

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JANUARY 1, 2021 •

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you and a Blessed New Year. Our Session has wisely decided for multiple reasons that we will continue our focus on Lifestyle Stewardship in 2021. Because my heart desire is to affirm that "Lifestyle Stewardship" is both motivated and framed by the Gospel, I have been led to preach through the book of Romans with the approval of the Session. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is filled with memorable Gospel clarifying and life-changing passages. I can hardly contain my excitement as I anticipate this journey with you from the Briarwood Pulpit on our Lord's Day AM services of Divine Worship. There are multiple verses I look forward to highlighting and encouraging us to memorize and explore throughout the series, but let me suggest we start with Romans 12:1-2 where after expounding the Gospel in the first 11 Chapters concluding with a Doxology, Paul then calls us to Lifestyle Stewardship with this life transforming Gospel command:

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

I am thanking and praising our God for the glorious Advent Season where by God's grace we heard and saw the Gospel presented in Worship services and Outreach ministries. It is a privilege to serve Christ with all of you and again, have a Blessed New Year and may our Lord enable us to stay On Mission – On Message – In Ministry.

For Christ, His Gospel and His Church,



Matthew 6:33



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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.

# Women's Spring Studies

SPRING 2021

## Mondays

*Zealous for the Lord God Almighty: The Prophets Elijah and Elisha*

MICHELE CANTLEY

10:00AM

VIA ZOOM

*Finding Hope When Life Seems Dark, A Study of Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk & Zephaniah*

LEIGH ANN HOLMES

9:30AM

VIA ZOOM

## Tuesdays

*Pilgrim's Progress, Part II Continued*

CINDY REEDER

9:30AM

LOCATION TBD

*The Son of David*

MARY ANNE

TURNBULL

9:30AM

LOCATION TBD

## Wednesdays

*The Gospel of Mark*

KRISTIE HARRICK

6:30PM

VIA ZOOM

## Thursdays

*Loving God With All My Heart*

YVONNE WELCH

9:30AM

LOCATION TBD

*Proverbs: The Wise Woman's Bucket List*

DONNA EVANS

9:30AM

LOCATION TBD

*Esther*

KRISTIE HARRICK

9:30AM

LOCATION TBD

Registration is required at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).  
Nursery available Tuesdays & Thursdays by reservations.

# MEN OF THE COVENANT

## WINTER/SPRING 2021 STUDIES

MONDAYS (Jan. 11–Apr. 26)

A Study of the Book of Mark

Leader: Jason Ellerbee

6:30–7:30 a.m. by Zoom

TUESDAYS (begin Jan. 12)

Westminster Confession of Faith,  
The Right View of the Law

Leader: Harry Reeder

11:45 a.m. in FH or by Zoom

THURSDAYS (Jan. 14–Apr. 29)

Study of the Book of Proverbs

Leader: Olan Stubbs

11:45 a.m. in FH or by Zoom

FRIDAYS (Jan. 15–Apr. 30)

*Heaven* by Randy Alcorn

Leader: Benny Parks

6:30–7:30 a.m. by Zoom

For Zoom information and details, go to [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).



# Celebration of Worship

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## IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 3, 2021

### 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

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 105:40

[All:] They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Gracious Spirit” (Forbes)

Briarwood Strings

*Our great God, Sovereign of the universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, and not only love us with an everlasting love, but to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Hymn 59

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, That made the mountains rise;

That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word, And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye:

If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,  
And ev'rywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there. Amen.

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;  
incline Your ear to me; hear my words. Psalm 17:6*

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! Psalm 89:5*

### 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 Choral Offering of Worship "Creation Sings the Father's Song" (Getty/Townend)

[Praise Team:]

*Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.*

[Refrain:]

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"  
Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

*Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (Refrain)*

[All:]

*Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! (Refrain x2)  
Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

### The Confession of Truth

The Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe?*

[All:] **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy\* catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. \*universal**

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

*"It Is Well with My Soul" Hymn 493 v. 1 • "Cornerstone"*

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot,  
Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."*

[Refrain:]

*It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.*

[Solo:]

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' name.*

[All:]

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' name.*

[Refrain:]

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord—Lord of all.

When Darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil—My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain x2)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand before the throne.

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It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

## 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

Mark 4:35-41

The Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Jim Alexander

"The Gracious Providence of God"

Mark 4:35-41

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19*

\*The Hymn of Preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185 vv. 1-3

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His Head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

\*The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. Have mercy upon us, and out of Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Receiving of the Elements

## 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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 185 v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

The Postlude

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" (Watts)