:** Cecile Whitten

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**October:** Melinda Neill **November:** Joseph and Cathy Costello

## Sermon Notes

"Nightmare in Babylon"

Daniel 4:4-18

### 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.

#### 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 in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Thomas and Molly Eastland.

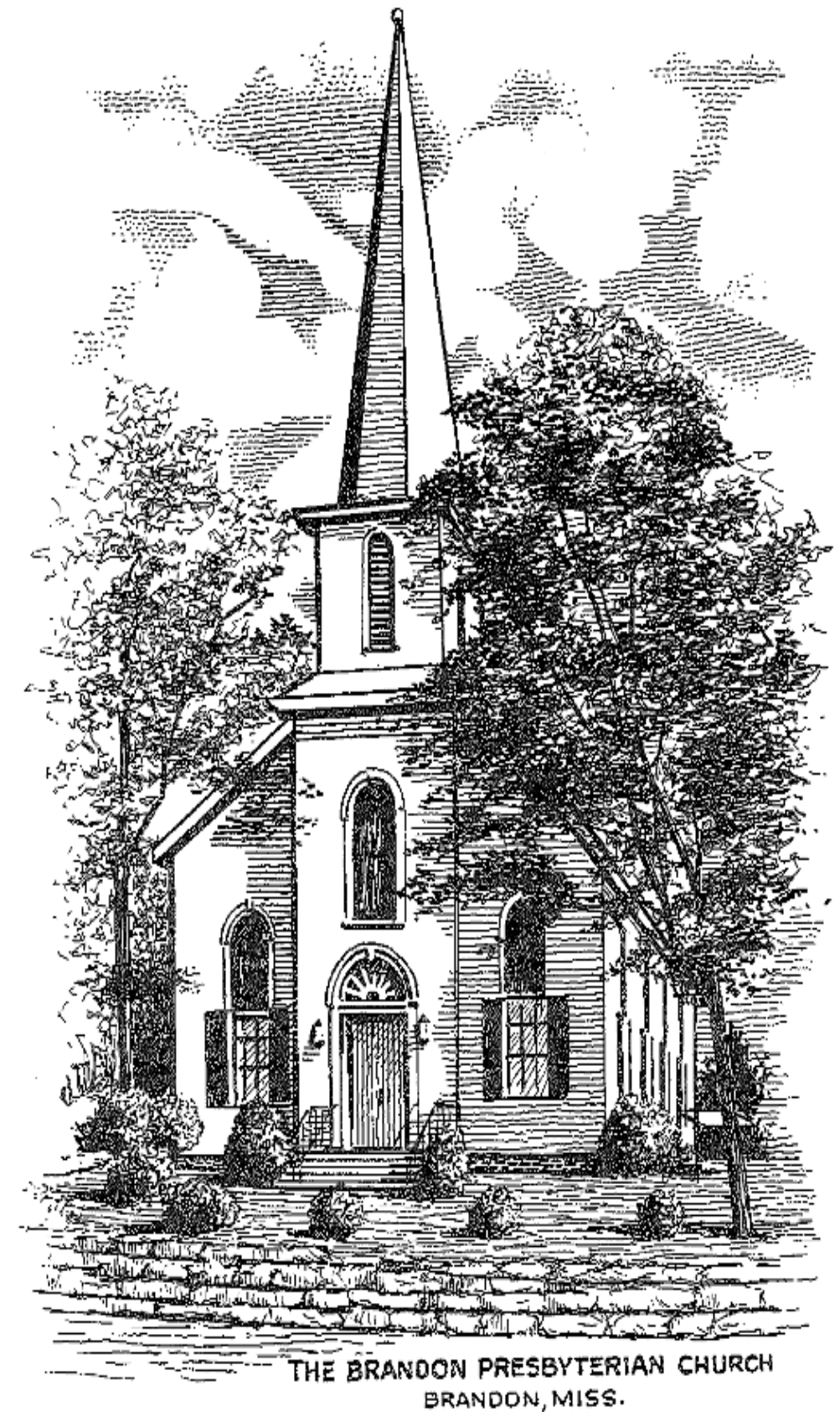
## To Our Visitors

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, October 8, 2023

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

Meditation TIMOTHY KELLER  
"The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less."

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST  
"I Call on Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" - Telemann

Call to Worship \* PHILIPPIANS 4:20; DANIEL 6:26  
Pastor: To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.  
**People: The God of Daniel is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. Amen.**

Invocation NEHEMIAH 1:9-11  
Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 76  
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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 4)*  
Moreover, the Church Militant upon the earth has always had many particular churches, yet all these are to be referred to the unity of the catholic Church. This militant Church was set up differently before the Law among the patriarchs; otherwise under Moses by the Law; and differently by Christ through the Gospel. Generally two peoples are usually counted, namely, the Israelites and Gentiles, or those who have been gathered from among Jews and Gentiles into the Church. There are also two Testaments, the Old and the New. Yet from all these people there was and is one fellowship, one salvation in the one Messiah; in whom, as members of one body under one Head, all united together in the same faith, partaking also of the same spiritual food and drink. Yet here we acknowledge a diversity of times, and a diversity in the signs of the promised and delivered Christ; and that now the ceremonies being abolished, the light shines unto us more clearly, and blessings are given to us more abundantly, and a fuller liberty.

Confession of Sin ROMANS 3:10-18  
"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Assurance of Pardon ROMANS 6:23  
"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 389  
"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

Pastoral Prayer JIM NEILL  
God's Tithes & Our Offerings ACTS 20:35B  
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL  
"Something for Thee" - Lowry/Birchwood

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  
Special Music MARSHA GLOVER

"Dare to Be a Daniel"  
Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)  
Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 628  
Daniel 4:4-18

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS  
"Nightmare in Babylon"  
Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>. 95  
"Though Troubles Assail Us"

Benediction PSALM 67:1-2  
May God be gracious to you and bless you and make his face to shine upon you, that his way may be known on earth, his saving power among all nations.

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: Ladies, Please join us next Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for Cortney Greer's Baby Shower at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Cortney is registered at Babylist.com.***

***Save the Date: There will be a baby shower for Josh and Megan Stowers on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to help should contact Cecile Whitten at 601-405-5907.***

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES	
Worship Services (10:00): Oct 1	144
Live Views: (10:00 AM)	4
Total Online views:	105
Sunday School:	110
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 10,525.00
Online Giving:	\$ 149.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$345,113.00 (+11,313.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$333,800.00

- IN PRAYER
- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Caleb & Miyoung Cheon (Taiwan)
  - **Ministry of the Month:** Center for Violence Prevention
  - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
  - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Taylor Vance
  - **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
  - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

- Weddings and Babies:*
- **Meredith Pennebaker** (Jim & 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
  - **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a girl March 17, 2024

- **Katharine Case** (Cortney Greer's grandmother): in rehab; doing fairly well in physical therapy. She has 1 week 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 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 Sautler** (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 up. 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)

**Ladies! SAVE THE DATE!**  
Please, mark your calendar NOW for the Women's Christmas Gathering, Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Information to follow soon.