

THIS WEEK @ BPC

**TODAY**  
 9:00 AM Sunday School  
 9:55 AM Worship Service  
 4:30 PM Deacons Meeting  
 5:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service  
 7:15 PM Missions committee Meeting

**TUESDAY**  
 6:30 AM Ladies Christmas Gathering

**FRIDAY**  
 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School - Winter Quarter:** This quarter Walt Herrington is leading a study called *Facing the Final Enemy: the Christian and Death*. It will be based primarily on a Guy Waters course & book of the same name. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Choir:** Starting tonight Sunday choir rehearsal will be from 5:00-5:50 PM.

**Evening Worship:** Sunday Night Service begins tonight at 6:00 PM. We will need two nursery volunteers for Sunday Night Service each week.

**Women's Christmas Gathering:** Ladies, a reminder that the 2023 Ladies' Gathering is at 6:30, Tues Dec. 5. We will be receiving a love gift to send to missionaries Joseph and Laurel Barnes in Peru.

**Children's Christmas Party:** The children and their families are invited to come celebrate Jesus' birthday Friday, December 8th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. We will sing, think about the true meaning of Christmas, play games, wrap presents and make ornaments. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday to Susan Inman by text 601- 624-1439.

**Caroling:** The Fellowship Committee will sponsor caroling on Wednesday 12/20 and invites everyone to come and sing. We will meet at the church at 6:30 and carol in the neighborhoods around the church.

**New Officer Elections:** Beginning this month we will open Officer nominations for deacon and elder. Nomination forms are in the church office. (After filling it out, place it in the box marked nominations; which is also in the church office.)

After years of faithful service for which we are deeply grateful, Jackie Thompson, Walt Herrington, and Gary Morrison have decided to assume emeritus status once the new officers are elected in August 2024. Please join us in thanking the Lord for these men. And please prayerfully consider who you might want to nominate for these important offices.

**Men's Ministry Team:** Please see Andrew Rush if you're interested in serving on the Men's Ministry Team.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**Wednesday Night:** Children's activities will resume Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. The Children will be studying the catechism.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Joel Ouzts      **Next Week:** Keaton Hoge

**Nursery:** Rebecca Thompson (SS), Leslie Jones (WS)/Amy Kaiser

**Next Week:** Cecile Whitten (SS), Jude Smith (WS)/Amy Kaiser

**December:** All Coordinators      **January:** Devida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**December:** Susan Inman      **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group resumes meeting on Wed., January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes  
 "Empires of Dirt"  
 Daniel 7:1-8; 15-18

STAFF

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**Barbara Sanchez** - Secretary: secretary@brandonpres.com

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

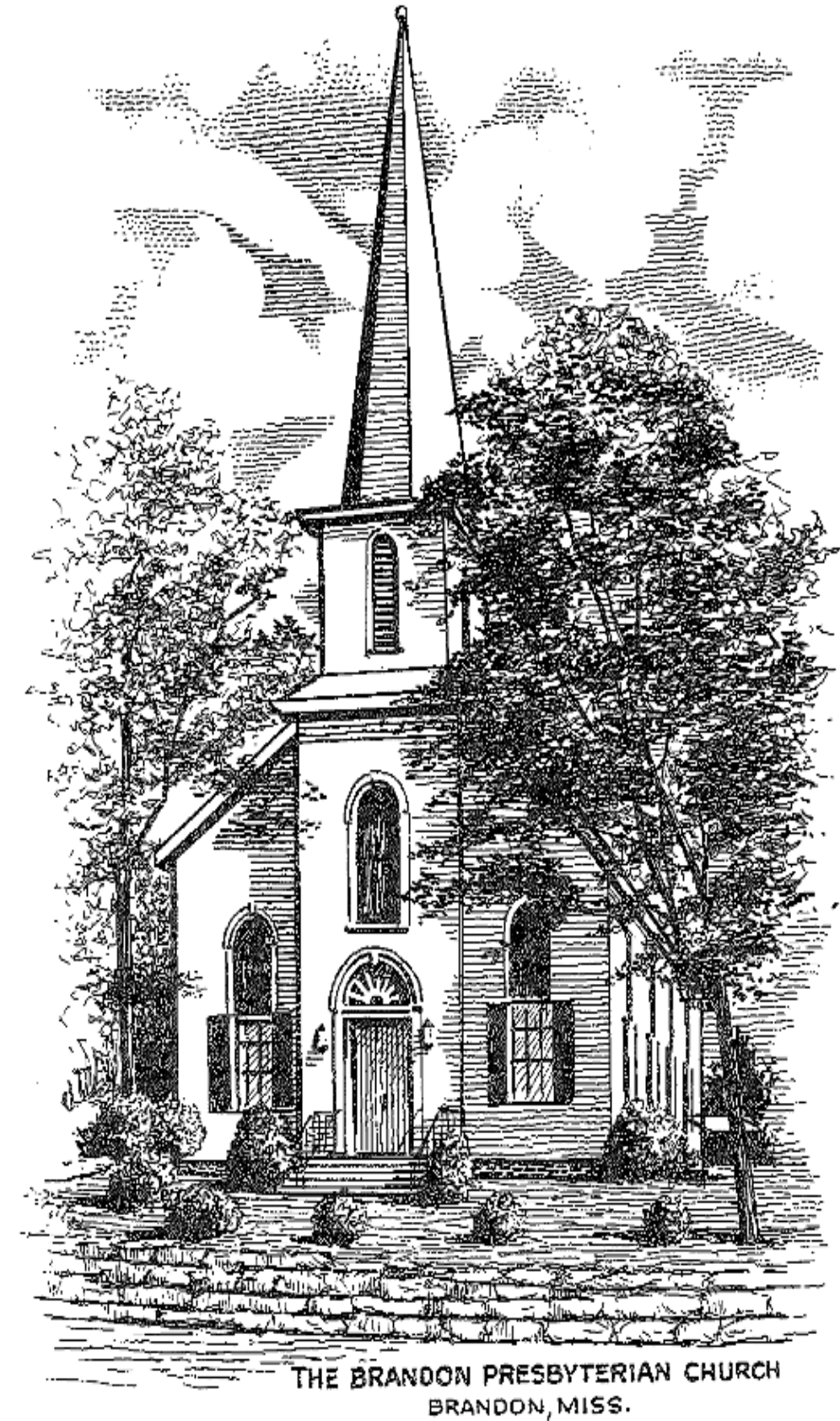
Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, Ruth Lathem  
 Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford  
 Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison,  
 Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill, Becky Inman  
 Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour  
 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, December 3, 2023

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

Meditation STEPHEN R. MILLER

“Without doubt the principle theological focus of the book [of Daniel] is the sovereignty of God. Every page reflects the author's conviction that his God was the Lord of individuals, nations, and all of history.”

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“There's a Song in the Air” - Wilbur Held

Call to Worship \* PSALM 22:28-31

Pastor: Kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**People: Come, proclaim his righteousness to the coming generation, to a people yet unborn.**

Invocation PSALM 74:2

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

## 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 9)*

We are reproached because there have been manifold dissensions and strife in our churches since they separated themselves from the Church of Rome, and therefore cannot be true churches. As though there were never in the Church of Rome any sects, nor contentions and quarrels concerning religion, and indeed, carried on not so much in the schools as from pulpits in the midst of the people. We know, to be sure, that the apostle said: "God is not a God of confusion but of peace" (I Cor. 14:33), and, "While there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh?" Yet we cannot deny that God was in the apostolic Church and that it was a true Church, even though there were wranglings and dissensions in it.

Confession of Sin ISAIAH 53:6A

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.”

Assurance of Pardon 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

“It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.”

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 225

“Once in Royal David's city”

Pastoral Prayer JIM NEILL

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

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he

who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Shepherd's Flute” - Ben Logan

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 ANDREW RUSH

Special music LAKEN CURTIS, TROMBONE

“Christmas Medley”

(Marsha Glover, piano)

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGES 631-632

*Daniel 7:1-8; 15-18*

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS

“Empires of Dirt”

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>75

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

Benediction REVELATION 1:4-5

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.”

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

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Nov 26 142

Live Views: (10:00 AM) 8

Total Online views: 46

Sunday School: 103

Last Week's Offering: \$ 2,785.00

Online Giving: \$ 149.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 8,345.00

Year-to-Date Giving: \$405,557.00 (+4,997.00)

Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$400,560.00

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## IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten/RUF
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison, John Thompson
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sarah Costello
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

## Weddings and Babies:

- **Eli Whitten and Eliot Jones:** to be married June 15, 2024
- **Cortney Greer:** expecting a girl January 6, 2024
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024
- **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a girl March 17, 2024
- **Elton Jay:** is still in ICU and is beginning to show improvement. So thankful for all your prayers.
- **Bill Glover:** has been in ICU at Baptist for most of the week due to respiratory and heart issues.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): is home and has seen his cardiologist. He is very weak and will continue treatment for a very rare heart condition. We appreciate all your prayers.
- **Linda Roberts** (Lisa Bynum's mother): died November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a family memorial service at a date TBD. Please remember Lisa and her family in prayer.
- **Rev. Earl Adams:** is recovering from cornea transplant surgery.
- **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.

## Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** is now 6+ years out from his pancreatic cancer surgery. His next scan is December 19. We praise God for His many mercies and blessings to us.
- **Trent Atkinson** (Sue Bohnen's son): will be undergoing chemo and radiation treatments beginning the end of this month. Please pray the treatments will be effective.
- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): recently completed chemo and got a good report from his oncologist this week. Will have a PET scan in January.
- **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. 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.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney's Mom): continues to do well; will continue with periodic visits to her doctor.
- **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)

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