

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:55 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Deacons' Meeting
 4:45 PM Adult Choir
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM Missions Committee

TUESDAY

6:00 AM Men's Morning Book Study

FRIDAY

5:30 PM Children's Christmas Party

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Class: Ray Shores is teaching from *Saints and Scoundrels*. In this series we will cover the major friends and foes of the doctrine of the trinity and the two natures of Christ. You will learn the history and refutation of false views about God.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 6th from 5:30-7:30-PM at the church. As a family, we will celebrate Christ's birth with a devotional and song, crafts, games, dinner and great fellowship! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend, neighbor or grandchild. Please RSVP to Susan Inman by December 4th.

Ladies' Christmas Gathering: will be on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM here at the church; RSVP by today. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Pre-Parade Fellowship: The Missions Team will be hosting a pre-parade Fellowship at the church on Friday, December 13th, at 5:30 pm. Everyone should invite their friends and bring soup, chili or dessert. The missions team will provide the "fixings" (crackers, cheese, sour cream, etc.). The Brandon Christmas Parade will start at 7:00 PM.

Adult Ugly Sweater Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14th, at the Outzs' house, 4pm-7pm. More details to come.

Our Daily Bread: The December-February issue of Our Daily Bread devotional has arrived and may be picked up in the café area or from the breezeway bookcase.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Classes for 2 years - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Wednesday Night: The children (3 year olds - 6th) will be studying the catechism from January 8th - March 26. The 3, 4, & 5 year olds will study questions 1-13 of the Children's Catechism with Susan Inman and Sue Bohnen. The 1st - 3rd will be learning about and memorizing questions 1 - 54 of the Children's Catechism with Scotty and Nancilynn Dickey. The 4th - 6th will begin the Shorter Catechism and will study the first 16 questions with Nate Inman and Christ Groebe.

SERVING SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Keaton Hoge **Next Week:** Knox Shores
Nursery: John Thompson (SS), Molly & Gracey Napier (WS)/Amy Kaiser **Evening Service:** Rebecca Thompson, Cecile Whitten **Next Sunday:** Savannah Brewer (SS), Carrie Mills (WS)/Amy Kaiser **Evening Service:** Molly Eastland, Tracity Shores
December: All Coordinators **January:**
Children's Church: Matthew & Cassis Warren **Next week:** Chris & Chauncey Blakeney

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Jr and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
Youth Fellowship: Youth Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 PM. Youth Christmas Party is Wednesday, Dec. 18th 5:30-8:00 PM.

Sermon Notes

"The Hopes and Fears of All the Years"
 Matthew 1:1-17

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OFFICERS EMERITUS

Elders - Walt Herrington, Gary Morrison, Jackie Thompson
Deacons - John McInnis †, Richard Harrison

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

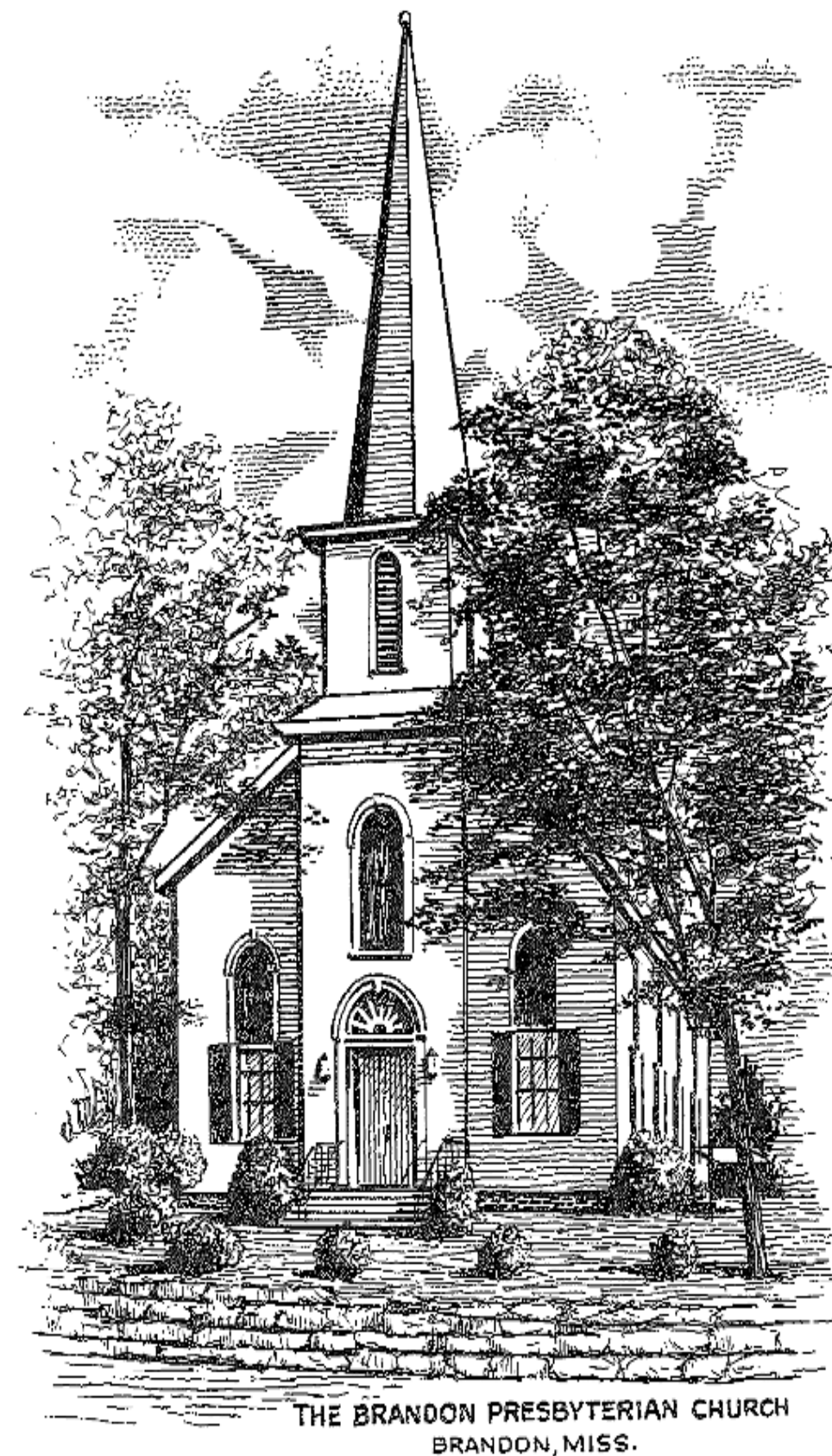
Leadership Team - Nancilynn Dickey, Julie Huddleston, Becky Inman, Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison, Jeanne Monsour, Melinda Neill, Elizabeth Pinkerton, Jo Stanford, Mary Thompson
Flower Coordinators - Deanna Rush & Gray Ouzts

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 Pastor Mills at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Mills 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 1, 2024

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

Meditation

MICHAEL GREEN

Just as David represented the high-water mark of Israel's hopes and development and pointed forward to his descendant, Jesus, so the Babylonian captivity represented the nadir of Israel's fortunes, the frustration of her hopes, and the end of the royal line; and it too points forward to Jesus the Messiah and his people in whom those fortunes will be restored and those promises fulfilled.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship

JOSH PEOPLES, ORGANIST

"Hallelujah (Light Has Come)" arr. Mark McClure

Call to Worship *

JOHN 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. *Rejoice in the Light of the World and praise the glorious radiance of Christ.*

Invocation *

PSALM 80:19

Psalm of Praise *

N^o. 195

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" PSALM 98

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

SAMUEL JOHNSON

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared—look down upon me with pity. Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which you have assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will. Make me to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command. Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from you, and pass the time which you shall yet allow me in diligent performance of your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

EXODUS 34:6-7

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

BRIAN SMITH

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

PIANO & ORGAN DUET

"Once in Royal David's City" arr. Anna Laura Page

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 *

BRIAN SMITH

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

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Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon

REV. BRAD MILLS

"The Hopes and Fears of All the Years "

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 210

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Benediction

ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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 AM/6 PM):	Nov. 24	158/53
Live Views:		8/6
Total Online views:		41/23
Sunday School:		117
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 5,015.00
Online Giving :		\$ 982.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 9,390.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$446,642.00 (+5,342.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$441,300.00

IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Eli Jones (RuF)
- **Ministries of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Thomas Eastland, Chris Groebe, Matthew Warren
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Joseph, Adelaide, and Thomas Carpenter
- **College Student of the Week:** Lauren Groebe (Medical School)
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

- **BPC Children's Ministry:** Please pray for our children to realize they are sinners that need Christ's redemptive work. Pray that they seek after Christ, honor their parents and stay healthy and safe. Pray for our parents that they will lead our children to Christ by their words and example. Pray that God will provide Sunday School teachers.

- **Susan Costello** (Joe Costello's mother): recovering from a broken hip.
- **Beeg Ford:** recovering from a fractured vertebra; now living at Villa South Assisted Living in Florence.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): continues treatment for a very rare heart condition. Thank you for all your prayers.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 21 yr. old nephew): at home in Meridian. Please pray for his recovery to continue.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with several chronic illnesses.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Laura Smith** (Kerri Matthew's friend): glioblastoma (brain cancer), stage 4. She had surgery Oct. 25. She started oral chemo and radiation this week. Please keep Laura and her family in your prayers.
- **Donna Smith** (Amelia Carpenter's Aunt): received new cancer diagnosis. To discuss treatment options soon.
- **Nancy Collum** (Tina Tolar's mother): early stage carcinoma. Surgery scheduled for tomorrow; December 2nd.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; +251 days post transplant. Next appointment at St. Jude's is Dec 9th; please pray his liver enzymes will be stable or decreased and not trending up, he doesn't suffer from long term complications from the transplant, and he will remain cancer free.
- **Myles Hester** (Scott Word's 8 yr. old cousin): diagnosed with leukemia; he is at St. Jude.
- **Jim Smith:** In October, we celebrated 7 years cancer free; next scan Dec. 12th.
- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath's 21 year old neighbor): brain cancer. October MRI was good; still stable; will continue taking chemo pills and have another MRI in Feb. His family thanks you for your continued prayers.
- **Bill Inman:** started his cancer treatments August 28th; the treatments may last six to eight months.
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): Continues chemo to control his cancer.

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Lois Carman, Beeg Ford, Mary Ruth Ruffin, Dotsy Peel

- **Service members:** Baylor Griggs, Japan (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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