

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:55 AM Worship Service
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY
 7:15 AM Devo & Donuts
 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

SATURDAY
 8:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

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: rehearsal tonight from 4:45 PM-5:50 PM; this Saturday from 8:30-10:00 AM.

Christmas Cantata: Please join us next Sunday at 5:30 PM for our Christmas Cantata.

Christmas Cantata Reception: Following the Cantata there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking the members of the congregation to provide a sweet or savory "finger food" for the occasion. Please, bring your plated food (ready to be served) to the Fellowship Hall before the Cantata and someone will be there to receive it. The reception is honoring Jacquelyn Thornell, our retiring organist and our BPC Choir Director, Marsha Glover and the BPC Choir Members. We would like them to know how much we appreciate their contribution to our Worship Service.

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 - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

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

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Keaton Hoge **Next Week:** Lara May Inman

Nursery: Cecile Whitten (SS), Jude Smith (WS)/Amy Kaiser **PM:** Michelle Smith, Samantha Brewer **Next Week:** Scotty & Nancilynn Dickey (SS), Caitlin Mills (WS)

PM: Gray Ouzts, Susan Inman

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 10th at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes

"A Vision of Everlasting Peace "

Daniel 7:9-14

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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.

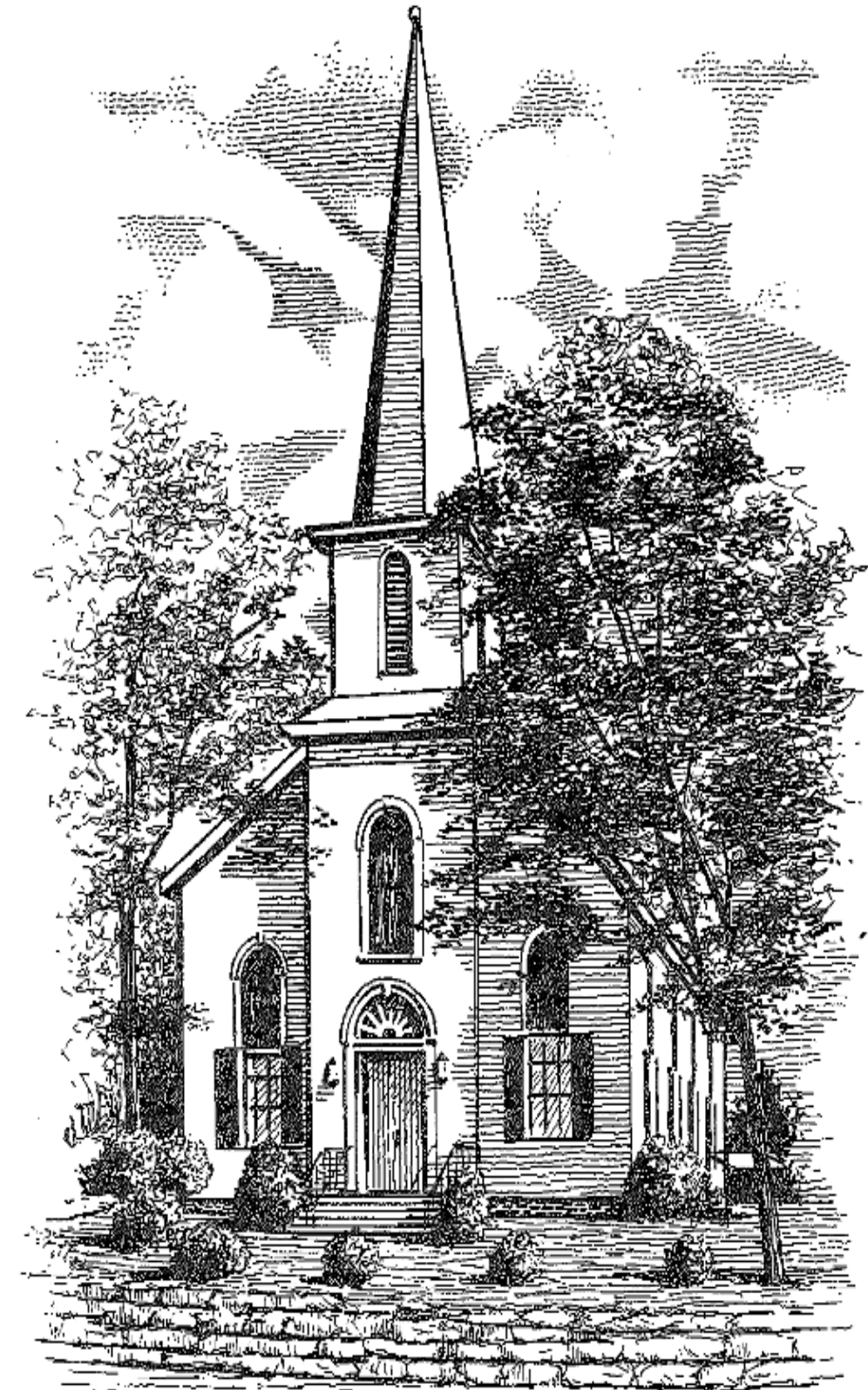
To Our
 Visitors

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, December 10, 2023

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

Meditation REVELATION 11:15
“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

Welcome & Announcements

Catechism Recognition REV. BRAD MILLS

Special Guest ELI WHITTEN, RUF

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
“Sheep May Safely Graze” - Bach

Call to Worship * LUKE 1:32-33; ISAIAH 9:6
Pastor: Come and worship Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High; to him the Lord God will give the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.
People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Invocation PSALM 85:6-8

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 203
“Hark! the Herald Angels 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 10)
The apostle Paul reprehended Peter, an apostle (Gal. 2:11 ff.), and Barnabas dissented from Paul. Great contention arose in the Church of Antioch between them that preached the one Christ, as Luke records in The Acts of the Apostles, ch. 15. And there have at all times been great contentions in the Church, and the most excellent teachers of the Church have differed among themselves about important matters without meanwhile the Church ceasing to be the Church because of these contentions. For thus it pleases God to use the dissensions that arise in the Church to the glory of his name, to illustrate the truth, and in order that those who are in the right might be manifest (I Cor. 11:19).

Confession of Sin JEREMIAH 17:9
“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?”

Assurance of Pardon TITUS 3:5-7
“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of

the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 210
“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Pastoral Prayer SCOTTY DICKEY

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
“Make High the Door, Make Wide the Gate” - Adolf Hasse (1809 - 1863)

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

Special music JERRY WATSON
“O Holy Night”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 631
Daniel 7:9-14

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
“A Vision of Everlasting Peace”

Hymn of Response * N^o193
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Benediction LUKE 2:29-32
Depart in peace, according to God’s Word, for your eyes have seen the salvation that he has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to his people Israel.

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

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| Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM): Dec. 3 | 131/80 |
| Live Views: (10 AM/6 PM) | 7/3 |
| Total Online views: | 43/26 |
| Sunday School: | 106 |
| Last Week’s Offering: | \$ 12,803.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 947.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Offering: | \$ 8,345.00 |
| Year-to-Date Giving: | \$419,307.00 (+10,402.00) |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: | \$408,905.00 |

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten/RUF
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill, Nate Inman
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Laken and Hutton Curtis
- **College Student of the Week:** Ainslie Curtis
- 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
- **Ken Pinkerton:** had successful Gallbladder surgery; was hoping to go home Friday.
- **Bill Glover:** is at home after being discharged from the hospital. Rehab will proceed on an out-patient basis.
- **Elton Jay:** is still in ICU and is beginning to show improvement. So thankful for all your prayers.
- **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.
- **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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