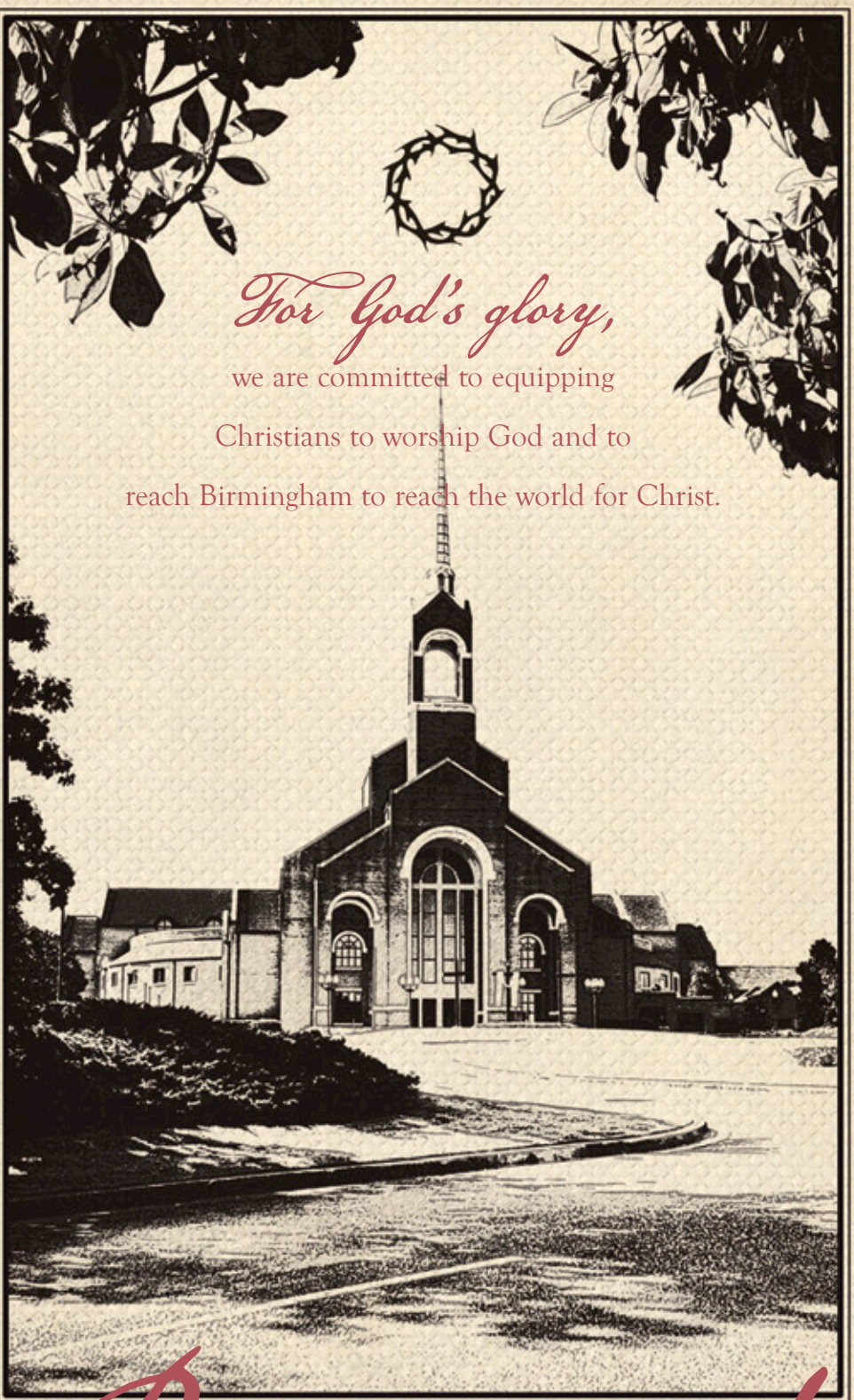




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we are committed to equipping  
Christians to worship God and to  
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



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# Celebration of Worship

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## L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - March 10, 2019

### Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10*

#### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

**The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession** "Cello Suite #1, Prelude" (Bach)  
Anna Taylor, viola

*Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine to be like You; I am Your child and should bear Your image, enable me to recognize my death to sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.*  
adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

#### The Sacrament of Baptism (10:55 a.m.)

#### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

\*The Hymn of Ascents "We Are God's People" Hymn 283

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3*

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:*

#### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.* Proverbs 3:9-10

#### The Choral Offering of Worship

"Rejoice in God" (Scott)

#### \*The Confession of Truth

The Law of God

\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“O Praise the Name” · “Bless His Holy Name” Hymn 13

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

I Peter 4:1-6

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

XXXV. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

*The Elect in the Exile*

“Arm Yourself—Part 2”

I Peter 4:1-6

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

The Postlude

*“In Christ There Is No East or West” (Oxenham)*

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children’s Auditorium for Children’s Worship.

Following the 8:00 service, Children’s Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms.

Following the 10:55 service, please pick up K4-3rd grade children in the Children’s Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

Large-print copies of the Order of Worship and audio receivers for the hearing impaired are available at

the Information Center. The 8:00 a.m. service is also “signed” each week in the Worship Center.

Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and the

10:55 a.m. service video is also available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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# Fellowship of Believers

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THE EVENING SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP - 6:00 P.M.

VII. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

*From Vanity to Vitality*

“Back to Vanity with the Sure Hope of Vitality”

Ecclesiastes 6

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

## Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord and blessed be the Name of our Lord. *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.* (Psalm 127:1)

Pray for a fresh focus of world-wide ministry at Briarwood. Continue to pray for our missionaries as they return to the field as well as for those whom He is calling.

Pray for the Church Revitalization Ministry and Embers to a Flame team as we plan for conferences this year. Pray that all our preparations will be in accordance with the Lord's will for His glory, and that He will be working in the hearts of those who will attend.

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer..."* Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Continue to pray for the Faith Promise giving. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, they are available in today's bulletin as well as at the kiosks and the missions office.

Will you stand with our brothers and sisters who are suffering for Christ by praying for them? Today, just like in the book of Acts, Christians are persecuted all over the world for following Jesus. Join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team as we lift up these faithful believers this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome!

Don't miss a lunch with evangelist Scott Dawson, Tue., Mar. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. An evangelist for the 21st century, Scott has the ability to share the good news of the Gospel with enthusiasm and clarity. Tickets are \$8 in the Bookstore and online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers). Make plans to come and bring a friend!

## Our Church Family

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Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Sojourners

Hospitalized: Carolyn Black, Pam Schatz, Clark Schatz, Rita Richards, Pam Appleby, Steve Mace, Jim Price, John David Miller, Kyle Nichols, Nancy Scott, Patty Huber, Jim Myhre, Tony Poeltt

We rejoice with Justin and Natalie Miller on the birth of their son, John David, on Mar. 13 and with grandparents Kevin and Becky Miller.

Our love and sympathy to Denise Hamilton and family on the death of her mother, Marta Borders, on Mar. 1; to Scott Stewart and family on the death of his brother, Jeff Stewart, on Mar. 3; to Ron Martin and family on the death of his brother, Ken Martin, on Mar. 5; and to Sally Brooker and family on the death of her mother, Sara Bacot, on Mar. 6.

# Welcome, Guest

We're delighted you are worshipping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. I pray that this morning's worship will be all about Him and not about us, and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

For Christ, His Cross and His Crown,

*- Harry*

Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

## Calendar of the Week

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at [briarwood.org/calendar](http://briarwood.org/calendar).

\* Nursery provided - please make weekday reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Special needs care available - call June Cork, 776-5291.

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| SUNDAY    | * 8:00 a.m.  | Morning Worship Service - Worship Center              |
|           | * 8:00 a.m.  | Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room                     |
|           | * 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School for all ages                            |
|           | * 10:55 a.m. | Morning Worship Service - Worship Center              |
|           | * 10:55 a.m. | Intercessory Prayer - Prayer Room                     |
|           | 1:30 p.m.    | Japanese Worship Service - G101                       |
|           | 5:00 p.m.    | Youth Choir - Choir Room                              |
| MONDAY    | * 6:00 p.m.  | Evening Worship - Worship Center                      |
|           | 6:00 p.m.    | BYG/Raiders D-Groups - The Barn                       |
|           | 6:15 p.m.    | Children leave worship for Children's Choirs          |
|           | 6:30 a.m.    | MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F                              |
| TUESDAY   | * 9:30 a.m.  | WOC Bible Study: Isaiah - M200                        |
|           | 9:30 a.m.    | L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room                       |
|           | 6:30 p.m.    | CMMA-Monday's Couples - Walkers'                      |
|           | * 9:30 a.m.  | WOC Bible Studies                                     |
| WEDNESDAY | 11:45 a.m.   | MOC Study - Cajun Seafood House (2531 Rocky Ridge Rd) |
|           | 6:30 p.m.    | CMMA Singles - Simpsons'                              |
|           | 10:00 a.m.   | Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105                       |
|           | 10:00 a.m.   | Knitting Ministry - A205                              |
|           | 5:15 p.m.    | Fellowship Dinner - FH                                |
| THURSDAY  | * 6:30 p.m.  | MidWeek Classes and Activities for all ages           |
|           | 6:30 p.m.    | Raiders Rally - The Barn                              |
|           | 7:00 p.m.    | BYG @ The Barn - The Barn                             |
|           | * 9:30 a.m.  | WOC Thursday Bible Fellowship - G101                  |
| FRIDAY    | * 9:30 a.m.  | WOC Precept Bible Study: Romans - FH-A                |
|           | * 9:30 a.m.  | Prayer for Our Nation - Women:WC Lobby/Men:Prayer Rm  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.    | Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)  |
| SATURDAY  | 6:30 a.m.    | MOC Bible Study - FH-F                                |
| SATURDAY  | 7:00 a.m.    | Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'         |

# Announcements

**Easter Lilies**—Place a lily in memory or honor of someone Easter Sunday in the Worship Center. Cost is \$10 per dedication/plant. Order at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily), use envelopes at the info desk and church kiosks, in the membership office (A101), or call 776-5282.

**Come stand for life!** 40 Days For Life spring campaign is going on until Apr. 14. If you are interested, contact Ed Stakes at [bestakes@gmail.com](mailto:bestakes@gmail.com), 533-3634, or go to [40daysforlife.com/birmingham](http://40daysforlife.com/birmingham) to sign up anytime.

**Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group**—Come Tues., Mar. 19 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 776-5227.

**Special Connections**—Children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during Sun. services as well as for other events. Training will be Tues., Mar. 19 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in G-101A. RSVP to June Cork at 776-5291 or [jcork@briarwood.org](mailto:jcork@briarwood.org).

**Travel with Pastor Reeder**—You're invited to join the Christian Discipleship Tour, Jul. 27–Aug. 6. "Travels of Paul" will be a unique and exciting trip aboard the historic Sea Cloud sailing vessel, visiting islands of Greece, including Patmos. See [briarwood.org/travel](http://briarwood.org/travel) or call Amy Lattner 776-5364.

**Yucatan Spring Break Trip**—Join Olan and Lynna Stubbs, Mar. 25–30, to serve on this short-term mission trip with construction projects, visiting homes and hosting a VBS. Families with children 6 and up are welcome. Go online to [reel-life.org/trips/yucatan](http://reel-life.org/trips/yucatan).

**Trailblazers Spring Trip**—Join us as we travel to Savannah and Amelia, St. Simons and Jekyll Islands this coming Apr. 8–13. Email Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) or see the brochure at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) for details.

**Meals needed**—Show the love of Christ to the ladies of the *Forgiven and Set Free* post-abortion Bible study by preparing a meal for one of their meetings. Call Heather at 529-8875 to volunteer.

**Mother's Day Out**—A few openings remain for one-year-olds on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays this coming fall. See [briarwood.org/mdo](http://briarwood.org/mdo) for details, or contact Debbie Johnson at 776-5206 or [djohnson@briarwood.org](mailto:djohnson@briarwood.org).

**Joy Fitness**—Come meet new friends, have fun and get in shape all at the same time at this fitness class for active agers 55 and up. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Ballet Room. For information contact [brendabparks@gmail.com](mailto:brendabparks@gmail.com).

**Job Openings**—See a complete listing with details at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

**Worship/Music Ministry Associate.** Seeking an individual for this full-time position who is musically gifted and called to engage younger generations in multi-generational worship. Contact Penny Phillely at 776-5229 or [pphillely@briarwood.org](mailto:pphillely@briarwood.org).

**Admin Assistant for Women's Ministry.** Part-time position for a Briarwood Church member working with the Women's Ministry Director. Proficiency in Microsoft Office required. Send résumé to Leigh Ann Reese at [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Power Point Operator.** College age and up. Needed for Sunday services and Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading a plus. Contact Frank Barker III at [fb3@briarwood.org](mailto:fb3@briarwood.org).

**Sr. High Ministry Staff.** Seeking a female to shepherd and disciple our Sr. High school girls through personal ministry and recruiting and training volunteers. This full-time position will work under the Youth Director and with other youth staff. Call the Briarwood Student Ministry at 776-5269, or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**College Women's Coordinator.** Full-time position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. For information or to submit résumé, email Rachel Laster at [rlaster@briarwood.org](mailto:rlaster@briarwood.org).



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The Lord's Day Morning, March 10, 2019

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

XXXV. Peter in Biblical Perspective

*The Elect in the Exile*

"Arm Yourself—Part 2"

I Peter 4:1–6 (page 1016 in the ESV pew Bible)

Introduction/Review:

ELECT EXILES – THE SOJOURNERS JOURNEY – THE DIVINE SUMMONS

1. Personal pursuit of a pervasive holiness in life
2. Sincere and heart-felt love for one another
3. Cultivation of an appetite for God's Word
4. A lifestyle of obedience stimulating praise to God
5. Subjection to every human institution silencing the ignorance of foolishness

## CHRISTIAN SUFFERING

*Every true Christian, who by God's grace is intentionally living for God's glory, will at some time, to some degree suffer for Christ's sake.*

## CHRISTIAN SUFFERING AND THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST

*The sufferings of Christ are the Foundation, the Formation, and the Motivation for Christian suffering.*

## Gospel Command #6

*Arm yourself with the mind of Christ to endure the spiritual warfare  
of suffering for Christ as you live for Christ in this world.*

Life Takeaway