

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 5:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Christmas Cantata

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Devo & Donuts

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Children's Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cantata & Reception: The Christmas Cantata will be *TODAY* at 6:00 p.m. This cantata will be a little different. The congregation will join in on some of the carols. Please bring your favorite holiday finger food and join us after the Cantata for a time of fellowship and holiday cheer.

Christmas Party (Save the Date): This *SATURDAY*, 10-11:30 a.m., the children will be having a Christmas party. *EVERYONE* is invited to come celebrate Christ's birth. Come join in the fun as we sing, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy other fun activities and treats. We plan to pair each child with an adult for the party. Questions??? See Nate or Susan Inman. Please sign-up on the bulletin board. * We will be painting so dress accordingly.

Women's Christmas Gathering (Save the Date!): Dec 17th, 6:15 p.m. at BPC. Come hear our very own Rebekah Dawson share from God's Word which is "Sweeter Than Honey and More Precious Than Gold" based on Psalm 19:7-10. It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship, delicious Greek food, and encouragement through God's Word. Sign-up on the bulletin board. A special offering will be taken for MNA disaster response.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Classes for 3 years - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Night: The children's Sunday evening program will resume January 5th. Plan to join us as we learn about true wisdom.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Ceili Lee **Next Week:** Gracey Napier
Nursery: Amy Kaiser/Joni Vance **Next Week:** Rebecca Thomson/Ellie Word
December: All Coordinators **January:** Tiffany Glover

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

December: John and Ashley Belknap **January:** Susan Inman

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Jr and Sr High classes meet upstairs at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.
Youth Fellowship: Youth group meets Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful card and gift for pastor's appreciation month. I am so thankful for such a gracious and generous congregation, one that encourages me so often.

Grace and Peace. - Pastor John

Sermon Notes

"The Theology of Jesus, Born of the Virgin Mary"
 Matthew 1:18-25

I. Son

II. Spirit

III. Salvation

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OFFICERS

Elders: TE John Dawson, 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:

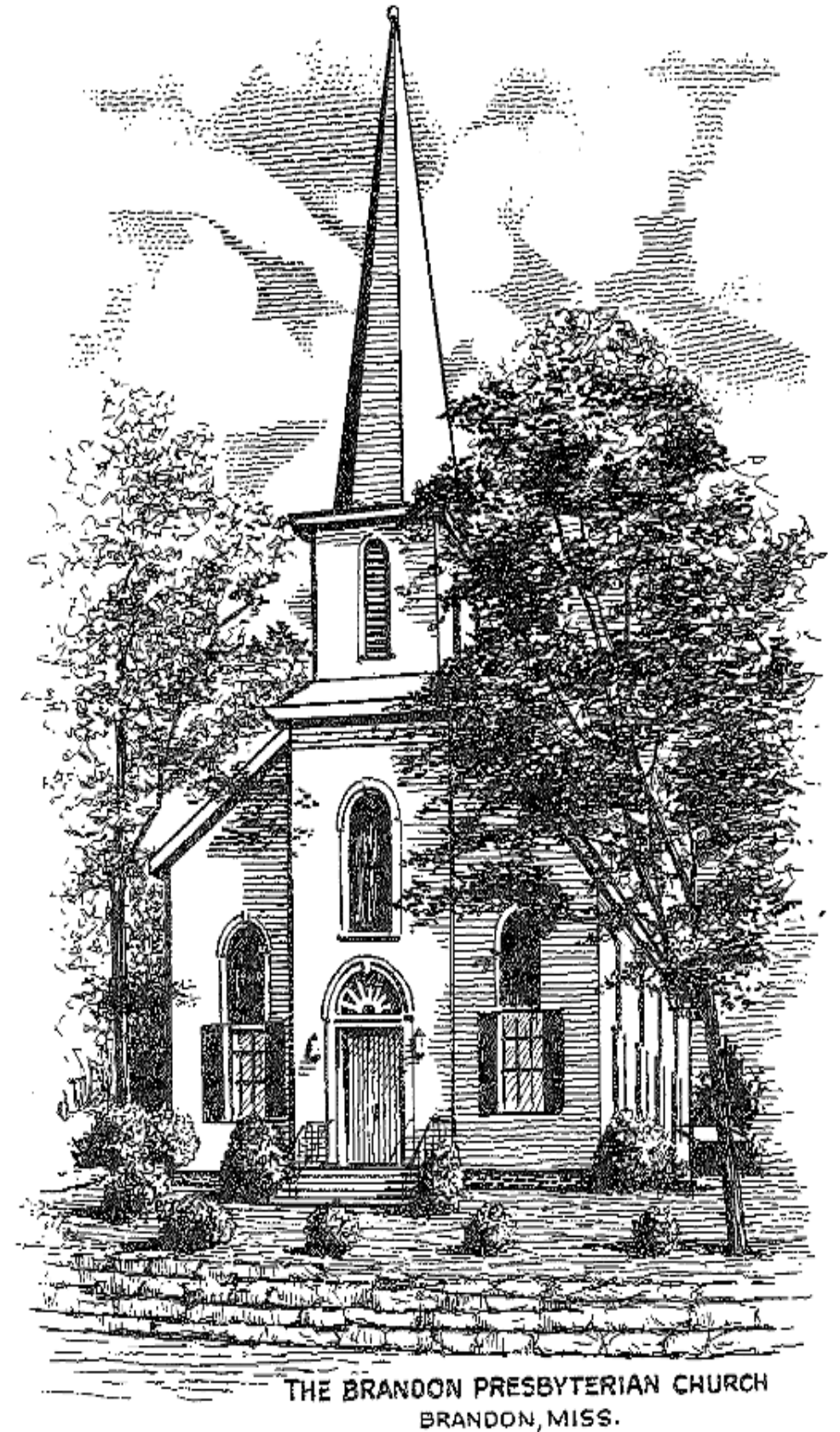
Elders: Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †
Deacons: John McInnis †, Ken Bramlett, Edsel Parks, Richard Harrison

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Women's Ministry Director: Rebekah Dawson
Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, Dotsy Peel
Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford
Morrison Shepherding Group: Carole Morrison, Rebecca Thompson
Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill
Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour
Whitten Shepherding Group: Molly Napier

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

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THE BRANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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"The Church's One Foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 8, 2019

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

Meditation

JOHN MCARTHUR

Mary's virginity protected a great deal more than her own moral character, reputation, and the legitimacy of Jesus' birth. It protected the nature of the divine Son of God... Jesus had to have one human parent or He could not have been human, and thereby a partaker of our flesh. But He also had to have divine parentage or He could not have made a sinless and perfect sacrifice on our behalf.

Prelude

"Old Christmas Carol"

FRANCK

ORGANIST, JACQUELYN THORNELL

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

"Joy to the World"

Call to Worship *

ISAIAH 2:4, 11:6

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

People: The calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o: 208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o: 200

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live our lives too casually, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse your gifts, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Assurance of Pardon

I TIMOTHY 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

FRANCK

"Whence Comes This Rush of Wings?"

Offertory Response

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Anthem **

ADULT CHOIR

"Sing We Now of Christmas / The First Noel"

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

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MATTHEW 1:18-25

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"The Theology of Jesus, Born of the Virgin Mary"

Hymn of Response *

N^o: 214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Postlude *

* Congregation Standing ** 11:00 Service Only

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/10 am/6 pm):	Dec 1	51/83/39
Sunday School:		78
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 11,346.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,172.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 358,464.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 344,256.00 (+\$14,208)

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:** Carl and Becky Chaplin (Chattanooga, TN)
- **Ministry of the Week:** PCA Church Plant, Ocean Springs, MS
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, and Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sam and John Palmer Word
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- **Courtney Hancock-Stevens:** expecting a baby boy, Jan 20th.
- **Heidi Rogers,** Julie Rogers' Daughter: expecting a baby boy Feb 2nd.

- **Gloria Tolar,** Darrin Tolar's Mother: recovering from stroke, not doing well.
- **Bob Booth:** neurological disease in left arm and hand, undergoing physical therapy.
- **Sam Watkins** (Sharon Nicholson's brother): in hospice in Tampa, FL.
- **Linda Harrison:** recovering from mini-stroke.
- **Erin Clayton:** still healing from broken ribs.
- **Ken Bramlett:** constant pain, please pray for relief.
- **Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis, losing weight, pray for a healthy appetite and weight gain.
- **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, continuing physical therapy, doctors are adjusting his meds, has not fainted recently but battles exhaustion daily.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): recovering from recent surgery to remove cancerous part of his liver and colon, facing a heavy round of chemo.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, next scan is Dec 19th, please pray for another stable scan.
- **Gib Vredevelde,** Julie Rogers' Father: esophageal cancer, the tumor has shrunk a little, feeling well most days, won't need anymore radiation unless the tumor starts growing again and causes problems, next oncology appointment is in Feb.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Phillip Sealy, Ocean Springs (stage 4 melanoma); Richard Owens, Westminster Presbyterian, Greenwood (brain tumor).
- **Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back, undergoing chemo.
- **Will Glover,** Marsha & Bill Glover's Son: October MRI was unchanged, next MRI is Dec 19th.
- **Andrew Gerrard,** Jo Stanford's Nephew: Desmoplastic round cell tumor; praise for some shrinkage of tumor, able to do some exercise, increased appetite and strength, and resolution of insurance issues. Pray for chemo to continue shrinking tumor.
- **Leah Herbert,** Ainslie Curtis' teacher: stage 4 cervical cancer, single Mom of a 6th grader, currently receiving chemo and radiation treatments.
- **Kelly Langford,** Jacquelyn Thornell's Daughter: good report from MD Anderson, goes back to Houston in Dec.
- **Dr. Shenouda:** prostate cancer, 99% free of cancer and it is dormant.
- **Billie Stigler,** friend of Jeanne Monsour: praising God for a good report and for every day being better.
- **Ken Pinkerton:** prostate cancer, good report from July checkup.
- **Robin Marbury Morris,** Jeanne Monsour's Niece: liver & colon cancer, doctors were pleased with her scan, so she will have chemo every 3 wks.
- **Andrew McCall,** Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.
- **Terry McGinty,** Kerri Matthews' Uncle: has prostate cancer that has metastasized to the bone.
- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts