

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP: FOUND FAITHFUL

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2021

I'll be honest—when I think about my lifestyle, the first things that come to mind are things that I do. I go to work, spend time with my family, attend church, participate in hobbies, and find other ways to spend my time. I do not initially think of these things that describe my lifestyle as having anything to do with stewardship. They easily become more like a to-do list. Well, that is something that I am trying to change.

The Bible tells us every gift is from God, and that includes all of the things that I spend my time doing. As a matter of fact, it includes time itself. Jesus is the sustainer of the Universe, therefore every breath I take is a gift that I've been given. Scripture also tells us to use God's gifts wisely and obediently. This means we should prayerfully consider how we use every breath we have as well as how we use anything else God has given us. The Body of Christ is so diverse, and each part of the body has been blessed in different ways, but all of those blessings are meant to be used to give glory to God.

John 15:13 says, *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.* While we may or may not be called to lay down our lives physically, Christians are called to show love by giving certain things in our lives away for the sake of others. To me, this is faithful stewardship; considering the ways God has blessed you and faithfully giving those blessings to build God's Kingdom instead of using them to build your own kingdom.

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CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE



Pastor Reeder discusses the issues in the upcoming election on a special edition of *Conversations*,
this Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

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



EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT SCHEDULE 2020

Sunday, November 1

EMC video from ministry partners and Briarwood officers presented in conjunction with *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* online at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 8

Commitment Sunday—Pledge cards can be submitted in 4 ways:

- In person in all three morning worship services
 - By mail to the Accounting Office
 - By e-mail to emcresponse@briarwood.org
- By completing the online form at briarwood.org/emc

Sunday, November 15

Canvass Sunday—Members who have not made a commitment or otherwise contacted the church are contacted by church officers.

70 Days of Fervent Prayer

See the calendar and each day's prayer focus at briarwood.org/prayer.

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



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 25, 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

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

Psalm 24:1

[All:] The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Simple Gifts/Amazing Grace" (Shaker Tune)

Woodwind and Cello Ensemble

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but rule over me in liberty and power.

adapted from The Valley of Vision

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Christ for the World We Sing" (Trinity Hymnal)

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and over-borne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with fervent pray'r;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise to Christ belong.

***The Confession of Truth**

I Corinthians 4:1–2

[All:] This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

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

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**

"May the Peoples Praise You" (Getty)

You have called us out of darkest night, Into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, With endless life.

[Chorus:]

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes That we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaims. (Chorus) (Repeat)

Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Holy, holy, is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name! (Chorus x2)

***The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

"Take My Life and Let It Be" Hymn 379

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days –
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold—Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine –it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart—it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal Throne.

Take my love—my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself—and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The New Testament Reading

I Timothy 1:3–4

The Exposition of God’s Word

Pastor Reeder

VI. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

Lifestyle Stewardship

“Found Faithful—On Mission”

I Timothy 1:3–4

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 231 vv. 1, 4

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev’ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

The Postlude

“Before the Throne of God Above” (Bancroft)

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 11:00 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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

“Conversations with Harry and Bruce”

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and on Roku, Facebook and AppleTV

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