For God’s glory, we are committed to equipping Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.
LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP
MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP - February 2, 2020

Worship Leaders
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher
Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist
Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

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THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE
I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession
“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (arr. Whitworth)
Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear me as I come to You, humbly confessing my sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken Your holy laws by my deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon me and, out of Your great goodness, grant that I may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn 25

THE PETITIONING OF GOD’S PROVIDENCE
I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD’S GLORY
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings
Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

The Choral Offering of Worship
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (Ferguson)

*The Confession of Truth
I Corinthians 4:1-2
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Lifestyle Stewardship

Lord

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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/livevu.

Prayers

Praises

Growth

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5, 6)

Pray as our counseling ministry assists people in a wide range of life issues. Pray for their protection, wisdom and patience and for those in person in need to seek God’s direction.

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Pastor Alton Hardy and his wife, Sandra, as they minister in Fairfield, Ala. Pray for them and the other leaders of Urban Hope as they devote time and energy to growing disciples of Jesus who are confident in their true identity in Christ and are agents of hope in Fairfield. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in today’s worship service.)

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

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

Do you love the outdoors? Invite your friends to join you at the Sportsman’s Blast on Feb. 7. Speaker Russell Thornberry—avid outdoorsman, noted author and ordained minister—will speak after the exhibitions and dinner. Tickets and details are in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/blast.

Come and hear over 30 missionaries from around the world during our annual Global Ministries Conference Feb. 23-Mar. 1, and find out what God is doing. Guest speaker, Dr. Richard Pratt, co-founder of Third Millennium Ministries, will speak in Sunday, Monday and Tuesday services. You can help serve the servants during the conference by using the insert in today’s bulletin to sign up for an area you can serve. Place the insert in the boxes at the exits today, or return to the Missions Office during the week. You can also contact Heather McDougall at hmcdougall@briarwood.org to volunteer.

Is your 4th–6th grader interested in the Children’s Communicants Class? Come to the Parent Meeting on Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in S203. Class begins Mar. 1. Prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity and sign up your child at 205-776-5526.

Our Church Family

Duty Elders for Anointing Services: Class of 2021

Serving in the Nursery today: Sojourners

Hospitalized: Robbie Smith

Our love and sympathy to Marji Abernathy and family on the death of her father, William F. Bussman, on Jan. 23; to Jim Carns and family on the death of his wife, member Judy Carns, on Jan. 25; to Karla Whitcomb and family on the death of her mother, Myralyn Smith, on Jan. 26; and to Max Bunn and family on the death of his grandmother, Betty Langer, on Jan. 27.

The flowers in the Worship Center Foyer are given to the glory of God in memory of Judy Carns.

We need your help in the Nursery during the Global Ministries Conference from Sunday night thru Wednesday night. If you are able to volunteer, email acraig@briarwood.org.
Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer—All are welcome to gather for prayer today at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

Need a gift for your Valentine? Shop the Briarwood Bookstore for a book or gift to give. We are open Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., MidWeek Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Women’s Precept Study—I Samuel study starting Thurs., Feb. 6. Books are $20 in the Women’s Ministry office. Please come join us!

Persecuted Church Prayer—Sun., Feb. 9 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Special Connections—Our children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during the services on Sundays as well as for other events. Training will be Mon., Feb. 10 in A105 at 6:30–8:00 p.m. Contact June Cork at 205-776-5291 or jcork@briarwood.org.

Make Your Marriage Great—Learn the skills you need Feb. 14–16 at FamilyLife’s Weekend to Remember getaway in Montgomery. Register online at weekendtoremember.com.

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.

Missionary “Favorite Things” Goodie Bags—Pamper our 16 missionary women attending the upcoming Global Ministry Conference. Bring cute dish towels, spices, note cards, manicure items, lip balms, bookstore gift certificates or other “favorites” they would enjoy. Please no used items, heavy items, candles or scented items, or liquid items. Drop off at the Women’s Ministry office between Tues., Feb. 11 and Wed., Feb. 19.

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.

Interested in foster care? Lifeline Children’s Services Foster Parent Training Classes include the state curriculum and teach it from a biblical perspective. For more information, click the link at briarwood.org/fostercare or contact grace.crabtree@lifelinechild.org.

A Message for Life—Watch a recording of guest speaker, Zanthia Turner, who spoke at the Sun., Jan. 19 morning worship services at briarwood.org/life.

“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.

CMMA Side-by-Side—A weekly Bible Study for wives of healthcare field spouses (either practicing or in training). We meet on Wednesdays in the Caroline House for fellowship and encouragement. Call Jan Parks at 205-807-9969.

Spring Soccer—Sign-up is open for both boys and girls, ages 5–14. Registration forms available on kiosks at the church, at briarwoodsoccer.com or by calling 205-776-5114.

Do you have a child who loves to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions is an auditioned summer musical theatre camp for current 3rd–11th graders. Auditions are Sat., Feb. 22. For details, go to motowneproductions.com.

Job Openings—See a complete listing with details at 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 or call 205-776-5321.
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.

*S Nursery provided - please make weekday reservations at briarwood.org/nursery. Special 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
6:30 a.m. MOC Bible Study - FH-E&F
9:30 a.m. L.O.V.E. Ministry - Flower Room
6:15 p.m. CMMA Monday Night Fellowship - Walkers'

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

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 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
4:30 p.m. Sportsmen’s Blast Displays - Gym
6:30 p.m. Sportsmen’s Blast Dinner - FH

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