

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study
- Children's Meal and Activities, Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Missions Committee

Pastor Search Committee Members

|                 |               |                   |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ashley Belknap  | John Thompson | <b>Alternates</b> |
| 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:** Choir rehearsal today from 4:45 -5:30 PM.

**Adult Bible Study:** (5:30 - 7:00 PM) All adults are welcome to continue studying the book of Philippians on Sunday evenings. Join us as we delve into this ancient letter that has brought encouragement, peace, and joy to the church for thousands of years. We meet in the Choir Classroom with Nate Inman leading. Latecomers are welcome!

**Flower Calendar:** The 2023 flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. Sign-up soon to get your special day.

**2023 Offering Envelopes :** are available in the breezeway.

**Save the Date:** Ladies, please join us for a baby shower for Anna Kate Stowers on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Pottery Barn Kids, Amazon, and Target.

**Hallway Duty:** One volunteer is needed each week during the 10:00 AM Worship Service and one from 5:30-7:00 PM during Sunday evening activities. If you can help, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. See John Thompson if you have any ?s.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday Night:** The children's Sunday evening activities are from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The children will eat supper and then we will split into three groups to study the Bible and play. (2 yr. olds-K5, 1st-3rd & 4th-6th)

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Caroline Ouzts **Next Week:** Daisy Inman  
**Nursery:** Thomas Eastland/Cecile Whitten **Next Week:** Cortney Greer, Jackson Smith/Amy Kaiser

**January:** Davida Curtis **February:** Davida Curtis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**January:** Jim and Lisa Hellier **February:** Melinda Neill

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes

"The WORD Became Flesh"

John 1:6-18

1. The Forerunner of Christ (vs. 6-8)
2. The Rejection of Christ (vs. 9-11)
3. The Acceptance of Christ (vs. 12-13)
4. The Incarnation of Christ (vs. 14-18)

STAFF

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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

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

Flower Coordinator - Sonia Jay: esjay@att.net

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of  
 Stephanie Luby Dupree from your loving twins, Alex and Amber Dupree

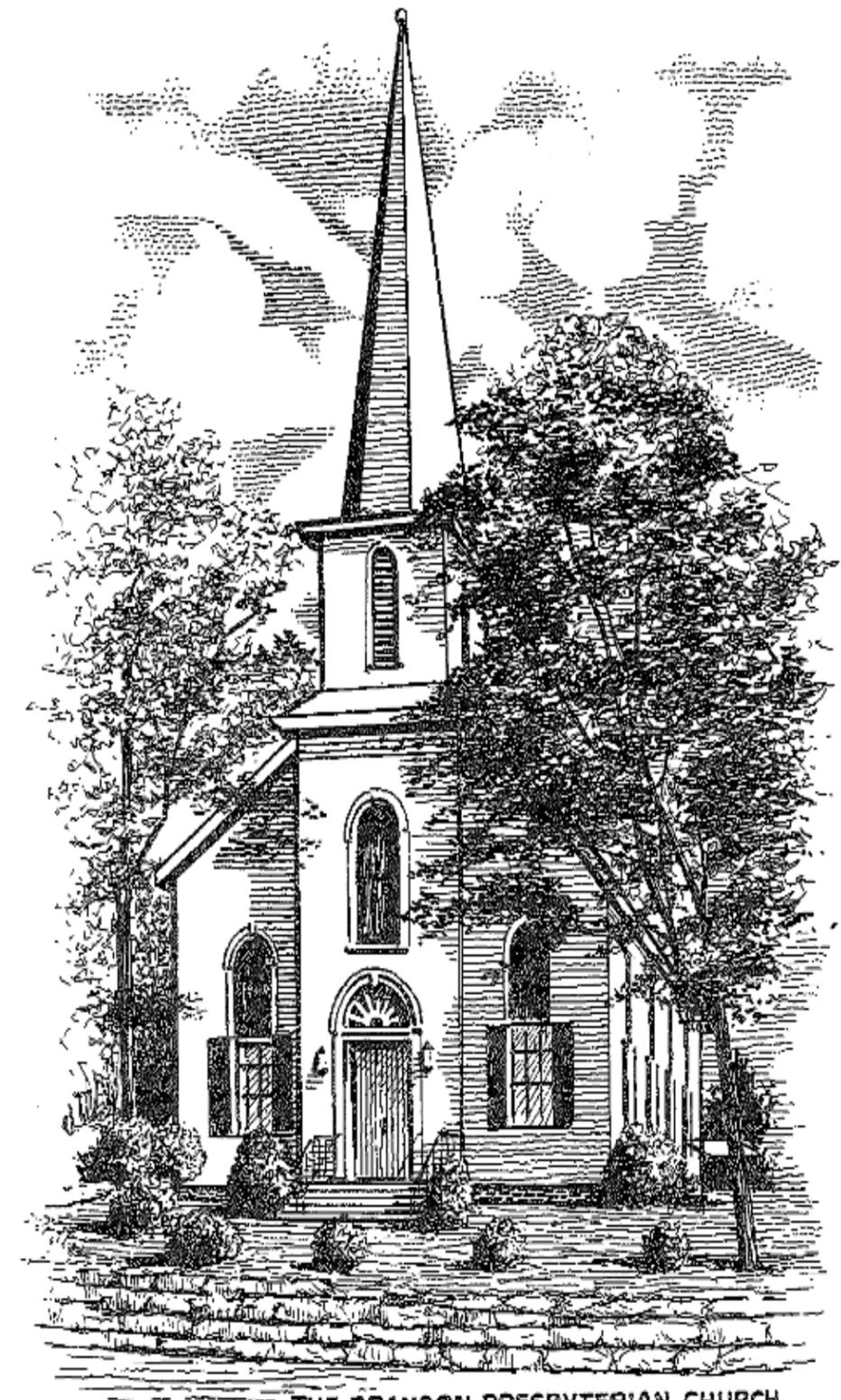
To Our Visitors

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.



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

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, January 15, 2023

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

## Meditation

JOHN CALVIN

“We should ask God to increase our hope when it is small, awaken it when it is dormant, confirm it when it is wavering, strengthen it when it is weak, and raise it up when it is overthrown.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude/ Preparation for Worship

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“All Glory Be to God on High” - Telemann

### Call to Worship \*

PSALMS 34:4-10

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

**People: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

Leader: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

**People: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.**

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

**People: Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.**

Leader: The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>.162

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

### Responsive Reading

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 43-44

Leader: What introduces the ten commandments?

**People: These words introduce the ten commandments: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”**

Leader: What does the introduction to the ten commandments teach us?

**People: The introduction to the ten commandments teaches us that, because God is Lord and is our God and redeemer, we must keep all His commandments.**

### Confession of Sin:

God of grace, You have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we confess that we sometimes choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of Your love. We focus on ourselves, we often gratify the flesh, give in to the powers and temptations of this world, and refuse to walk in the newness of life we have in Jesus. We ask Your forgiveness, Father, and ask that You would fill us with Your Spirit that we might walk in the light of Jesus, boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus. We pray in His matchless name. Amen

### Assurance of Pardon

TITUS 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 697

“Wonderful Words of Life”

### Pastoral Prayer

### God's Tithes & Our Offerings

### Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Allegretto” - Guilmant

### 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

### Special Music

DUET: AINSLEY CURTIS, CLARINET; MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO

“Abide with Me”/“Amazing Grace”

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

### Reading of Holy Scripture

John 1:6-18

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### Sermon

REV. EARL ADAMS

“The WORD Became Flesh”

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 481

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

### Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

#### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Worship Services (10:00): January 8 | 93                      |
| Live Views:                         | 6                       |
| Total Online views:                 | 19                      |
| Sunday School:                      | 77                      |
| Last Week's Offering:               | \$ 5,835.00             |
| Online Giving:                      | \$ 499.00               |
| Weekly Budgeted Offering:           | \$ 8,345.00             |
| Year-to-Date Giving:                | \$13,338.00 (-3,352.00) |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:       | \$16,690.00             |

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#### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Rodney & Jana Davila, El Salvador
- **Ministry of the Week:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Oliver and Elliot Dawson
- **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 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Anna Kate Stowers:** expecting a boy February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Laura Whitten:** expecting a boy April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Bobbie Gilmore:** has been sent to Methodist Rehab for physical therapy and is working hard to get stronger. At this time, the plan is for her to be discharged in 2-3 weeks if all goes well. Bobbie is so thankful for all the prayers for her during this time.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 19 yr. old nephew): continues under a doctor's care at UAB. On the transplant list for a second kidney transplant. May begin dialysis soon.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): Continues to do well. Will continue to wear a heart monitor and take medication for his heart indefinitely.
- **Jim Smith:** fractured vertebra (L3); please pray for no further complications and healing.

#### Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; had BMT on June 1<sup>st</sup>. His CD3 counts have not improved but are relatively stable at 44%. If the counts haven't increased within the next month we will get more T cells from Parker. In two weeks, Ames is scheduled to have his central line removed along with bone marrow biopsy and aspirate. Please continue to pray that Ames will remain leukemia free and his CD3 counts will rise without intervention. Thank you all for your prayers and support.
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): Continues with chemo for cancer in his back. His outlook is positive.
- **Jim Smith:** Jim has had another stable scan. We are praising God for His goodness and mercy to us!!!
- **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.
- **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

Two Christmas cards just arrived; one from Caleb and Miyoung Cheon / Taiwan and one from the Holliday Family along with an update. They are posted on the bulletin board.