

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 Christmas Hymn Sing & Prayer Time
Children Singing with Marsha & Michelle
Youth Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 AM Devo & Donuts

FRIDAY

- 5 PM Pre-Christmas Parade Fellowship Meal

SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT at 6 pm: Enjoy praying and singing Christmas hymns with us.

Pre-Christmas Parade Fellowship Meal: *THIS* Friday at 5 pm! Come early to claim a prime spot for watching the parade and enjoy fellowship over supper! Last names beginning with A-L bring dessert, salad, or bread; M-Z bring soup or chili. Sour cream, cheese, saltines, and drinks will be provided.

Christmas Family: We're providing Christmas gifts for a local family in need with two young boys, 1 yr & 6 yrs old. There is an envelope labeled "Christmas Family" on the bulletin board where contributions can be made. Make checks out to BPC with "Christmas family" written in the memo line.

You are Invited to a Christmas Party hosted by Ellie & Scott Word at their home, 2014 Ashley Avenue, Brandon, Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a white elephant gift.

Women's Christmas Gathering: "Jesus, Light of the World." Tuesday, December 15, at 6:15 pm.

New Sunday Morning Sermon Series: "From Robes to Rags" begins **NEXT** Sunday. We will look at the incarnation and its implications from Phil 2:1-11.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TONIGHT at 6: Singing with Marsha & Michelle! Supper Provided.

Birthday Party for Jesus: **NEXT** Sunday, December 6, at 6 pm. This will be the last night for "Singing with Marsha & Michelle." There will be no Sunday night children's activities December 13, 20, & 27. We will resume next year.

Communicants Class: We are offering a communicants beginning **NEXT** Sunday. Sign your child up on the bulletin board.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Layton Matthews Next Week: Jude Smith
Children's Church: Peter Glover Next Week: Nancilyn Dickey

YOUTH MINISTRY

TONIGHT @ 6: Youth Bible Study. Supper Provided!

Youth Christmas Party! Saturday, December 19.

SERMON NOTES DR. JOHN DAWSON

December 6, 2015

Acts 28:11-31

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OFFICERS

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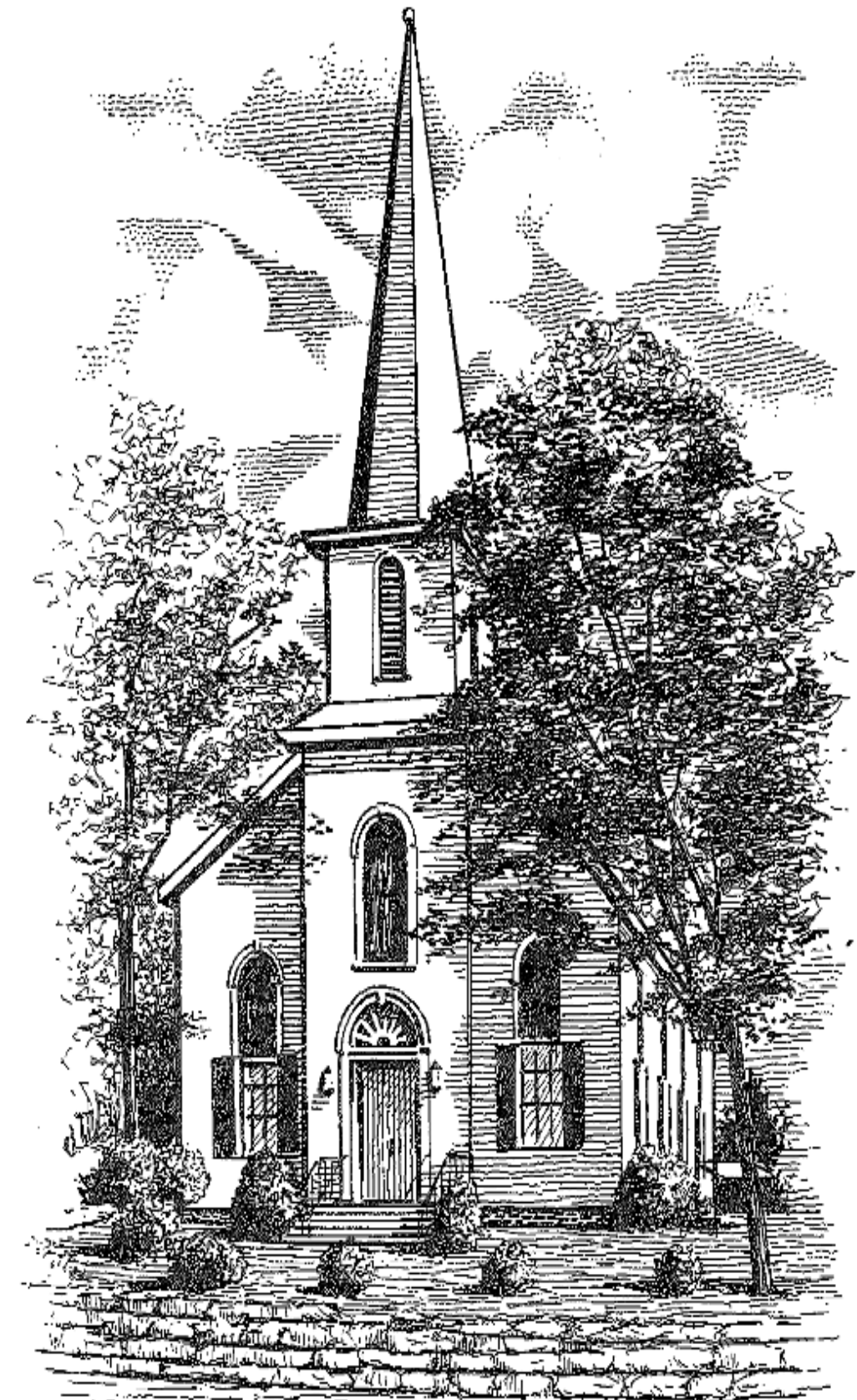
Deacons: Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith,
Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Shepherding Group #1: Angela McInnis, Erin Carlton; *Shepherding Group #2:* Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; *Shepherding Group #3:* Jeanne Monsour; *Shepherding Group #4:* Kerri Matthews; *Shepherding Group #5:* Camille Herrington, JoStanford, Michelle Smith

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

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 6, 2015

During the prelude, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Savior of Our Race"
Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

VETTER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

ISAIAH 59:20-60:2

Leader: "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression." declares the LORD.
People: "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."
Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, And thick darkness the peoples; But the LORD will arise upon you, And his glory will be seen upon you.
People: And nations shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

N^o. 194

INVOCATION *

HYMN OF PRAISE *

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

N^o. 196

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

"Preparation for the King"

CORELLI

DOXOLOGY *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM **

"Jesus Be the Center of It All"

Adult Choir

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Anthem)

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 28:11-31

N^o. 795

SERMON

REV. RICK HOLBERT

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

N^o. 465

BENEDICTION *

THE 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:* Fairly & Tony Cooper (Is. 55)
- *Ministry of the Week:* Reformed Theological Seminary
- *Shepherding Group of the Week:* Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers
- That God would bless us with new visitors, families, members.
- **Laura Simoneau & Wilson Whitten:** engaged.
- **Bethany & Mark Lee:** expecting baby girl, Lisa Marie, in February, Bethany is on bed rest.
- **Rebecca & John Thompson:** expecting in March.
- **Rachel (Hutton) & Aaron Halbert:** expecting triplets in spring, MTW missionaries to Honduras, recently adopted two toddlers.
- **Mike Hollingsworth,** friend of Barbara Fowler: radiation.
- **Ben Avant,** brother of a co-worker of Barbara Fowler: spinal stenosis, hasn't been able to work since August, under 24/7 care.
- **Ruth Compton:** In Specialty Select Hospital, doesn't have much energy.
- **Lewis Schrader,** working with missionary Caleb Cheon in Taiwan: heart attack, swollen lung, possible pneumonia, possible blood clot.
- **Linda Harrison:** upcoming test, recovering from bronchitis.
- **Eric Burch,** son in law of Helen Mannery: shattered pelvis, physical therapy.
- **Carolyn Johnson,** mother of Serina Blackwell: recovering from surgery.
- **Trenia Reynolds,** wife of David Wade's former boss: serious auto accident, moved to hospital in Atlanta, probably permanently paralyzed.
- **Tommy Vaughan,** cousin of Marsha Glover: may have rare, fatal brain disorder, cannot walk or get out of bed, receiving hospice care at home.
- **Paula Mason & family,** friend of Julie Rogers: progressive form of MS, POTS, barely able to walk, condition worsening, she is concerned for how hard her family is working to care for her. **Carla Mason,** her mother, also has MS and has to use a wheel chair most of the time.
- **Martha Baker's siblings:** multiple health problems, spiritual wellbeing.
- **Cooper Bell,** Tiffany Glover's nephew: heart valve problems, surgery scheduled to repair heart, had tubes placed in ears, recovering from cleft palate surgery.
- **Joe Etherege,** father of Serina Blackwell: stroke, at home.
- **Townes Craft,** the Carlton's neighbor: 1-yr-old with Pompe disease.
- *Loved ones battling cancer:* **Jo Hertel,** relative of Beej Ford: (carcinoma) stage 4 ; **Ked Williamson,** Kerri Matthews' cousin: (lymphoma); **Sara Hutson,** neighbor of Nancy Bramlett: (breast) beginning chemo; **Roscoe Douglas,** Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: (colon, liver, and lymph nodes) stage 4; **Martha Morrison,** Gary Morrison's sister-in-law: chemo; **Will Glover,** Bill Glover's father: (prostate) complications; **Andrew McCall,** 8-yr-old son of Robin & Rev. Perry McCall: (acute leukemia); **Judy Bramlett,** SIL of Nancy & Ken Bramlett: chemo, tired; **Sara Willis,** thirteen yr old friend of Davida Curtis, (brain) in remission but dealing with sickness; **Grace Mills,** Florene Dove's friend; **Lamar Felter,** Serina Blackwell's grandfather; **Barth Whitney's** mother (cervical).
- *Service members:* S.T. Heath, Mark Muse, Jason Gilmore, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- *Nursing home residents & shut-ins:* Joan Allen, Ann Benton, Ruth Compton, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm):	November 22	50/80/48
Sunday School		84
Thanksgiving Service		47
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 4,817.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,142.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 296,396.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 288,674 (+7,722.00)