

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• NOVEMBER 6, 2020 •

## LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP: FOUND FAITHFUL

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2021

*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.* 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2

**Sunday, November 8** is our annual Every Member Commitment Sunday. Prayerfully you were encouraged by the program last Sunday evening as Conversations with Harry and Bruce included teaching from Mark Edwards and encouraging ministry highlights from 15 ministries supported by your tithe. If you have not had the opportunity to watch, please go to [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc) to see the program and be encouraged. Pray with your family and come prepared on Sunday morning to turn in your commitment. If you are worshipping remotely, feel free to (1) mail your commitment to 2200 Briarwood Way, Birmingham, AL 35243 (2) email your commitment to [emcresponse@briarwood.org](mailto:emcresponse@briarwood.org) or (3) complete the online pledge card at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

**Sunday, November 15** is Canvass Sunday—our officers will reach out to members who have not made a commitment or otherwise contacted the church. The canvass provides an opportunity to ask questions about the church or budget process and provides an opportunity for prayer with fellow members.

Our officers are grateful to the Lord and to the congregation for your commitment to the ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church by steadfastly bringing His tithes throughout this unusual season. As of the end September, our General Fund receipts total \$8.1 million compared to a budget of \$8.5 million (95%) with disbursements year to date of 92% of Budget. Global Missions receipts total \$1.8 million against a budget of \$1.7 million (106%). Praise the Lord!

May we all be Found Faithful in the area of stewardship and our personal use of the Time, Talent, and Treasure the Lord has entrusted with us.

**Stewardship Education Committee**



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# CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

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

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



You are invited to conclude our  
*70 Days of Fervent Prayer* and  
prepare for Thanksgiving by  
celebrating Communion together  
as a church family on  
**Sun., Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

This will be our first Communion service in many months. Out of protection for everyone we will maintain social distancing protocols as we worship our Lord and partake of Communion together.

Reservations will be required to attend this service in order to ensure we do not exceed our capacity, and will open online Mon., Nov. 9 at 8:00 a.m.  
at [briarwood.org/communion](http://briarwood.org/communion).



This year our Christmas at the Caroline House will look a bit different than years past. However, our focus remains the same: presenting the Gospel and preparing our hearts for this most joyous holiday season through decorations, goodies, and fellowship. The Caroline House will be open **Nov. 16–20 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for 30-minute tours.

Each tour will be limited to 10 people.

When you register at [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch), you are signing up and paying \$5 for a specific date and time. Invite your friends to this great way to begin the Advent season!

## 70 Days of Fervent Prayer

See the calendar and each day's  
prayer focus  
at [briarwood.org/prayer](http://briarwood.org/prayer).

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

Please visit [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events) to see details on the many additional seasonal opportunities now available, such as Operation Christmas Child, Angel Tree, the Christmas Shop and Daniel Cason Ministries.



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – November 8, 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

*...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12*

### The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 89:11

[All:] The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them.

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“La Rejouissance” (Handel)

*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

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn 560

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;

[Refrain:]

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

[Women:]

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of night: (Refrain)

[Men:]

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

[All:]

For Thy Church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love: (Refrain)

For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)  
Amen.

**\*The Confession of Truth**

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**

*Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near... Isaiah 55:6*

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Psalm 119:172*

**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**

"We Are An Offering" (Liles)

[Praise Team:]

*We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives they are Yours, We are an offering.*

*All that we have, All that we are,  
All that we hope to be we give to You, We give to You.  
(Congregation repeat)*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

*And they taught in Judah, having the Book of the  
Law of the LORD with them. II Chronicles 17:9a*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*The New Testament Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

VIII. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

*Lifestyle Stewardship*

"Found Faithful—In Ministry"

Matthew 28:16-20

**THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24*

**The Receiving of Pledges**

"I Will Offer Up My Life" (Redman)

Ben Lashley, soloist

*I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart.*

[Chorus:]

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?*



Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.  
This thankful heart, This thankful heart.

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Recessional**

**“I Will Offer Up My Life” (Redman)**  
Ben Lashley, soloist

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost;  
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross.  
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin  
Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in. (Chorus)

We'll bring an offering, unto You an offering.  
What can I, what can I, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?  
I want to please Your heart.  
What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?  
  
What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?  
What can I bring to the King of kings?  
Oh, what can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

Simply this: I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart,  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart,  
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart.

**The Postlude**

**“Like a River Glorious” (Havergal)**

\* 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”**

available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv), on the BriarwoodPCA App  
and on Roku, Facebook and AppleTV

Watch all services anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv) and on Facebook and Vimeo.  
Sermons can be seen on the Briarwood YouTube channel, and sermon transcriptions  
may be found at [briarwood.org/sermons](http://briarwood.org/sermons).

**Every Member Commitment Sunday**

*Pledge cards can be submitted in 4 ways:*

- In person in all three morning worship services
  - By mail to the Accounting Office  
2200 Briarwood Way, Bham., AL 35243
  - By emailing [emcresponse@briarwood.org](mailto:emcresponse@briarwood.org)
- By completing the online form at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc)