

## THIS WEEK @ BPC

### TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School  
 9:55 AM Worship Service  
 11:00 AM Discipleship Committee  
 4:30 PM Deacons  
 5:00 PM Adult Choir  
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service  
 7:15 PM Missions Committee

### TUESDAY

9:30 AM & 6:30 PM Ladies' Monthly Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Joint Officers

### WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts  
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship

### 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.

**Communion:** Prepare your hearts to receive the Lord's Supper this morning.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship:** Starting this Wednesday we will have weekly dinners from 5:30-6:30 PM followed by children and youth activities and adult studies from 6:30 -7:30 PM. Meals start at \$5 a person with a \$15 cap for families of three or more. 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays will be pot luck Wednesdays. The ladies' study will be 12 weeks of working through *Dig Deeper* by Nigel Beynon and Andrew Sach to gain a broader, deeper, and fuller understanding of God's Word through accessible tools and resources; taught by Lisa Hellier. The men will be studying the temple, the covenants, and the feasts; taught by Jim Hellier. Nursery volunteers are needed at 6:20 PM each Wednesday; a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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

**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.

**2024 Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2024 Offering Envelopes on the bookshelf in the breezeway.

*Daniel & Courtney Greer announce the arrival of their daughter, Emma-Katharine. She was born Friday, December 29, at 12:51 pm, 7 lbs.; 20 inches long. Mom, Dad, Emma-Katharine, and big brother Jesse are doing great. "We appreciate all the prayers and can't wait to introduce her to our church family!"*

### 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 this Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. The Children will be studying the catechism.

#### SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Nolan Blakeney      **Next Week:** Parker Lee

**Nursery:** Emily Lee (SS), Dee Dee Stowers (WS)/Amy Kaiser

**PM:** Michelle Smith      **Next Week:** Sue Bohnen (SS), Caitlin Mills (WS)/Amy Kaiser

**PM:** Carrie Mills, Rebecca Thompson

**January:** Davida Curtis      **February:** Davida Curtis

**Children's Church:** Gray Ouzts & Jackson Smith      **Next week:** Becky Inman & Jude Smith

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group resumes this Wed., January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Supper is at 5:30 PM. \$5.00 per individual with a cap of \$15.00 for families.

## Sermon Notes

"The Folly of the Cross"

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

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#### OFFICERS

**Elders:** RE Scotty Dickey, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison,  
 RE Jim Neill, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten

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 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: Ruth Lathem

Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford

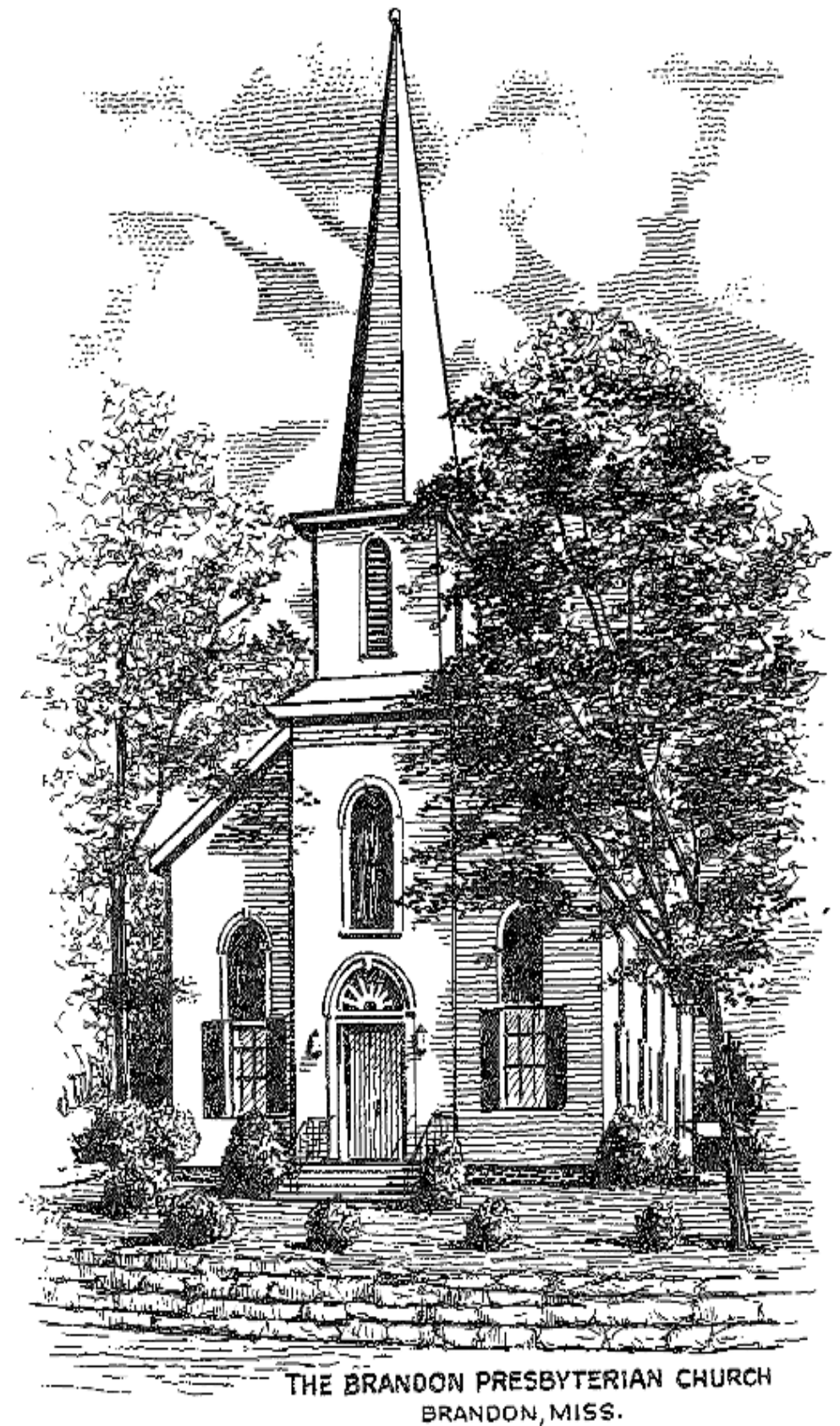
Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison,

Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill, Becky Inman

Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour

Whitten Shepherding Group: Julie Huddleston, Elizabeth Pinkerton

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## 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.

*"The Church's One Foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."*

# Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, January 7, 2024

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

Meditation KIM RIDDLEBARGER

“In many ways, this is the same issue we face as Christians today—self-centered, prosperous, and technologically advanced Westerners are very much like the Hellenized citizens of first century Corinth. Both find the preaching of the cross either irrelevant or offensive.”

## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO  
“Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Ted Smith

Call to Worship \* PSALM 113:1-3

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

## Invocation

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>: 110  
“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

## 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 MATTHEW 18:3

“Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Assurance of Pardon 1 PETER 2:24

“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>: 523  
"My Hope Is in the Lord "

Pastoral Prayer SCOTTY DICKEY

## The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings PROVERBS 3:9-10

“Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

Offertory MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO

“He is Lord” with “O Come Let Us Adore Him” arr. Mark Hayes

## 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

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 807  
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Sermon REV. ALLEN STANTON  
“The Folly of the Cross”

Hymn of Preparation \* N<sup>o</sup>: 252 (STANZAS 1-2)  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

## Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>: 252 (STANZAS 3-4)  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Benediction REV. ALLEN STANTON

## 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

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Worship Services (10 AM): Dec. 31 | 100                        |
| Live Views: (10 AM)               | 4                          |
| Total Online views:               | 58                         |
| Sunday School:                    | 65                         |
| Last Week’s Offering:             | \$ 4,499.00                |
| Online Giving:                    | \$ 0.00                    |
| Weekly Budgeted Offering:         | \$ 8,345.00                |
| Year-to-Date Giving:              | \$ 467,162.00 (+24,877.00) |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:     | \$ 442,285.00              |

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Rodney & Jana Davila, El Salvador
- **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, & Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Lawson, Keaton, & Hayes Hoge
- **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Groebe
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

### Weddings and Babies:

- **Eli Whitten and Eliot Jones:** to be married June 15, 2024
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024
- **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a girl March 17, 2024
- **Elton Jay:** was moved to Methodist Rehab on December 27th. So thankful for all your prayers.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth’s son-in-law): has seen his cardiologist. He will continue treatment for a very rare heart condition. Thank you for 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:

- **Trent Atkinson** (Sue Bohnen’s son): chemo and radiation treatments were postponed until this month. He started treatments on Thursday; please pray they will be effective.
- **Jim Smith:** had another stable scan Tuesday; we are praising God for His mercies.
- **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; is participating in a clinical trial for relapsed AML kids at St. Jude. He had a bone marrow biopsy, lumbar puncture, skin biopsy, and started chemo Tuesday. Please pray for Ames and his new medical team. Pray that he gets back into remission quickly so we can go to BMT and that he tolerates this treatment.
- **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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