Lessons for Now and Later

What are some things we can learn from the COVID-19 pandemic that we should keep doing?

• Be a good neighbor. Continue those across-the-fence and from-the-side-walk talks. Joy and opportunity will continue from these new and deepened connections.

• Value conversation. Take time to talk and to listen, especially within your home. If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame (Proverbs 18:13). Talk... but also learn to listen well.

• Model servanthood in your home. In too many homes today Mom and Dad become chauffeurs, waiters, and chefs. Teach your children, even at an early age, they are part of a community called, family. Even a small child can pick up his or her toys or empty small trash cans. It is not a good scenario when mom is cooking dinner, dad is mowing the lawn, while the children play video games! That is why I often say Philippians 2:3–4 is one of the most important marriage and family texts in the Bible: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but to the interests of others.

Stephen D. Cloud
Director of Counseling
Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings answer questions submitted to askthepastor@briarwood.org Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.
The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7. Under normal circumstances we have a special service in the Chapel, but this year we are streaming a special 40-minute prayer service at 12:00 p.m. This noon prayer service will feature a brief welcome and devotional by Pastor Reeder, followed by several seasons of prayers led by four of our pastors. These seasons of prayer will last approximately two to three minutes each and will be followed by a hymn for personal prayer. The seasons will cover prayers for our National, State, and Local leaders as well as prayers for the Church in America and the Corona virus pandemic. Our National Day of Prayer video stream is tailored to assist the Briarwood family in praying “corporately”— no matter where any of us happen to be—in our homes or over lunch breaks in offices. If you miss the noon live stream, that’s no problem, the service will be simulcast on all our media platforms as well as archived on the Briarwood website.

Listen to Pastor Reeder’s Daily Programs

*In Perspective* (M–F, Sunday; 30-minute expositional study)

*Today In Perspective* (M–F; 10-minute look at current news)

*Fresh Bread* (M–F; 5-minute devotional)

The easiest way to hear these is by downloading the Briarwood App. It’s free and in all App Stores by searching “briarwoodpca.”

They also are on WLJR-FM 88.5. Go to briarwood.org/wljr to see the program schedule.

Hear them online anytime at briarwood.org/inperspective.

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The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

[All:] In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to Your name forever.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

Creator and Redeemer God, Author of all existence, Source of all blessedness, I adore You for making me capable of knowing You, for giving me reason and conscience, for leading me to desire You; I praise You for the revelation of Yourself in the gospel, for Your heart as a dwelling place of pity, for Your thoughts of peace towards me, for Your patience and Your graciousness, for the vastness of Your mercy. You have moved my conscience to know how the guilty can be pardoned, the un holy sanctified, the poor enriched. May I be always among those who not only hear but know You, who walk with and rejoice in You, who take You at Your Word and find life there. adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Greeting of Grace and Peace

“The Hymn of Ascents” Hymn 2

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name— I’m fixed upon it—Name of God’s redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Brought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

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

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

The Presentation and Consecration of God’s Tithe 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.  II Corinthians 9:7

The Musical Offering of Worship

“Is He Worthy?” (Peterson)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.) But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? (We do.) Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new creation coming? (It is.) Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.) Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

[Chorus] Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.) And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does.) Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

(Chorus) From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

The Confession of Truth

Isaiah 43:1–2

[Leader:] But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

[All:] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord.

[All]: Thanks be to God!

The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

“Blessed Assurance” Hymn 345 • “Great Are You, Lord”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

[Chorus]: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

Perfect submission—all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Chorus x 2)
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