

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service (*Nursery, Children's Church*)
4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting
4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
Youth Activities
Happy Birthday Jesus Party

TUESDAY

5:45 PM Women's Christmas Gathering

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts

SATURDAY

9 AM Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Fourth Friday Christmas Party at Davida & James Curtis' Home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations Open for New Church Officers // Deadline to submit names is TODAY // Nomination forms are in the church office.

NEW Adult Sunday School Classes begin TODAY // Walt Herrington will be leading a class on the Sacraments in the Choir Room // Dr. Dawson will be leading a class on how to deal with suffering in the Kitchen Classroom.

Brandon Presbyterian Cookbooks // Available in the café area // \$12 // They make great Christmas presents!

Women's Christmas Gathering, *Jesus, Prince of Peace* // THIS Tuesday, December 5 // 5:45 pm - Appetizers and Gift Shop, 6:15 pm - Dinner // Guest Speaker: Debbie Dempsey // A special offering will be taken for our RUF interns, Amanda Stokes & Laura Whitten. Please RSVP on the bulletin board TODAY.

Fourth Friday Christmas Party // THIS Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Davida & James Curtis // Bring an appetizer, side, or dessert and a white Elephant gift!

Christmas Cantata! // Don't miss our annual Christmas Cantata, NEXT Sunday, December 10, at 6 pm // Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT @ 6 pm // Happy Birthday Jesus Party! // Bring a pack of kids underwear and/or socks (sizes 4-14) to give to *Helping Hands*, a local ministry providing for those in need // **THANK YOU** to those who signed up to bring food // This will be our last Sunday night with kids activities for the year. We will resume January 7: Scotty Dickey will lead the children through the book "Old Story New." In February we will begin singing with Marsha & Michelle in preparation for Easter.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Elliot Dawson **Next Week:** Eliza Matthews
Nursery: Rebecca Thompson, Sonia Jay **Next Week:** TBD
December: Melinda Neill **January:** TBD

YOUTH MINISTRY

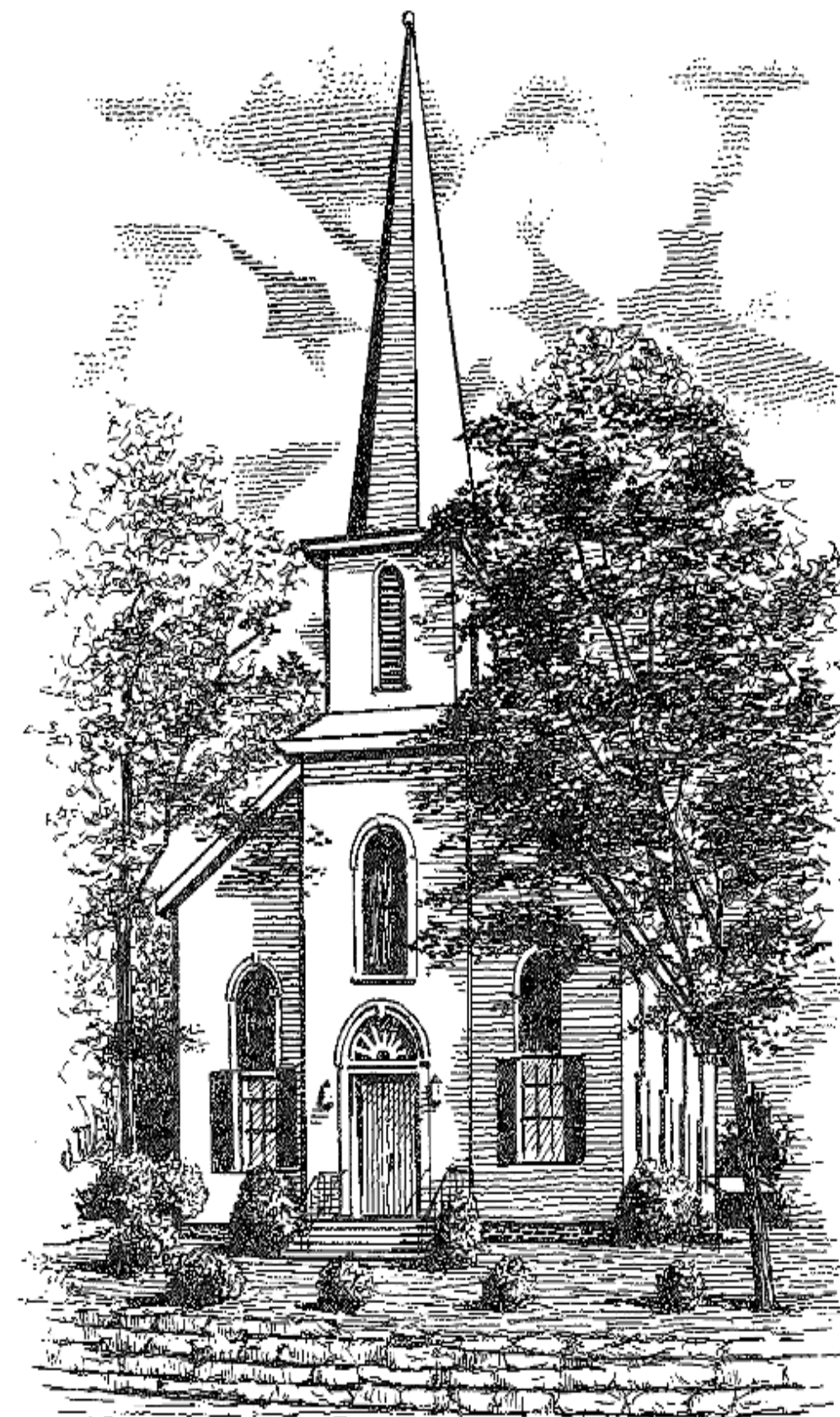
TONIGHT @ 6 pm: Jr. High & Sr. High students will meet in the Sr. High Sunday School Room for Bible Study, Food, & Fun led by Nate Inman.

Middle School DEVO & DONUTS // THIS Wednesday, December 6, at 7:15 am // This will be our last meeting till January 17 // For more info, contact Davida Curtis.

SERMON NOTES

December 3, 2017

John 1:1-2



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

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OFFICERS

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

Deacons: 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, Dotsy Peel
Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill
Whitten Shepherding Group: Jeanne Monsour, Molly Napier
Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews
Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 3, 2017

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

Prelude

“Magnificat”
Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

KINDERMANN

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship **

“Happy Birthday Jesus”
K3 - K5 Children's Choir

Call to Worship *

ISAIAH 11:1-9

Leader: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

People: **And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

Leader: And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputed by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

People: **Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness will undergird him.**

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

People: **They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**

Hymn of Praise *

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Nº 194

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Nº 218

Confession of Sin

Leader: Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned:

People: **forgive and heal us.**

Leader: The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

People: **forgive and heal us.**

Leader: Your Son our Savior was born in poverty in a manger. our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

People: **forgive and heal us.**

Assurance of Pardon

JOHN 1:12-13

But to all who did receive [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

VETTER

“Come, Thou Savior of Our Race”

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.

Children Dismissed to Children's Church

Reading of Holy Scripture

John 1:1-2

Nº 750

Sermon

“The Word”

DR. JOHN DAWSON

Hymn of Response *

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Nº 226

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing

** 11 am Service Only

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 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:** Laurel & Joseph Barnes (Peru)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Deacon Samaritan Fund
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Skyler Horne, Jazzlyn Nordin
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
- **Director of Student Ministries Search Committee:** Scotty Dickey, Michelle Smith, Chris Groebe, Kerri Matthews.
- **Nominations & Election of New Officers**

- **Kayla Tolar & Andrew Downs:** engaged; wedding May 18, 2018.

- **Jim McBrayer:** In hospital at St. Dominic with the flu and possible UTI.
- **Will Glover,** son of Marsha & bill Glover: Brain cancer, chemo & radiation, will be part of a clinical study, 6 weeks of treatment in Birmingham.
- **Jacquelyn Thornell,** on antibiotics, MRI, appointment with surgeon in Nov.
- **Vic Borromeo,** Scott Word's uncle: recovering from double lung transplant; immune system, stamina & spirits are low. Hasn't returned to work yet.
- **Joni & Michael Vance:** baby girl born Oct. 22, Taylor Hayes, hole in heart, will have surgery to repair hole in heart and replace valve in the future.
- **Evelyn Culpepper:** broken femur, recovering from surgery at her daughter's.
- **Gage Parker,** 18 yr old son of Barbara Fowler's friend, Gina: Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, chemo in hospital, last scans show some decrease in cancer cells.

- **Loved ones battling cancer:** **John McInnis:** pancreatic & liver cancer, third round of chemo scheduled for this week if blood counts are good. **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, has metastasized to lymph nodes, on feeding tube. **Joyce Elzey,** David Wade's aunt: Chemo for next 4 months, followed by surgery. **Jane Dowell,** mother of Alex Word's friend, LeAndrea Hampton: aggressive brain cancer, she may have 6 months - 3 years to live. **Steven Bell,** Tiffany Glover's brother: liver cancer returned, stage 4. **Melanie Morano,** daughter of Peggy Jordan's neighbor: small recurrence of brain cancer, moving to MD Anderson. **Jack Thompson,** uncle of Scott Word: prostate cancer, all looks well so far, test in November. **Robin Marbury Morris,** Jeanne Monsour's niece: colon & liver cancer, will continue chemo here in Jackson. **Judy Bramlett,** Ken Bramlett's sister-in-law: found two more tumors, hoping to get into clinical study. **Bobby Taylor,** John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma. **Roscoe Douglas,** Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: stage 4 colon cancer, lung tumors, has lived 2 1/2 years despite being given only 6 months at diagnosis, treating with only Proton therapy, vitamins, and diet changes, quality of life has been good, recovering from recent hip operation. **Andrew McCall,** 8-yr-old son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.

- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joan Allen, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/11 am/6 pm): November 26 37/94/43

Sunday School: 73

Last Week's Offering: \$ 3,658.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 6,381.00

Year to Date Giving: \$ 339,330.00

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