

## THIS WEEK @ BPC

### TODAY

Easter Sunday  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School (Nursery)  
11 AM Worship Service (Nursery, Children's Church for 3 & 4 year olds)

### MONDAY

1 PM Women's Bible Study: From Garden to Glory

### TUESDAY

6:15 PM Men's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts (Middle School)  
6 PM Joint Officer Meeting

### SATURDAY

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW Spring Quarter Sunday School Classes // "Kitchen" Class:** Dr. Sinclair Ferguson's study on the role of the Holy Spirit from Creation to the present, led by Scotty Dickey // **"Choir" Class:** R C Sproul study on what God has given us to fight the world, flesh, and devil for our sanctification, led by Jackie Thompson.

**Wedding Shower for Kayla Tolar //** Sunday, April 8, 2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Amanda Stokes** has accepted the position as Director of Student Ministries (Part-time). She will begin in June after finishing her RUF internship and as she begins pursuing a counseling degree at RTS. Thanks to the members of the committee for their prayerful and patient effort to find a wonderful person to fill the position. - Pastor John

**Congregational Meeting //** Sunday, April 22, 9:45 am // in lieu of Sunday School, for the following purposes: 1. For the election of ruling elders and deacons  
2. For the election of new Trustees.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School //** Classes for 3 yrs - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:45 am.

**Sunday Nights at 6 //** If you would like to help provide food for the children & youth on Sunday nights in April or May, sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Susan Inman or Davida Curtis.

**THANK YOU! //** A huge thank you to all of you who helped us with the Resurrection Rally. It was a wonderful evening!

**Save the Date //** VBS 2018 // Sunday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 6 // We are still in need of guides. If you can help, please see Davida Curtis or Michelle Smith.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Colton Whitney      **Next Week:** Ejay Napier  
**Nursery:** Melinda Neill, Peter Glover      **Next Week:** Karen & Barth Whitney  
**April:** Susan Inman      **May:** TBD

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School //** Jr & Sr High classes meet upstairs at 9:45 am every Sunday.

**TONIGHT at 6pm //** Bible Study & fellowship. Dinner Provided.

**Middle School Devo & Donuts //** THIS Wednesday, April 4, at 7:15 am.

**RYM //** Jr. High: June 25 - 29 // Sr. High: July 9 - 13

## SERMON NOTES

April 1, 2018

Ruth 1:19-2:1; John 20:19-21:3

I. Easter Is Not Dehumanizing

II. Easter Is Rehumanizing

### STAFF

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### OFFICERS

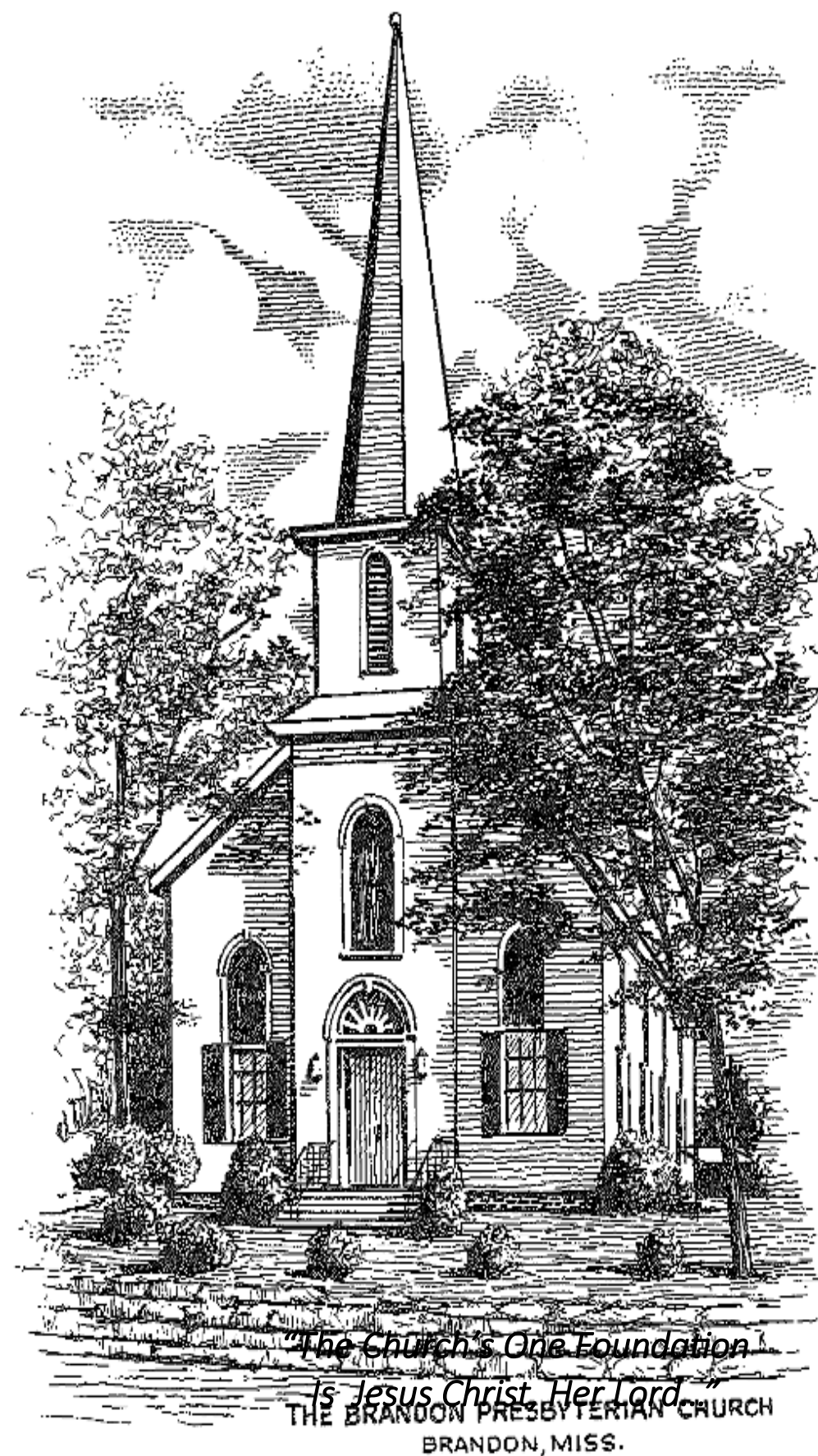
**Elders:** TE John Dawson, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison,  
RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten  
**Deacons:** Scotty Dickey, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams  
**Officers Emeritus:** Elders: Charlie Moak, Elton Jay.  
Deacons: John McInnis, Ken Bramlett, Edsel Parks, Richard Harrison.

### 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:**  
**Herrington Shepherding Group:** Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, April 1, 2018

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

## Meditation

"Life is an apprenticeship in Jesus in which, by his grace, he recovers our humanity, and for his glory he enables others to do the same."

- Zack Eswine

## Prelude

"With Sounding Brass"  
(Christ the Lord is Risen Today)  
Organist, Jacquelyn Thornell

NORDMAN

## Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship \*

Psalm 16

**Leader:** I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People:** I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Leader:** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

**People:** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

**Leader:** You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 267

"The Day of Resurrection!"

## Invocation

## Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 277

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

## Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, In raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the penalty and power of sin and death. We confess that we struggle to rest in the merit of the risen Christ, choosing to wallow in our guilt and shame. We confess that we fool around with sin, which is destined for destruction as Christ kingdom comes. We have sins of commission. We feed our flesh, and selfish desires, we steal, shade the truth, and do violence in thought, word, and deed. We take your name in vain. We have sins of omission. We overlook the poor and turn a blind eye to injustice. We pass by those who mourn; we look down on the weak; we are not good stewards of your creation. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus to change our lives and make us new; that we may know the joy of eternal life in Him. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 4:24-Romans 5:2

[Our] Jesus Lord, was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## Pastoral Prayer

## God's Tithes & Our Offerings

BUXTEHUDE

"Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer"

Jesus Christ, our Lord Redeemer,  
O're death is now the Victor.  
To Heaven He's Risen,  
and Death hath put in prison.  
We thank Thee, Lord our God.

## 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 \*\*

by Jay Rouse

"This Is What Is Meant by Love"

Adult Choirs

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

## Reading of Holy Scripture

N<sup>o</sup>. 188, 769

Ruth 1:19-2:1; John 20:19-21:3

## Sermon

DR. JOHN DAWSON

"An Ordinary Easter?"

## Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 286

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

## 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:** Rev. Rodney & Mrs. Jana Davila
- **Ministry of the Week:** Caleb & Mi Cheon
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison, Joe Williams, John Thompson
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Eliza, Clara, & Layton Matthews
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
- **Officer Training:** Pray for the men going through officer training.

- Our deepest sympathy for the family of **Meritt McNamee**, who passed away this past week.

- **Cathy & Joe Costello:** Expecting a baby girl in July.

- **Kayla Tolar & Andrew Downs:** engaged; wedding May 18.
- **Chauncey Craft & Chris Blakeney:** engaged, wedding June 9.

- **Cooper Bell**, Tiffany Glover's nephew: heart surgery.
- **Abigail Gentry** and her parents, Christy & Daniel: granddaughter of Cindy & Joe Williams: unspoken request.
- **Don Graham**, father of Paula McClain: health declining rapidly, prayers for wife, Lille, who will be making decisions and caring for him.
- **Kelly Langford**, daughter of Jacquelyn Thornell: melanoma, recovering from surgery to remove toe, microscopic melanoma found, Doctor suggesting M.D. Anderson.
- **Joni & Michael Vance:** baby girl, Taylor Hayes, hole in heart, large mass found in heart, could be clot or infection, in hospital.
- **Evelyn Culpepper:** broken femur, recovering from surgery at her daughter's.

- **Loved ones battling cancer:** **Awnie Shenouda**, brother of Dr. Shenouda: Prostate cancer. **Alycia Harris**, former co-worker of Tina Groebe: 33 yr old mother of 3, stage 4 lung cancer. **Will Glover**, son of Marsha & Bill Glover: Brain cancer, infusion in Birmingham every other week through 2018, back on chemo as well, stronger doses. **John McInnis:** at home on hospice. **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, awaiting next scan. **Joyce Ellzey**, David Wade's aunt: Surgery went well, starting radiation. **Jane Dowell**, mother of Alex Word's friend, **LeAndrea Hampton:** aggressive brain cancer, may have 6 mo - 3 yrs to live, tumor not responding to treatment, but isn't growing. **Steven Bell**, Tiffany Glover's brother: stage 4 liver cancer, Praise God! Scan was clear. **Robin Marbury Morris**, Jeanne Monsour's niece: colon & liver cancer, too much liver damage, will not have surgery. **Judy Bramlett**, Ken Bramlett's sister-in-law: Methodist rehab. **Bobby Taylor**, John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma. **Roscoe Douglas**, Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: stage 4 colon cancer, lung tumors, treating with Proton therapy, vitamins, & diet changes, quality of life very good. **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:** Dr. John Adams, Joan Allen, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jane Ehman, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/11 am/6pm):	March 25	-/-/-
Sunday School:		87
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 6,266.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,648.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 82,622.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 79,776.00 (+\$2,846)