

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP: FOUND FAITHFUL

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2021

There is no doubt that my natural tendency is to be a frugal penny-pusher. I have a hard time giving up money; perhaps some of you can relate. From a young age I learned the value of saving and enjoyed watching the savings grow, whether in a jar or in my bank account. So when it came time to give, it was painful. Even as an adult, giving up what "I had earned" was a discipline I struggled to do cheerfully. Praise God for His Word, and for a godly wife, both of which helped reshape my thoughts.

Scripture is full of passages about money, about giving, and about the rewards earned from these actions. In Philippians 4, Paul praises the people for supporting him and the Gospel, assuring *"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus"* (4:19). What an incredible blessing! Then there are Peter's words about growing in godliness found in II Peter 1:5-11. This passage calls believers to *"make every effort"* (v. 5), which reminds me that growth takes action, effort, and perhaps struggling. However, for this godly obedience Peter mentions several rewards. First, in verse 8, *"For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful."* Then, verse 10, *"if you practice these qualities you will never fall."* Finally, verse 11, *"There will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom."*

Obviously, there is more to godliness than giving, and there is more that the Bible says about money and the heart and God's rewards. But as we approach yet another Every Member Commitment toward Kingdom work, be encouraged that our giving, while it may take effort, faith, and discipline, is an act of obedience that will be rewarded by the Lord.

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# CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

EMC 2021

This Sun., Nov. 1 at 6:00 p.m.

*Conversations with Harry and Bruce* offers a look at how your tithe is at work at Briarwood with an Every Member Commitment video featuring testimonies from Ministry Partners and a message from our Stewardship Education Committee.

Available on [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org), Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.



## **EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT SCHEDULE 2020**

**Sunday, November 1**

Members are encouraged to view the online EMC video from ministry partners and officers presented in conjunction with *Conversations with Harry and Bruce* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 8**

**Commitment Sunday**—Submit pledge cards in 4 ways:

- In person in all three morning worship services
- Mail to the Accounting Office
- E-mail to [emcresponse@briarwood.org](mailto:emcresponse@briarwood.org)
- Complete the online form at [briarwood.org/emc](http://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.

**The Session has called Congregational Meetings** for Sun., Dec. 6 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2023 and Sun., Dec. 13 for the purpose of electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 6. In addition, due to the ramifications of COVID, we will allow electronic voting this one time during the time slot of 8:00 a.m.–2:15 p.m. on our website. Instructions will be given before the two Sundays.

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**—A reminder that this Sat. night, Oct. 31, clocks should be set back one hour before going to bed.

**Vote this Tues., Nov. 3**, and be sure to watch the Oct. 25 *Conversations with Harry & Bruce* previewing the election online at [briarwood.org/conversations](http://briarwood.org/conversations).



# Celebration of Worship

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 1, 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

*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

Psalm 46:11

[All:] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)"* (Riddle/Miller/Warneking/Barnard)

Chris Travers, soloist

*"This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident."* –Martin Luther

The Piper Processional

*"Highland Cathedral"*

Thomas Caucutt, bagpipes

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

\*The Hymn of Ascents

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (arr. Rutter)

A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing;

Our Helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe—

His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—

Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him—

His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also—

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

## \*The Confession of Truth

The Solas of the Reformation

[Leader:] *Sola Scriptura*—

[All:] **The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.**

[Leader:] *Sola Gratia*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.**

[Leader:] *Sola Fide*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.**

[Leader:] *Solus Christus*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone.**

[Leader:] *Soli Deo Gloria*—

[All:] **We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that we might Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

## The Remembrance of God's Saints and Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

Tom Allen; Lou Isaacson; Phillip Blazer; Pete Chadwick; Odis Huffstutler; Elaine Patton; Bobbie Ledbetter; Bob Taylor; Cole Watson; Kathleen Duggan; Judy Carns; Hugh Humphrey; Al Guthrie; Walter Lowe; Robbie Smith; Bailey Marks, Sr.; Ivy Wittichen; JD Freeman; Joyce Yancey; Louis Anders; Hugh Mitchell, Jr.; Louis Henderson; Jo Anne Tyler; Bob Wright; Barbara Wood; Wayne Crawford; Betty Taylor; Fred Barnett; Mike Smith; Mary Novak; Bill Walker III; Ed Travis; Linda Sitton; Nancy Scott; Jong Shin; Martha Edd Adair

## \*The Hymn of Remembrance

"For All the Saints" Hymn 546

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Men:]

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[Women:]

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine: Alleluia! Alleluia!

[All:]

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Every Member Commitment Testimony

Jeff Flannery

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1a*

## The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7*



**\*The Musical Offering of Worship**

*"In Christ Alone" (Kosh/Craig)*

[Praise Team:]

*In Christ alone will I glory, Though I could pride myself in battles won;  
For I've been blessed beyond measure, And by His strength alone I overcome.  
Oh, I could stop and count successes Like diamonds in my hand,  
But those trophies could not equal To the grace by which I stand.*

[All:]

In Christ alone I place my trust, and find my glory in the power of the cross.  
In every victory let it be said of me My source of strength,  
my source of hope, is Christ alone. (Repeat)

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,  
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

II Timothy 3:16, 17

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

VII. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective  
*Lifestyle Stewardship*  
"Found Faithful—On Message"  
II Timothy 3:16, 17

**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*"Amazing Grace" Hymn 202 vv. 1, 5*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost But now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

When we've been there Ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days  
To sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

**The Postlude**

*"Be Thou My Vision" (Byrne)*

\* 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](http://briarwood.org/livetv). Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://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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