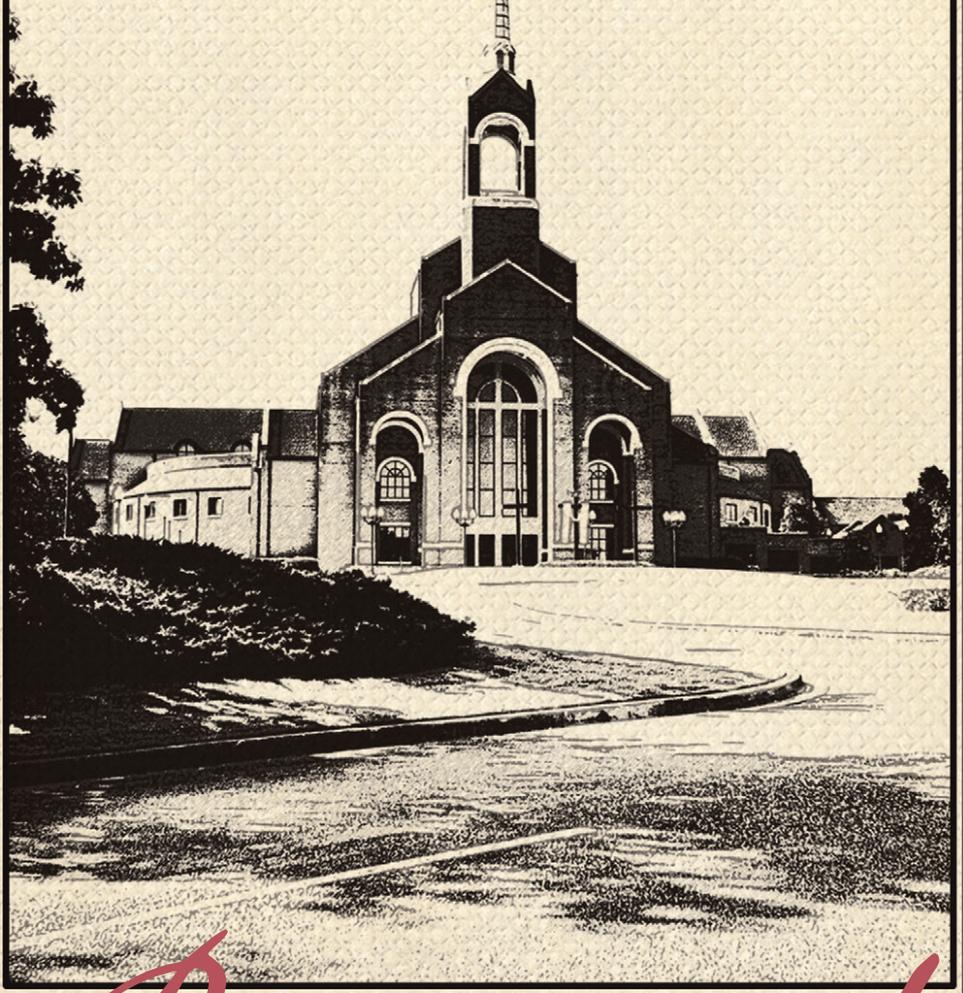




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we are committed to equipping  
Christians to worship God and to  
reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.



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# Celebration of Worship

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## SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - January 19, 2020

### 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

*“Immortal, Invisible” (arr. Wyrzten)*

*O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

\*The Hymn and Song of Ascents     *“All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn 64 v. 1*  
*“Creation Sings the Father's Song” (Getty)*

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

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

The Sanctity of Life Ministry Testimony

Zanthia Turner

The Recognition of Life Ministry Partners

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 95:1*

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

*“All Praise to Christ, Our God and King Divine”* (K. Lee Scott)

\*The Confession of Truth

Psalm 139:13-16

\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*“Living Hope”* (Wickham)

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 Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-11

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

Sanctity of Life in Biblical Perspective

*“When God Comes Down”*

Genesis 4:1-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*“To God Be the Glory”* Hymn 66 v. 1

The Postlude

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

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

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

† 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.

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

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

I. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

*If I Should Die Before I Wake...*

*“The Bible and Death?”*

Genesis 2:15-17

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

# Prayers *and* Praises

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Praise the Lord. *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.* (Psalm 48:1, 2)

Welcome the Embers to a Flame conference attendees who are with us this morning. Pray for safe travel home as they take the material learned through the conference to their church families.

Mission Prayer Focus: As the new semester begins at UAB, pray for Briarwood International Outreach as we welcome many newly-arrived international students from countries like China, India and Oman. Pray that these students will hear the gospel as well as see it lived out as we serve, love and welcome them. *(The flag of Alabama is featured in today's worship service.)*

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

## Opportunities *for* Ministry *and* Growth

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Come take part in Briarwood MidWeek this winter. There are opportunities for the entire family to come together on Wednesday evenings for a Fellowship Dinner and to take part in a class or activity. See all the offerings for winter/spring and sign up for dinner and Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek) or on the Briarwood App. Make Wednesday nights a time your family looks forward to every week!

Hear Rick Burgess, co-host of *The Rick and Bubba Show*, speak at the Young Business Leaders' Second Half Rally on Thurs., Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the FH. Free dinner event but registration is needed. To RSVP, go online to use the link at [briarwood.org/ybl](http://briarwood.org/ybl) or call 205-776-5450. Join us and bring a friend!

Interested in Briarwood? Don't miss the special Pastor's Inquirer's Weekend Class Jan. 24-26. Sessions are Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-noon, Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m, and a required luncheon (Feb. 2) for those joining. Nursery available for all classes. This class does not require you to join, but it is required that you attend before joining. To sign up, call 205- 776-5208 or email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

## Our Church Family

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Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Sojourners

Hospitalized: Steve Greenall, Joyce Yancey, Barbara Williams

Our love and sympathy to Dan Laffey and family on the death of his sister, Ginger Fortescue, on Jan. 4; to the family and friends of member Kathleen Duggan on her death on Jan. 11; and to Matt Carrick and family on the death of his grandmother, Naomi Carrick, on Jan. 11.

The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of Trenton Ellison from his wife, Jan, and family. The flowers in the Worship Center Lobby are given to the glory of God in memory of Jane Kendall.

HONEY, STOP THE CAR...I forgot to make my nursery reservations for 2020! Please remember to re-make your reservations on the Briarwood App or by going online to [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) for your Bible Study, Wednesday Night, and weekday needs.

# Announcements

**Come to the Foyer** following this morning's services to visit with representatives from partnering pro-life agencies sharing information about their organizations.

**Forgiven and Set Free**—Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women starting in February. Every woman who has had an abortion will benefit from this study. Contact Heather at 205-578-2022.

**Fostering Hope** is our ministry to prospective and current foster parents and foster children. You may not be able to be a foster parent, but you can foster hope. Begins this month. Contact David Wells for info at 205-587-9553.

**The church and school offices will be closed** Mon., Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Day.

**Come find a study and fellowship!** The Women of the Covenant and Men of the Covenant study groups have just started. See the list of all the studies on the Briarwood App or online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) and [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men)

**Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group**—Come Tues., Jan. 21 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.

**BTS Spring semester**—Registration open; classes begin Jan. 21. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Too busy? Distance education and video conference courses available. Call 205-776-5356 or visit [bts.education](http://bts.education) for information.

**Bookstore Extended Hours for BTS**—Jan. 21–23 and Jan. 27. We are open until 6:30 p.m. those evenings. Call for book availability at 205-776-5210.

**Briarwood Ballet Sociable**—Fri., Jan. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come see Ballet Exaltation in concert and then join us for some line dancing and snacks! More info on this ticketed event at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

**Raiders Getaway**—Jan. 25–26. Come “get away” for a weekend of teaching, worship, and fun activities! Sign up at [briarwood.org/getaway](http://briarwood.org/getaway).

**Urban Ministry Prayer**—Sun., Jan. 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. All are invited to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in Birmingham.

**GriefShare**—Wednesday 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 205-776-5227.

**DivorceCare**—Divorced or separated? Come find help, discover hope and experience healing in this weekly support group. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

**Children's Communicants Class Parent Meeting**—Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in S203. This class for children in grades 4–6 begins Mar. 1. Sign up your child at 205-776-5526.

**Sportsman's Blast**—Exhibition/Dinner/Presentation coming Feb. 7 with guest speaker, Russell Thornberry—avid outdoorsman, noted author and ordained minister. Invite family and friends to this outstanding gospel presentation. Tickets in the Bookstore and at [briarwood.org/blast](http://briarwood.org/blast). Real men share the Gospel!

**Trailblazers**—Tues., Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. Trailblazers welcomes popular Christian musician Kevin Derryberry. Tickets are \$8 in the Bookstore or online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**“Let your requests be made known to God.”** We have prayer cards in brown boxes by the kiosks around the church and your prayer requests (confidential) will be prayed for by our prayer team. If you have any questions, email [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

**Briarwood Ballet Adult Classes**—New to ballet or want to dust off your ballet slippers? Come learn classical beginning ballet in a relaxed environment while getting a great workout. Go to [briarwood.org/balletclasses](http://briarwood.org/balletclasses) or call 205-776-5284.

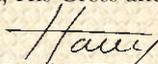
**Job Openings**—See a complete listing with details at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

**Administrative Assistant for the Shepherding Team Pastor.** Full-time position with benefits for an active Briarwood member. Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, effective organization, and excellent communication skills required. Send résumé to Benny Youngblood at [byoungblood@briarwood.org](mailto:byoungblood@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5321.

# 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  
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir - Choir Room  
\* 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship - Worship Center  
6:00 p.m. BYG and Raiders D-Groups - The Barn

MONDAY Church and School Offices Closed  
Martin Luther King Day

TUESDAY \* 9:30 a.m. Women's Studies - G101; FH-A  
6:15 p.m. Women's Study - G103  
6:30 p.m. CMMA Tuesday Night Fellowship - Simpsons'

WEDNESDAY 6:30 a.m. MOC Bible Study - FH-F  
10:00 a.m. Dr. Barker's Bible Study - A105  
10:00 a.m. Knitting Ministry - A205  
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - FH  
\* 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

THURSDAY \* 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Worship - G101  
\* 9:30 a.m. Women's Precept Bible Study - FH-A  
\* 9:30 a.m. Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Rm/Men: W203

FRIDAY 6:30 a.m. MOC Bible Study - G101  
\* 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study: Joshua - A209

SATURDAY 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfasts - Giddens', Thomases'

