

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

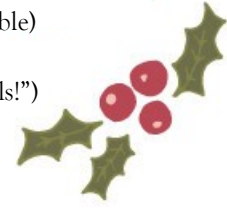
- 8:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Nursery available)
- 11 AM Morning Worship Service (Nursery available)
Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)
- 6 PM Evening Worship ("Hark the Herald Angels!")

WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 AM Devo & Donuts (last one till Jan. 18)

SATURDAY

- 5:15 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Quarter Sunday School Classes: We've just begun a new quarter. Charlie Moak is leading a class on *Ruth & Esther* in the "Kitchen classroom". Nat Whitten & Brian Smith are leading a class on the *Parables of Jesus* in the "Choir Classroom."

Poinsettias: Thanks to all who contributed to the beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary for the month of December. Please pick up your poinsettia AFTER the 11 am service on Christmas Day, December 25. After December 25, they will be downstairs across from the nursery till Wednesday, December 28.

THANK YOU! To all who contributed to our Christmas project. We gave a good amount of diapers etc. to the Crisis Pregnancy center in pearl. And thank you to Beeg Ford for delivering it for us!

New "byFaith" magazines here: this issue contains pictures/updates on those who are struggling with the aftermath of the LA floods. Be sure to pick one up in the breezeway.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Saturday, December 24, 5:15 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25, 11 am Worship Service (only one service)
No Sunday School
No Children's Church

Sunday, January 1, 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services (Wayne Herring preaching, Lord's Supper Observed)
Children's Church Resumes (11am)
10 am Sunday School
No Evening Worship
No Evening Children's Activities

Sunday, January 8 Regular services & activities resume



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

No Evening Children's activities till January 8.

Shut-in Visits: THIS Thursday, December 22. We'll meet at Peach Tree at 1 pm, then travel to The Blake, and finally to TCBY for a treat. Join us!

Children's Bulletins: Available Sunday mornings for ages 3-6 and 7-12. Pick one up!

No Children's Church Sunday, December 25. 11 am worship only.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Jazzlyn Nordin

Next Week (Christmas Day): Jude Smith

Nursery: Cecile Whitten & Penney Stokes; *Christmas Eve Service:* Melinda Neill &

Dee Dee Stowers; *Next Week (Christmas Day):* Susan Inman

Children's Church this month: Peter Glover

YOUTH MINISTRY

Devo & Donuts (6th-8th grades): **THIS Wednesday, December 21,** at 7:15 am. We won't meet again till Jan. 18. See Davida for more info.



SERMON NOTES

December 18, 2016

DR. JOHN DAWSON

1 John 4: 7-12

I. Who? vs. 8

II. How? vs. 9

III. What? vs. 10

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Elders: TE John Dawson, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten

Deacons: Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Women's Ministry Director: Rebekah Dawson
Dawson Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis; *Thompson Shepherding Group:* Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; *Whitten Shepherding Group:* Jeanne Monsour, Erin Clayton; *Morrison Shepherding Group:* Kerri Matthews; Carol Booth; *Herrington Shepherding Group:* Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

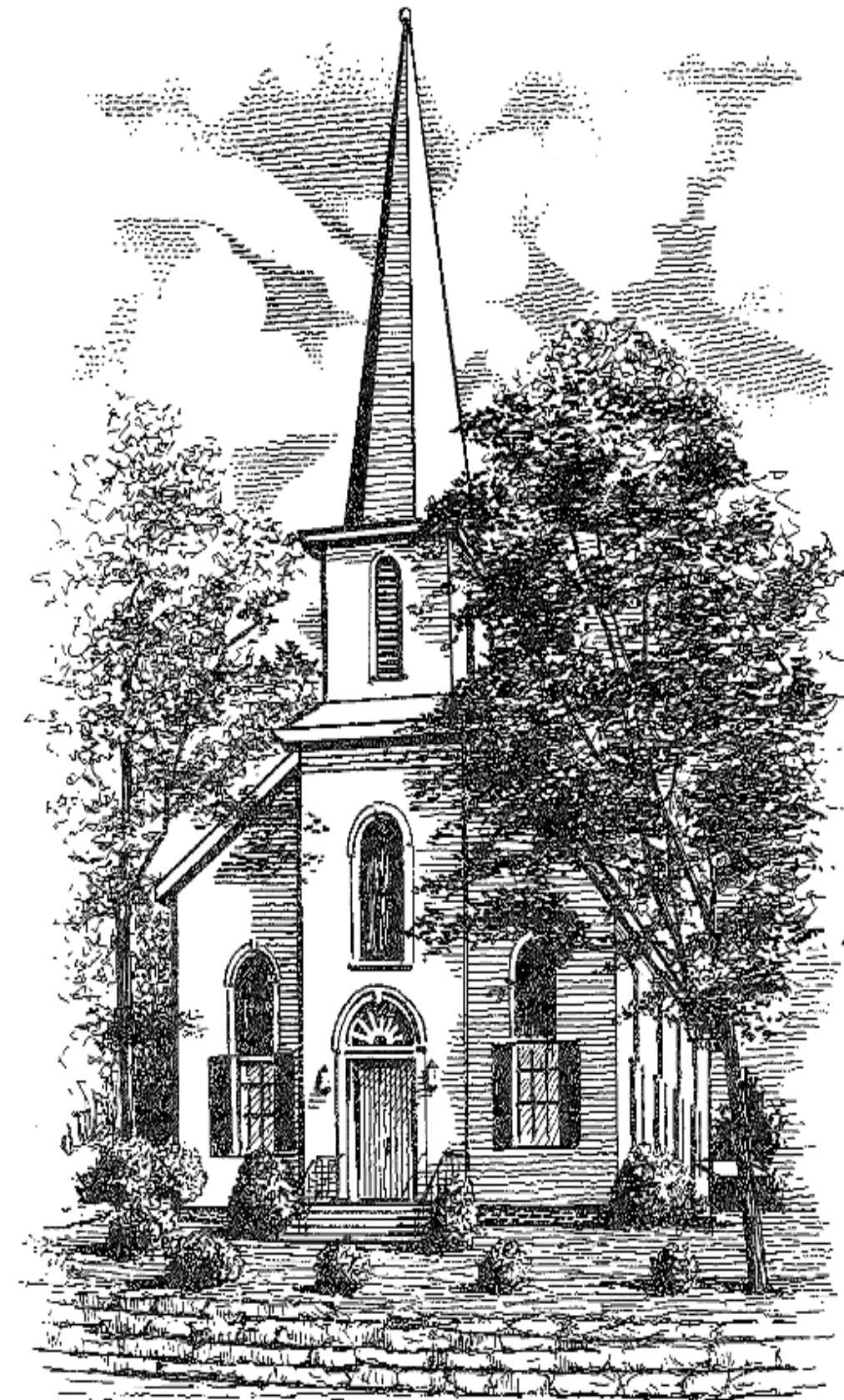
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Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord.."*

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 18, 2016

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

Meditation

“Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.” - Isaac Watts

Prelude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

THOMAS

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship **

“Austrian Carol”
Elementary Children's Choir

Call to Worship *

EZEKIEL 34:22-31

Leader: I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey.
And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

People: And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David,
and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Leader: And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

People: I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts
from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness
and sleep in the woods.

Leader: And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them,
and that they, the house of Israel, are my people,
declares the Lord God.

And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture,
and I am your God, declares the Lord God.

Hymn of Praise *

Nº 218

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

Nº 207

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Confession of Sin

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. He was born into the world, not to condemn the world but to save the world from the penalty, power and presence of sin. He lived a life of complete devotion, loved his bride and gave himself up for her by laying down his life as an atoning sacrifice on the cross. He is risen, ascended, exalted, and has sent us the love of his Comforter, the Holy Spirit that we might know He is ever-present with us. Love so

amazing, so divine, demands our souls, our loves, our all.

Yet, Father, we confess that in spite of the wonderful, matchless love that you have given us in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, we do not see your love because our vision is blurred by love for the world, our hearts are so often unmoved by your love, our wills have surrendered little to your love, our ways have not reflected your love towards others.

Forgive us, Father, out of your great steadfast love and tender mercy. By your Holy Spirit please open our eyes that we may see Christ's all surpassing love more clearly, open our hearts that may treasure his devotion to us more dearly, open our lips so that we may speak his name more sweetly, and enable us to walk with him more nearly.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 JOHN 1:9-11

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

JANZER

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Anthem **

“All Is Well”

Adult Choir

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church)**

Reading of Holy Scripture

Nº 863

1 John 4: 7-12

Sermon

DR. JOHN DAWSON

“Love So Amazing, So Divine...”

Hymn of Response *

Nº 208

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing

** 11 am Service Only

To Our Visitors

We are pleased you have chosen to 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 Dawson at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Dawson know if you have any questions.

IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Rev. & Mrs. White
- **Ministry of the Week:** Aung Lai
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers
- God would continue to bless us with new **visitors, families, & members.**
- **Brittany Beddow & David Mahaffey:** engaged.
- **Brandi Wilkins** (Bethany Lee's sister) & **Jonathan Hall:** engaged to be married March 18.
- **Kristen & Sam Murray:** expecting a baby in late December.
- **Lacey (Morrison) & Dominic Avioli:** expecting a baby in January.
- **Nicki Mason,** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bramlett; expecting a baby.
- **Amanda Stokes:** Intern with RUF, Western Carolina University.
- **Laura Whitten:** Intern with RUF, Stanford.
- **Melanie Morano,** daughter of Peggy Jordan's neighbor: at MD Anderson in Houston, had surgery to remove a brain tumor 12/13.
- **Barbara Fowler:** having some tests run.
- **Jane Ehman:** Sitting up & eating, seems to be getting stronger.
- **Joan Allen:** Being treated for cough, will then go home for hospice care.
- **Tony Boyd,** neighbor of Barbara Fowler: tragically lost her son Nov. 1
- **Florene Dove:** Outpatient surgery to remove melanoma.
- **Vic,** Scott Word's uncle: lung transplant list, regressing.
- **Loved ones battling cancer: Gayle Richardson:** cancer, chemo & radiation, finished treatments, PET scan on 12/30 to determine if treatment worked. **Caffie Chambers,** Barbara Fowler's friend's sister: breast cancer, last round of chemo, in pain. **Judy Bramlett,** Ken Bramlett's sister: cancer returned in several places, finished treatment, feels good, awaiting test results. **Bobby Taylor,** John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma, undergoing treatment. **Austin Brayfield,** Cecile Whitten's Aunt: inoperable brain tumor, had infection and was hospitalized, in rehab, physical & spiritual needs. **Jeff Harrison,** Charlie Moak's close friend: prostate cancer, finished treatment and awaiting results, experiencing heart rhythm issues. **Jack Thompson,** Scott Word's Uncle: prostate cancer, doing well, needs to be monitored with regular check-ups, his wife will have surgery for digestive issues soon. **Roscoe Douglas,** Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: (colon, liver, lymph nodes) stage 4, 6 months to live. **Andrew McCall,** 8-yr -old son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.
- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Mark Muse, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joan Allen, Ann Benton, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm): Dec. 11	42/95/101
Sunday School	98
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 4,797.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 6,249.00
Year to Date Giving:	\$ 330,959.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:	\$ 312,450.00 (+\$18,509.00)