

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY
 9:55 AM Worship Service
 5:30 PM Christmas Eve candlelight Service

MONDAY
 Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY
 Church Office Closed

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: No Choir Rehearsal today or December 31st. Choir resumes on January 7th.

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tonight at 5:30 p.m. There will be no nursery.

Christmas Eve Special Offering: During the Christmas Eve worship service we will take a special offering for the PCA Geneva Relief Fund. Its purpose is to look after retired pastors, widows, and others who have faithfully served our churches.

Next Sunday: We will meet for Sunday School and Morning Worship only; no Evening Worship Service.

New Officer Elections: This month we are taking 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.

2023 Giving: Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2023 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

byFaith Magazines : New byFaith magazines are ready for pickup in the breezeway.

Christmas Cards: Received Christmas cards are posted on the bulletin board.

Flower Calendar: The 2024 flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

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: Lawson Hoge **Next Week:** Lou Woods

Nursery: No SS; Rebecca Thompson/Amy (WS) **PM:** No nursery

Next Week: **PM:** No Evening Service

December: All Coordinators **January:** Davida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

December: Susan Inman **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: No Sunday School today; we will meet next Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Youth Fellowship: Youth Group resumes meeting on Wed., January 10th at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes
 "Worship the King"
 Psalm 96

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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

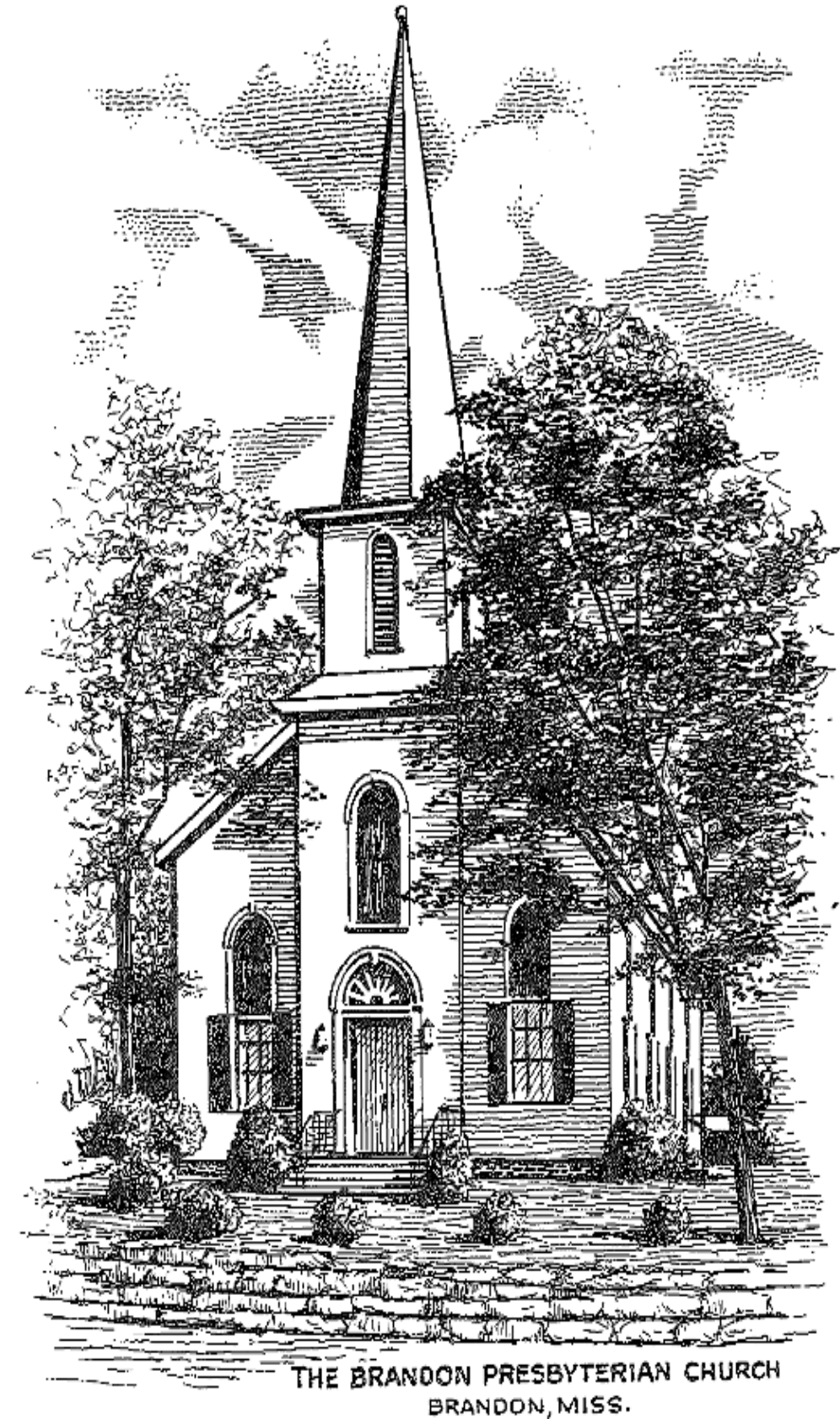
Officers Emeritus:
Elders: Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †
Deacons: John McInnis †, Ken Bramlett †, Edsel Parks †, Richard Harrison

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	<p>We are pleased to have you worship with us. Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel: <i>"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"</i> Romans 10:13</p> <p>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.</p>
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*"The Church's One Foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord.."*

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 24, 2023

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

Meditation FRIEDRICH VON SPEE

“O Savior, rend the heavens wide! Come down, come down with mighty stride. Unbar the gates, the doors break down; unbar the way to heaven's crown. O come, lead us with mighty hand from exile to our promised land. There will we all our praises bring ever to you, our Savior King. There will we laud you and adore forever and forevermore.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
“Rejoice Now, Dear Christians” - Bach

Call to Worship * PSALM 24:7-10

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Pastor: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Pastor: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Invocation DEUTERONOMY 12:5-7, 11-12

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 214
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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.

* “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 AMBROSE

“O Lord, you have mercy upon all—take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.”

Assurance of Pardon JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 199

"See, amid the Winter's Snow"

Pastoral Prayer REV. BRAD MILLS

God's Tithes & Our Offerings MATTHEW 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Still, Still, Still” - Ritter

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

“Mary Did You Know?”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 426
Psalm 96

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
“Worship the King”

Hymn of Response * N^o200
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Benediction PSALM 51:12
“May He who is ris'n with healing in His wings, who brings light and life to all, who was born that man no more may die; restore to you the joy of your salvation and sustain you with a willing spirit. Amen”

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.

*Congregation Standing

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM):	Dec. 17	140/123
Live Views: (10 AM/6 PM)		7/
Total Online views:		33/58
Sunday School:		96
Last Week's Offering:	\$	15,989.00
Online Giving:	\$	349.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$	8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$	449,614.00 (+24,019.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$	425,595.00

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten/RUF
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Rhett and Antley Grace Eastland
- **College Student of the Week:** Lauren Mills
- 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 in an ICU room and is beginning to show improvement. So thankful for all your prayers.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): has seen his cardiologist. He is very weak and will continue treatment for a very rare heart condition. We appreciate all your prayers.
- **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:** had another stable scan Tuesday; we are praising God for His mercies.
- **Trent Atkinson** (Sue Bohnen's son): began chemo and radiation treatments the end of November. 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. Will have a PET scan in January.
- **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. 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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