

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JANUARY 29, 2021 •

Think Outside (the Box)

I once saw an interesting sign at a pizza place that read: "Think outside, no box needed." In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus teaches us a remedy for anxiety. All of Jesus' illustrations are from nature. Jesus tells us to look at the "birds" and the "flowers." These "lesser" examples demonstrate God's "greater" care of us. But before we can receive this message "inside" us, we must get outside (literally and figuratively).

This passage is not about lacking food or clothing. Even when we have these things, what we eat or don't eat, what we should wear or don't wear can produce a debilitating anxiety. God feeds the birds. He blankets the ground with a beautiful and colorful palette of flowers. If God does this in creation with birds and plants, how much more will He take care of us?

So get outside (the box is optional!). Go for a walk and observe. Look in creation for examples of God's glory and goodness, and especially of His close and watchful care over His creation. As you look closely at these things, be reminded how much more God watches over you.

Here are seven biblical passages that address anxiety:

Psalm 121

Matthew 6:25-34

Philippians 4:4-9

Proverbs 3:5-8

Psalm 46

II Corinthians 12:1-10

For additional reflection, I recommend: *A Small Book for the Anxious Heart: Meditations on Fear, Worry, and Trust* by Edward Welch

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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 with, “The Final State: the New Heavens and the New Earth.”

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

Women's Spring 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.

For details and to sign up, see briarwood.org/men and briarwood.org/women.

Save the Date

GMC 2021

FOUND FAITHFUL

The Gospel to the Nations

Global Ministries Conference • February 21–28

GLOW

Go Light Our World

Children's Missions Conference Feb. 21
for K4 – 6th grade

The Children's Ministry Staff desires to partner with your family by presenting a special interactive Missions lesson for your children during this year's Global Ministries Conference in February. Our hope is that their hearts and minds would be pointed towards Christ as we learn about what it means to "Be Found Faithful" as we take the gospel to all nations.

All Briarwood members who register their child or grandchild online will receive a box of materials that will interact with our Missions lesson. The box will include object lessons, crafts, supplies, discussion questions (and even some fun, unexpected items).

Please register by 5:00 p.m. Wed., Feb. 17.
Boxes will be delivered Mon., Feb. 22.

Register at briarwood.org/children.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 31, 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

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

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 85:8

[All:] Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession “Peace Like a River” (Traditional)

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 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

“Amazing Grace” Hymn 202

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

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 Confession of Truth

John 14:27

[Leader:] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

[All:] Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

[Leader:] The Word of the Lord.

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great
and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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

"Is He Worthy?" (Peterson)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new creation coming? (It is.)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

[Chorus]:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does.)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.) (Chorus)

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is! He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"It Is Well with My Soul" Hymn 493 vv. 1, 4

"Grace Great Than Our Sin" Hymn 201 vv. 1, 4

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."

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"— 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. (Repeat)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

[Refrain:]

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? (Refrain 2x)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 1:7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

IV. Romans in Biblical Perspective
The Gospel of God
"The Benediction"
Romans 1:7

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"The Blessing"

[Solo:]

*The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.*

The Lord turn His face toward you, And give you peace.

(All: Repeat)

The Postlude

"Ye Servants of God" (Wesley)

* 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/archivetyv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

VI. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

"The Final State: the New Heavens and the New Earth"

Selected Text

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III