

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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How about some Good News of Great Joy! Like all of our ministries at Briarwood, this COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges in our ministry to Internationals. Taylor Barnes, who leads our international ministry, has a team of volunteers that normally meet with International students and faculty from UAB building friendship, enjoying meals, and for those interested, engaging in Bible studies. Obviously, since March many of these opportunities have been eliminated and that has prompted our team to think outside of the box. As Taylor and our lay leaders prayed about how they could continue to invest in these important friendships an idea was birthed and implemented trusting in the saving power of God's Word. One of our lay leaders had built relationships with many Chinese faculty and researchers at UAB. She had invited a Chinese woman, Ti-Ma, to attend our Wednesday night Bible reading program just weeks before the virus caused closings. However, our team continued to read the Bible with interested Internationals via Zoom and Ti-Ma was encouraged to do so. Since Ti-Ma had more time available due to the quarantine, our volunteers began reading the Bible with her on a daily basis. She was so hungry to learn and ask questions. After several weeks, Ti-Ma was asked if she believed all that the Bible said about God. Our volunteer shared with her that she could have a personal relationship with the God of the Bible. The Gospel was shared with her and she trusted Christ for salvation. To God be the Glory! Ti-Ma continues to be disciplined through zoom Bible study and online worship attendance and she is now actively recruiting other Chinese friends and family members to also read the Bible.

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CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings
answer questions submitted to
askthepastor@briarwood.org
this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook,
Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Today In Perspective

Want to examine current events in our country and the world through the lens of Scripture? Whether it's social unrest or the latest Supreme Court decision, Pastor Reeder does so every Monday–Friday on *Today In Perspective*. Hear it and his other two programs, *In Perspective* and *Fresh Bread* at briarwood.org/inperspective, on WLJR-FM 88.5, on the BriarwoodPCA App, and on iTunes.

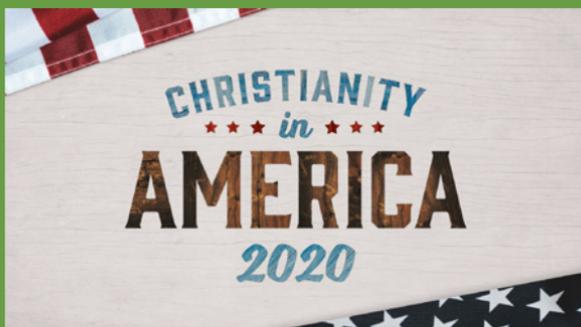


Thank you for your continued support of our Community Food Drive. The need remains as this pandemic continues, so please place your non-perishables in the trailer at Parking Lot A Sundays from 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. For questions, contact Chris Thompson at cthompson@briarwood.org.

During this ongoing pandemic, we give praise and thanks to our Lord that He has provided a facility that will allow us to worship together on the Lord's Day with proper social distancing and sanitizing procedures. Thank you for observing these safeguards when attending worship, and out of love for one another, please continue doing so.



**Welcome Back
to Church!**



If you missed the Sunday night, July 5 video broadcast of our *Service of Celebration, Confession and Consecration*, you can watch it now online at briarwood.org/cia, on the BriarwoodPCA App, on Facebook, Vimeo, Roku or AppleTV. The easiest way to share this with others is to tell them to go online to briarwood.org/cia. Don't miss this professionally-produced, one-hour program featuring the Briarwood Choir, testimonies by our church's veterans, and a timely message from Pastor Reeder.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – July 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

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 16:11

[All:] You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Hymn to Joy” (arr. Travis)

Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“And Can It Be?” Trinity Hymnal

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself, so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free! For, O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

*The Confession of Truth

Westminster Larger Catechism, qq. 50, 51

[Leader:] *In what did Christ's humiliation consist after His death?*

[All:] **Christ's humiliation after His death consisted in His being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day, which has been otherwise expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."**

[Leader:] *What was the estate of Christ's exaltation?*

[All:] **The estate of Christ's exaltation is made up of His resurrection, ascension, sitting at the right hand of the Father, and His coming again to judge the world.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

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 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 Musical Offering of Worship

"Divine Exchange" (Collins)

Elizabeth Jordan, soloist

*On the cross hung my pain and the guilt and the shame.
Jesus bore my suffering To the grave to make me free.
Oh the blood that was shed, it now flows to cover sin.
It washes, clean, and purifies in its healing crimson tide.*

[Refrain:]

*Jesus, He took my place in divine exchange. Hallelujah! Grace is mine.
Now will I live by faith for the One who saves. He gave all to give me life.*

*His spirit is my present help, I'd be lost all by myself.
He resurrects, He sanctifies, He takes His power and makes it mine. (Refrain)*

*I lay down all lesser things for greater gain, He is alive inside of me. (x3)
I lay down all lesser things for greater gain, He is alive. (Refrain x2)*

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*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"O Praise the Name" • "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?" Hymn 208

*I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet; My Savior on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.*

[Refrain:]

*O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forever more.
For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

*Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. (Refrain)*

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Refrain)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred Head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away— 'Tis all that I can do.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 4:7-10

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

IX. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

"I Believe..."

"He Descended Into Hell"

Ephesians 4:7-10

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation** *"Hallelujah, What a Savior"* Hymn 175 vv. 1, 4, 5

"Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

***The Postlude**

"I Love to Tell the Story" (Fischer)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 10:55 Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at briarwood.org/livetv. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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