

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JANUARY 15, 2021 •

Sanctity of Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace. As most of you know (but perhaps you don't if you are new to Briarwood), on the Sunday prior to the anniversary date of the infamous Roe v Wade Decision legalizing abortion (January 22, 1973), we focus upon the issue of the Sanctity of Life and highlight the various ministry opportunities that this issue calls us to embrace as the Lord's people. This crucial issue has not abated over the years and, if anything, the Sanctity of Life and related ministries will be an even greater issue in the coming months and years.

Therefore, even though we have to make some adjustments during this "present distress" for safety reasons, we are continuing our yearly "Sanctity of Life" observance to not only address the issues of the Sanctity of Life, but also the various ministries we embrace that bring the love of Christ to the consequences of a culture of death. Some of these ministries deal with legislative issues, others care for women in crisis pregnancy, provide abortion recovery counseling, assist with adoption and foster care including legal and medical aspects, and provide communication ministry opportunities.

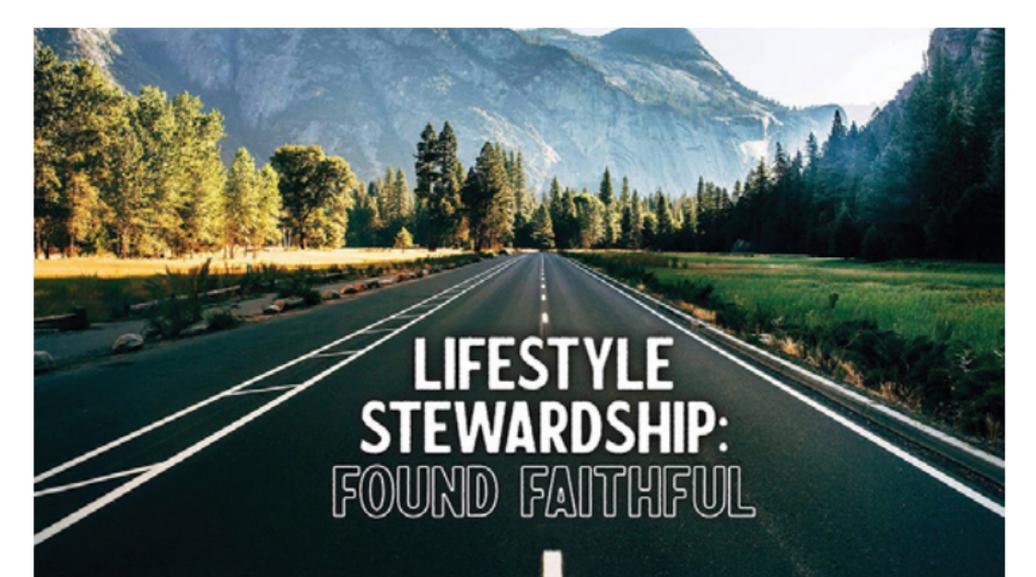
Please continue to make the Sanctity of Life and its ministries a matter of prayer as well as considering how you might join other believers as a witness along with others to the love of Christ.

Blessings,



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**LIFESTYLE
STEWARDSHIP:
FOUND FAITHFUL**

Join us in person or online for Sunday evening worship at 6:00 p.m.

This Sunday, Pastor Reeder resumes his Eternity in Biblical Perspective series begun in January 2020.

Livestream available at briarwood.org/livetv, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.



Briarwood's Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners

Abortion Recovery Alabama

Alabama Pro Life Coalition &
Southeast Law Institute

Forgiven and Set Free
Abortion Recovery Group

Briarwood World Orphan Outreach

Bundles of Hope

Fostering Hope

Lifeline Children's Services

Sav-A-Life Vestavia

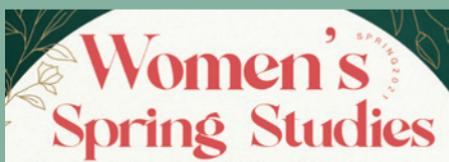
United for Life

For details and links to these ministries, see briarwood.org/lifepartners.



As part of Sanctity of Life Sunday, our Fostering Hope and Mercy Ministries will host a Diaper and Wipe Drive. The drive will benefit the Ministry of Bundles of Hope, for parents who are fostering children. Please place diapers and baby wipes behind your vehicle as you go into worship to be picked up by our deacons.

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up



for Men's & Women's Studies!

Both in-person and Zoom groups are still forming! See details on the 8 women's groups and 4 men's groups and signup now at briarwood.org/women and briarwood.org/men.

BRIARWOOD PRAISE TEAM

The Music and Worship Ministry is looking for additional singers, as well as players for drums, bass guitar, electric guitar and synthesizer for the Praise Team. Please reach out to Ben Lashley at blashley@briarwood.org for more information.



Celebration of Worship

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 17, 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

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 86:1-2

[All:] Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in You—
You are my God.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Trumpet Tune in D Major” (Johnson)

O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

The Hymn of Ascents

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 278

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which He gives them when they pray. Amen.

The Confession of Truth

Psalm 139:13-16

[Leader:] *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.*

[All:] **My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

[Leader:] *The Word of the Lord.*

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

The Recognition of Sanctity of Life Partners

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

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

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

Rise Up, O Church of God" (Merrill/Williams)

[Solo:]

*Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.*

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"O Church Arise" (Getty/Townend)

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole

We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

[Chorus:]

Arise, shine, for Your light has come.

Arise, shine, for the risen Son.

Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride.

Arise, O Church, arise.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day

When, with Christ, we stand in glory. (Chorus x2)

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

Romans 1:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

II. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"Who? What? Whom? Where? When? Why? – Part 2"

Romans 1:1-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"*Rise Up, O Church of God*" Hymn 293 v. 4

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

As foll'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God! Amen.

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, on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

IV. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

"Death—What's Next?"

John 11

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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