

# *Briarwood*

Presbyterian Church, PCA



*For God's glory*

We are committed to equipping

Christians to worship God

and to reach Birmingham

to reach the world for Christ



# Celebration of Worship

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## L.E.A.D.

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - August 18, 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

*For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20*

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

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

Praise Team

#### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*Lord Jesus, I sin—Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit, to be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You, to live entirely to Your glory. Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with selfloathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You.*

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

#### The Invocation

#### The Gospel Word of Salvation

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

#### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"O Worship the King" Hymn 10*

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1*

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

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

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

*Matthew 6:19, 20*

The Worship of God in Song

“Lead On, O King Eternal” (McDonald)

Briarwood Choir

\*The Confession of Truth

Titus 2:11-14

\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Living Hope” · “Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 382 vv. 1, 2, 4

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

I Peter 5:12-14

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

XLVIX. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

*The Elect in the Exile*

“Peter’s Pastoral Takeaway”

I Peter 5:12-14

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*“The Doxology with Alleluias”*

The Postlude

*“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” (Green)*

\* 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.

XVI. Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective

*From Vanity to Vitality*

“The Last Word from Solomon”

Ecclesiastes 12

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?* (Psalm 8:3, 4)

As we look forward to our Birmingham Theology and Life conference “Is Genesis History?” next weekend, pray for our speakers as they prepare to teach us.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for the Briarwood International Outreach ministry as the school year begins and they reach out to newly-arrived international students. Pray God will use the upcoming Welcome Picnic and Labor Day Beach Retreat to build relationships and to minister to students who have never heard the Gospel. *(The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)*

“Continue steadfastly in prayer...” Colossians 4:2a

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Briarwood will host the Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life Sat., Aug. 24–Mon., Aug. 26. Join us for this free conference as we consider some of life’s most basic yet profound questions like, “How old is the earth?” and “Is Genesis history?” On Saturday night, the conference begins with a special showing of the documentary, “Is Genesis History?” in the FH at 6:00 p.m., followed by a question and answer time with the director and producer Mr. Thomas Purifoy, the narrator Dr. Del Tackett and one of the contributing scientists Dr. Steve Austin. On Sunday, we will hear from these men in the morning and evening services as well as a special combined Sunday School. The conference will then conclude on Monday night starting at 6:00 p.m. For more conference details, visit [briarwood.org/genesis](http://briarwood.org/genesis). Nursery is available by registering at [briarwood.org/creation](http://briarwood.org/creation).

Our 1st–6th graders will have a special Children’s Conference on Creation concurrent with the adult conference with guest speaker, Elizabeth Urbanowicz. Register your child now at [briarwood.org/creation](http://briarwood.org/creation).

## Our Church Family

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Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2019

Serving in the Nursery today: Family Matters/In One Accord

Hospitalized: Don Appleby, Chris Blazer, June Cork, Leslie Cushman, Jean Kidd, Ron Dougherty, Wanda Gentle, Walter Lowe, George Whaley, Ruth Radbill, Nancy Scott, Pat Moulton

Our love and sympathy to Suzi, Bailee and Brooke McDonald and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Butch Wilson, on Aug. 7; to Billy Bryan and family on the death of his brother, Curry Bryan, on Aug. 8; to Carrie Turner and family on the death of her grandfather, Bill Schack, on Aug. 12; and to Bob, Andy, Shelly and Lucy Roark and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Randy Roark, on Aug. 12.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Sarah Smedley and Stephen Boyd on Aug. 17.

Smiling faces needed to welcome our visitors at the last summer visitation, Aug. 21. Meet in FH-A at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, then go out to visit.

# Announcements

**Learning the Bible in the Land of the Bible**—Travel June 1–13, 2020 to Israel with Pastor Reeder. Attend an informational meeting tonight in the Chapel following the evening service. See [briarwood.org/travel](http://briarwood.org/travel) for more details and reservations.

**Do you love to sing and worship?** Come give Adult Choir a try any Wed. evening in the Worship Center at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary; we will teach you everything you need to know. For questions, go to [briarwood.org/music](http://briarwood.org/music) or call 205-776-5229.

**Children's Choirs Begin Sept. 8** for 4-year-olds through 6th grade every Sun. evening during the worship service. See details and sign up at [briarwood.org/childrenschoirs](http://briarwood.org/childrenschoirs).

**Children's Choirs need leaders** 3rd–6th grade boys choir and two pianists for 1st and 2nd grade choirs. A love of music and a willing spirit is all you need! Contact Shanna Phillips at [sphillips@briarwood.org](mailto:sphillips@briarwood.org) or 205-222-1062.

**"Prelude to Precept" Intro Class**—Thurs., Aug. 29 in FH-A at 9:30 a.m. This free class for new students teaches how to study the Bible inductively. All are welcome. Bring your Romans workbook and your Bible. Buy books in the Women's Ministry Office.

**Bluegrass Fellowship**—Thurs., Aug. 29 in the Choir Room from 7:00–9:00 p.m. If you like to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music, come join us. All levels welcome! Call Jim Blackmon at 205-482-4119.

**Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group**—Come Tues., Aug. 20 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.

**Urban Ministry Prayer**—Sun., Aug. 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Come pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in the Birmingham area.

**Forgiven and Set Free**—Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women starting in August. Contact Heather at 205-578-2022.

**Theological Training**—Register now for fall BTS classes beginning Sept. 3. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Distance education and video conference courses are available. Call 205-776-5356 or go online to [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**GriefShare**—Wed., Sept. 4 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to this 13-session class. Call 776-5227.

**Friendship Partner Information/Orientation**—Come learn more on Thurs., Sept. 12 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. For information, contact Laura at 205-776-5343 or [ldanner@briarwood.org](mailto:ldanner@briarwood.org).

**Trailblazers Travel**—Sept. 23–25 to The Cove in Asheville, NC, to hear speaker Richard Blackaby. Go to [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or call Sharon at 205-776-5320.

**Women's Fall Studies** start after Labor Day. Find studies details in the WOC August Newsletter or the website! Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**SAV-A-LIFE Baby Shower**—Oct. 1. baby shower. For information about the shower and how you can give, serve, and participate, visit [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Nursery is in need** of slightly used baby dolls and Barbie dolls—ours have been well-loved. You can drop these off at the Nursery office or the brown desk on the Nursery hall.

**Crown Ministry**—Learn about saving money, becoming debt free, and investing for retirement. Group begins Wed., Sept. 4. Email [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org) to register.

**Fall Mother's Day Out**—A few spots open. Go to [briarwood.org/mdo](http://briarwood.org/mdo) for tuition and other information. Call 205-776-5206 or email [djohnson@briarwood.org](mailto:djohnson@briarwood.org) to enroll.

**Mommy & Me Ballet Class**—Begins Thurs., Sept 12 from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Toddlers, grab your favorite adult and come dance! Go to [briarwood.org/ballet/mommy-me](http://briarwood.org/ballet/mommy-me).

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

**Bookstore Sales Associate.** Part-time. Applicants should be willing to serve people, understand computer operations, handle money accurately, and be task-oriented. A working knowledge of Christian book titles is a plus. Contact [dlittle@briarwood.org](mailto:dlittle@briarwood.org).

# 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 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, 205-776-5291.

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
* 6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Worship Center	
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MONDAY	9:30 a.m.	L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
	6:15 p.m.	CMMA Couples - Walkers
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TUESDAY	6:30 p.m.	CMMA Singles - Simpsons'
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WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m.	CMMA Side by Side - Caroline House
	10:00 a.m.	Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A209
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Knitting Ministry - A205
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THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Room/Men: W203
	7:00 p.m.	Barker Bible Study - Cahaba Ridge (3090 Healthy Way)
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FRIDAY		No activities
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SATURDAY	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'
	6:00 p.m.	"Is Genesis History?" Conference - FH





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The Lord's Day Morning, August 18, 2019

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XLVIX. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

*The Elect in the Exile*

“Peter’s Pastoral Takeaway”

I Peter 5:12–14 (page 1017 in the ESV pew Bible)

Life Takeaways

## ELECT EXILES – GOSPEL BLESSINGS

1. You have an imperishable inheritance kept for you.
2. You are kept for your inheritance through trials.
3. You are Justified by the imperishable blood of Christ.
4. You are Regenerated by imperishable seed God's Word preached.
5. You are Living Stones made into a Temple for God's dwelling presence.
6. You are a Royal Priesthood.
7. You are a Chosen Race.
8. You are a Called People.
9. You are a People of God's own Possession.
10. You are a Holy Nation.
11. You are a People of Divine Mercy.
12. You are a People Redeemed from Sin's Shame and Blessed with Divine Honor.
13. You are a Purposed People—proclaiming the Christ's excellency as living sacrifices.
14. The Consummation of all things is assured and the imminent Return of Christ.

## ELECT EXILES – GOSPEL COMMANDS

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.
6. Arm yourself with the mind of Christ to suffer for Christ.
7. Pursue and cultivate a sound and sober mind marked by a life filled with prayer.
8. Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you.
9. Rejoice in the fellowship of sufferings with Christ and the company of the unashamed.
10. Humble yourself under the hand of God as you cast all your anxieties upon Him who cares for you.
11. Embrace the perspective of a sober-minded lifestyle.
12. Be alert to the issues, opportunities, and challenges in a life for Christ.
13. Resist Satan, your predatory adversary, knowing that spiritual warfare is a way of life.