

## THIS WEEK @ BPC

### TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 9:55 AM Worship Service  
 2:00 PM Cortney Greer Baby Shower  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir  
 5:30 PM Children's & Youth Meal & Activities, Adult Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Family Night Supper

### THURSDAY

6:30 PM Ladies Weekly Bible Study (Hebrews)

### SATURDAY

8:30 AM Adult Choir

### 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 FPC, 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.

**Adult Choir:** Their will be an adult choir rehearsal at 8:30 AM on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary. (We will rehearse at our regular time, 4:45 PM, today.)

**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>.**

**Ladies Weekly Bible Study:** will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday this week only.

**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.

**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.

**Mission Trip:** Ainslie Curtis's Peru mission trip is coming up in December! She is excited about this opportunity to share the Gospel, serve, and help with a summer camp in Peru. The cost of the trip is \$2800. She has raised \$1590 so far and lack \$1210. Please continue to pray for her and the First Pres/Twin Lakes team as they prepare for the upcoming trip and give if you feel led. Thank you for your continued support!

**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.

### 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:** Avery Thompson

**Next Week:** Caroline Ouzts

**Nursery:** Carrie Mills/Amy Kaiser

**Next Week:** Rebecca Thompson (SS)/Amy Kaiser

**October:** Molly Eastland

**November:** Cecile Whitten

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**October:** Melinda Neill

**November:** Joseph and Cathy Costello

### Sermon Notes

"The Most High Rules"

Daniel 4:19-27

### 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.

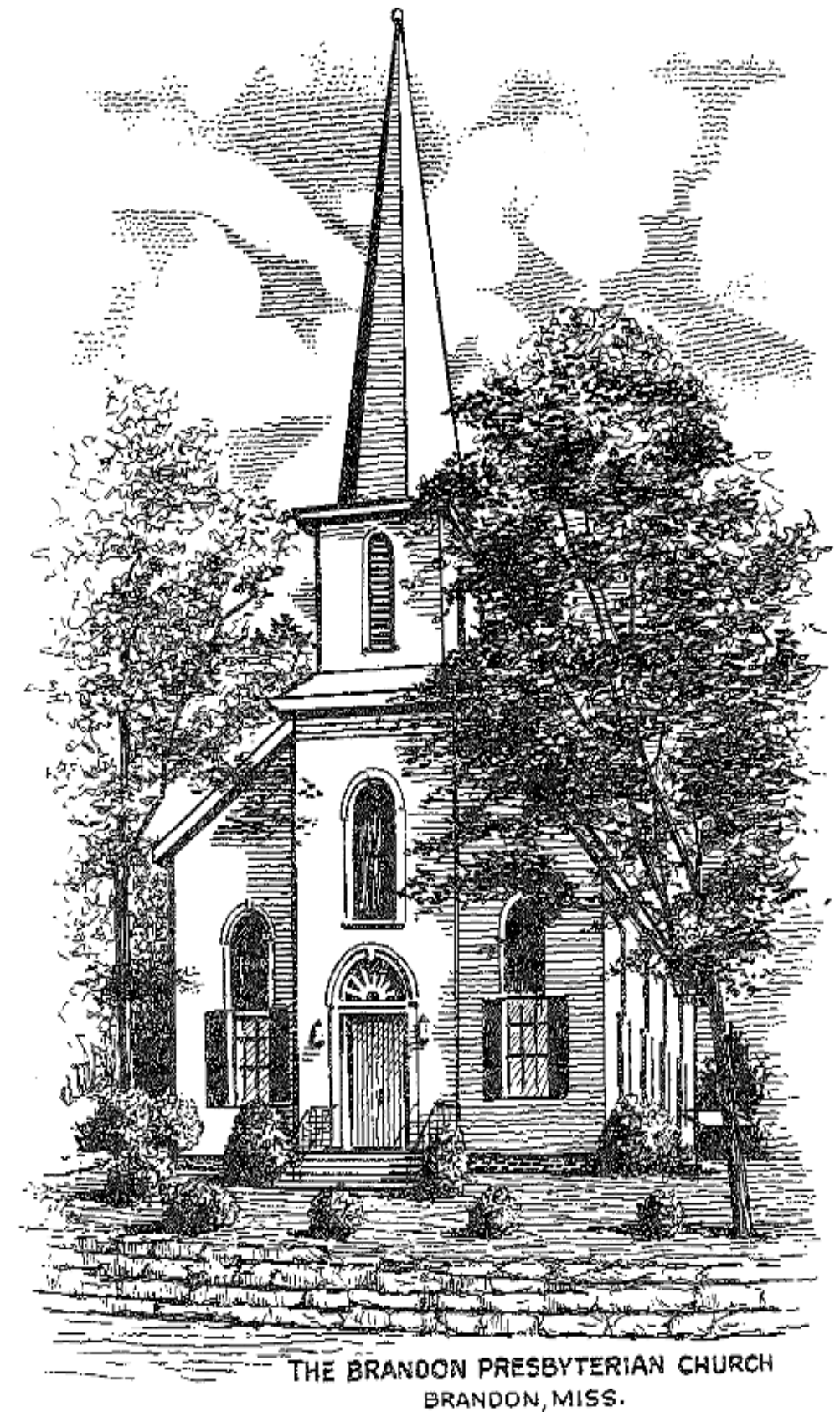
### To Our Visitors

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 15, 2023

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

Meditation EZEKIEL 18:23

“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?”

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST  
“Meditation” - Chopin

Call to Worship \* PSALM 145: 10-12

Pastor: All you saints of the Lord, bless the Lord! Speak of his kingdom's glory and tell of his power;

**People: Make known to the children of man his mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of his kingdom.**

Invocation PSALM 16:11

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## 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 5)*

This holy Church of God is called “the temple of the living God” (2 Cor. 6:16), built of “living stones,...a spiritual house” (1 Pet. 2:5), founded upon a rock (Matt. 16:18), “which cannot be moved” (Heb. 12:28), upon a foundation besides which none can be laid (1 Cor. 3:11), and therefore it is called "the pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). It does not err as long as it rests upon the rock Christ, and upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles. And it is no wonder if it errs, as often as it deserts him who alone is the truth. This Church is also called “a virgin” (2 Cor. 11:2), and the Bride of Christ (Songs 4:8), and his “beloved” (Songs 5:16). For the apostle says: "I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). The Church is called a flock of sheep under the one shepherd, Christ (Ezek. 34:22-23; John 10:16). It is also called the body of Christ (Col. 1:24), because the faithful are living members of Christ under Christ the Head.

Confession of Sin ROMANS 3:20

“By the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Assurance of Pardon ROMANS 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 97

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

Pastoral Prayer SCOTTY DICKEY

God's Tithes & Our Offerings MALACHI 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” - Telemann

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 ADULT CHOIR

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” - Jay Althouse

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGES 628-629

Daniel 4:19-27

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS

“The Most High Rules”

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>. 64

“God, the Lord, a King Remaineth”

Benediction PSALM 90:14-16

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

### Teacher Training for Children's Sunday School

If you teach children's Sunday school or are interested in teaching or helping with Kindergarten - 6th grade Sunday School, there will be a teacher training with Lisa Hellier Saturday, November 11th. She will give general rules for planning a lesson using our One Story curriculum and specific guidelines for lesson preparation for each age group. Please see Susan Inman if you have any questions, plan to attend or need childcare.

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Oct 8	126
Live Views: (10:00 AM)	3
Total Online views:	20
Sunday School:	102
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 5,388.00
Online Giving:	\$ 747.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$351,248.00 (+9,103.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$342,145.00

### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Caleb & Miyoung Cheon (Taiwan)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Center for Violence Prevention
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** James David Wade
- **College Student of the Week:** Ainslie Curtis
- 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

- **Nancy Bramlett:** is in St. Dominic's. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Katharine Case** (Cortney Greer's grandmother): has made good progress with therapy and was discharged yesterday from rehab. We're now looking at either round-the-clock care at home or transferring her to another nursing home.
- **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 Sauter** (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)

### Mug & Muffins

*Ladies, Please join us on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 -10:30 AM in the fellowship hall for a ladies get-together. Bring your favorite mug and a treat, if you like, and enjoy some sweet fellowship and fun.*