

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Deacons' Meeting
 4:45 PM Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Youth Christmas Party

TUESDAY

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Christmas Gathering

SATURDAY

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

Pastor Search Committee Members

Ashley Belknap	John Thompson	Alternates
Scotty Dickey	Dr. Jim Neill	Angela McInnis
Thomas Eastland		Gray Ouzts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School - Winter Quarter: Skip Lathem is leading the study: Lessons from the Upper Room. Chapters 13 - 17 of John's Gospel record for us the, "Farewell Discourses," of Jesus, which took place the night before his crucifixion. From the humility of our Lord stooping to wash his disciples' feet, to the majesty of his High Priestly Prayer, we have much to learn from this glorious portion of Scripture. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Choir: This afternoon 4:45-6:00 PM; Saturday, Dec. 10th, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM.
Adult Bible Study: Will resume January 8th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. We will continue studying Philipians.

Church Cantata: The Church Cantata will be next Sunday, December 11th at 5:30 PM. There will be a **Reception** in the Fellowship Hall after the Cantata. Please bring finger foods, prepared and ready to serve, to the Fellowship Hall before the Cantata.

Children's Christmas Party: Carols, Kids and Crockpots will be Sunday, December 18th at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We will sing carols, led by Brian Matthews, and hear the Christmas story, read by Jackie and Mary Thompson. We will then have a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall and the children will make a craft. **The whole church** is invited to attend this evening of worship and fellowship. Please bring a soup to share.

Please Join the Women's Ministry: in a donation for College Hill Presbyterian Church in Oxford, MS. Their 178 year old sanctuary was destroyed by a fire August 13, 2022. Make checks payable to BPC with College Hill Pres Church on the memo line. Deadline is Sunday, December 11. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Sunday Night: No Sunday evening activities through January 1st. We will resume January 8th.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Steele Stanford	Next Week: Sophie Warren
Nursery: Gray Ouzts/Amy Kaiser	Next Week: Rebecca Thompson /Amy Kaiser
December: All Coordinators	January 2023: Davida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

December: Susan Inman **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Fellowship: The only evening youth gathering in December will be tonight at 5:30 for our Youth Christmas Party. We will resume meeting on January 8th.

Sermon Notes

"God with Us"
 Matthew 1:18-25

1. The Promise of Immanuel

2. The Person of Immanuel

3. The Purpose of Immanuel

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OFFICERS

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

Deacons: Chris Groebe, Nate Inman, Eric Napier, Andrew Rush, Brian Smith,
 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 ROUND TABLE

Women's Ministry

Flower Coordinator - Sonia Jay: esjay@att.net

Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, 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

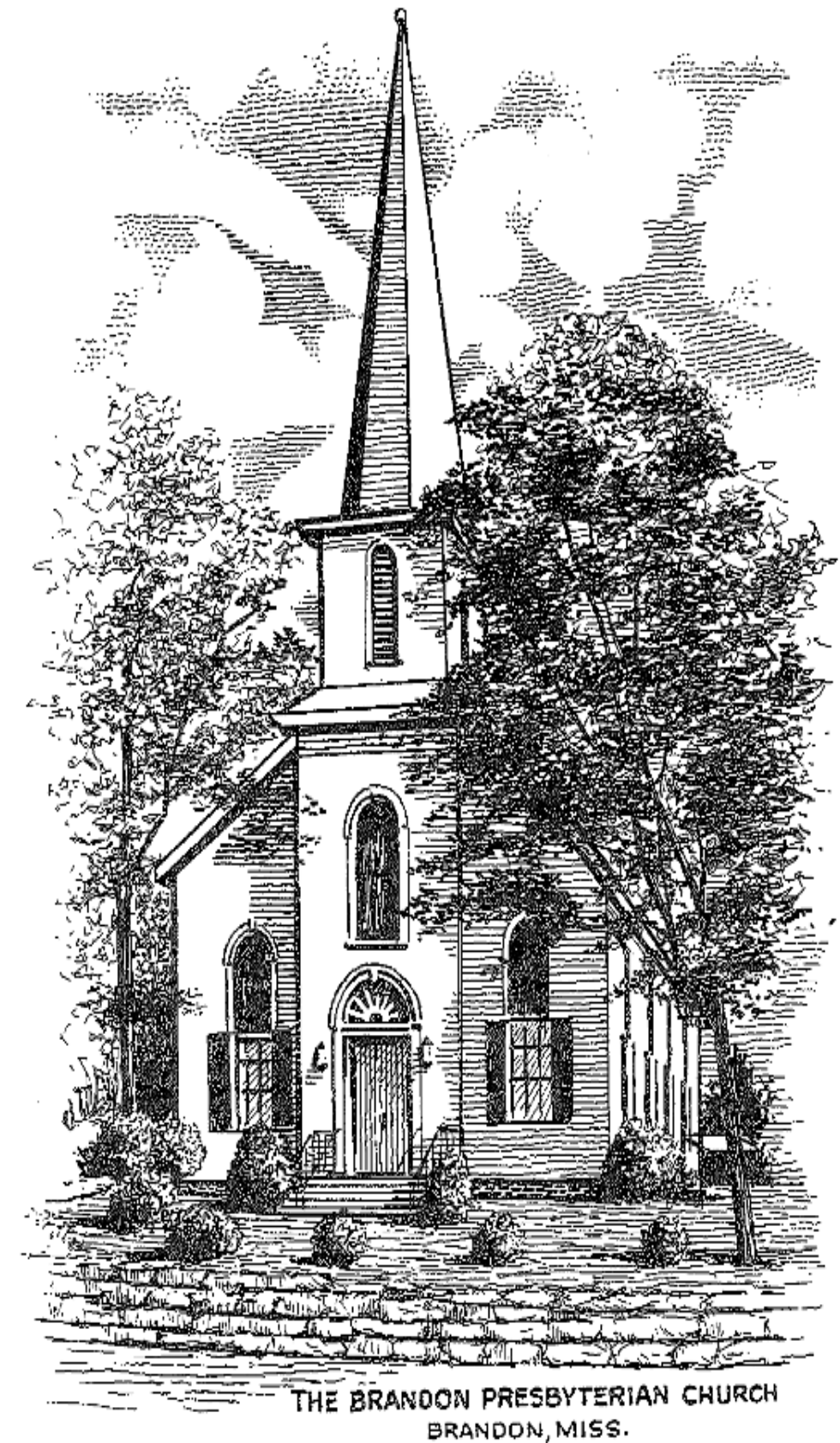
Whitten Shepherding Group: Julie Huddleston, Elizabeth Pinkerton

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 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, December 4, 2022

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

Meditation

STEPHEN CHARNOCK

“Can you imagine the distance between eternity and time, infinite power and miserable infirmity, an immortal Spirit and dying flesh, the highest being and nothing? The Word was made flesh; the Word and flesh in one person; a great God and a little infant.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/ Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship *

PSALM 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o:208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Reading of Holy Scripture

ISAIAH 41:8-13

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

Infant Baptism

Jack Lawler Adams and Asher Smith Adams

Hymn of Praise *

N^o: 229

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Love Came Down at Christmas” - Benton Price

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carol for Advent

LISA HELLIER/MICHELLE SMITH/LISA WATSON, FLUTE

“What Child is This”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

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Sermon

“God with Us”

REV. LARRY FERRIS

Hymn of Response *

N^o: 225

“Once in Royal David's City”

Benediction

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): November 27	116
Live Views:	5
Total Online views:	23
Sunday School:	49
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 4,026.00
Online Giving:	\$ 99.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$365,363.00 (-1,837.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$367,200.00

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

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:**
- **Ministry of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Lou Woods
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- **Matt Stowers and Kara Beth Carter:** to be married May 6th.
- **Lacey Morrison Avioli:** expecting a boy December 15th.
- **Terry Word Pullen:** expecting another boy January 1st.
- **Anna Kate Stowers:** expecting a baby boy February 20th.
- **Laura Whitten:** expecting a boy April 1st.

- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's nephew): is under a doctor's care at UAB with kidney issues; he will be undergoing treatments for an extended period.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): continues to do well. Wears a monitor to monitor his heart 24/7.
- **Jim Smith:** fractured vertebra (L3); please pray for no further complications and healing.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; had BMT on June 1st. His blood counts continue to look good; he is having some blood in his urine. His Doctor is keeping an eye on it. Continue to pray he stays in remission and well during this cold & flu season.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): is taking chemo; cancer has returned to his back; needs prayer.
- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): The latest PET scan showed all the masses throughout his body are almost nonexistent. He will continue chemo through February, 2023. He needs to gain weight and build strength. Prayer is powerful.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney's Mom): has completed radiation, is back home and doing well. She will have chemo every 21 days through next March. In April, 2023, she will have a scan to make sure everything is clear.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; his next scan is December 13. We are so grateful for God's mercies and our praying church family.
- **Service members:** Matthew Hellier, CA; Glenn Stewart, Fort Campbell (Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew); Laurel and Aaron Arnold, Fort Story (Jeff & Lisa Bynum's Daughter and son-in-law)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

LADIES: The Women's Ministry Christmas Gathering is this Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM. This year, ladies ages five and above are invited. To help defray the meal cost, \$5 is requested for one person or \$10 for a family of two or more. A donation plate will be offered for the historic College Hill Presbyterian Church in Oxford, MS. Funds will be used to help rebuild their church after a fire on August 13th of this year.

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