

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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Many of us are old enough to remember the Beatles' iconic hit (and movie), "Help!" Here are some of the words to the song:

Help, I need somebody

Help, not just anybody

Help, you know I really need someone, help!

When we are walking through anxious times, we would do well to ask the question that the Psalmist asks in Psalm 121:1b, *From where does my help come?* Our help may well come from other people. They may be the agency of help but never the ultimate source. *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble* (Psalm 46:1). And it is through God's Word, the Bible, that His help is communicated. Biblical Counseling offers you the hope and help that Scripture gives us.

Briarwood Presbyterian Church provides the ministry of Biblical Counseling to Briarwood members and the greater Birmingham area. During these extraordinarily stressful times, the Counseling Center is open for business. We are still counseling: making phone calls and setting up video conferencing to continue offering help to those in need. Please know that we are still here to help you!

It is our privilege to be His helpers and yours. You can contact us at altadena@briarwood.org or me directly at scloud@briarwood.org.

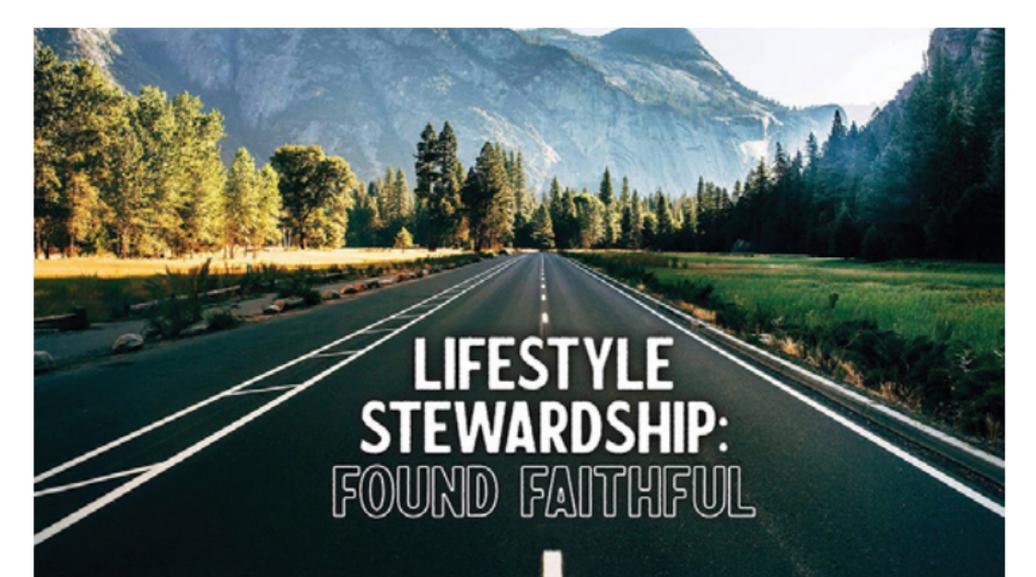
Read and meditate on Psalm 121 today; (yes, read it several times).

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**LIFESTYLE
STEWARDSHIP:
FOUND FAITHFUL**

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

Pastor Reeder continues his series titled *Eternity in Biblical Perspective* this Sunday.

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

Women's Spring Studies

SPRING 2021

MEN OF THE COVENANT

WINTER/SPRING 2021 STUDIES

There's still time to sign up and join a Men's or Women's study for this spring. There are eight studies for ladies and four studies for men, some in-person and some Zoom only from which to choose. See briarwood.org/men and briarwood.org/women for details and to sign up.

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.

Briarwood's Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners

Please visit briarwood.org/lifepartners to see details and contact information.



Abortion Recovery Alabama

Alabama Physicians for Life

Alabama Pro Life Coalition
& Southeast Law Institute

Briarwood World Orphan
Outreach

Bundles of Hope

Forgiven and Set Free
Abortion Recovery Group

Fostering Hope

Lifeline Children's Services

Sav-A-Life Vestavia

United for Life



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 24, 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

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 40:1, 2

[All:] I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Runyan)

Sallie White, saxophone

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. We humbly confess our sins to You in these quiet moments before Your throne, and joyfully receive the full pardon offered through our Savior’s atoning blood. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“In Christ Alone” (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace, When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

***The Confession of Truth**

I Corinthians 15: 3, 4

[Leader:] *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:*

[All:] **that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...**

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

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

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 Tithes 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

"Psalm 34 (Taste and See)" (Rigney/Barnard)

I sought the Lord, and He answered me, And delivered me from every fear.

Those who look on Him are radiant;

They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me

And saved me from my enemies.

The Son of God surrounds His saints;

He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

[Chorus:]

Magnify the Lord with me; Come exalt His name together.

Glorify the Lord with me, Come exalt His name forever.

Taste and see, that the Lord is good;

Oh bless us here, who hides in Him.

Oh fear the Lord, oh all you saints;

He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything. (Chorus)

Let us bless the Lord Every day and night;

Never ending praise, May our incense rise! (Repeat x3) (Chorus x2)

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

"All I Have Is Christ" (Kauflin)

[Chorus:]

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way.

The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will.

And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost,

You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross.

And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.

You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace. (Chorus)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see.

The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me. (Chorus x2)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 1:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

III. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“Who? Where? When? Whom? What? Why? – Part 3”

Romans 1:1-7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

“One Day” (Chapman/Bleecker) v. 4

[Solo:]

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,

One day the skies with His glories will shine;

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing; My Savior Jesus is mine!

[All:]

Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever:

One day He's coming—Oh glorious day, oh glorious day!

The Postlude

“Rondeau” (Mouret)

* 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.

V. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“Death—What's Next? – Part 2”

Luke 16

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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