

THE

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## Designed for Community

God has designed each one of us to live in Biblical Community with one another. We are made to live in close healthy relationships. This begins with an intimate relationship with God through consistent time in Worship, in His Word and in prayer. Next, we are to live in close relationships with our Christian brothers and sisters. Hebrews 10:24–25 says, “*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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.*”

Note these three steps to live in Biblical Community: First, *embrace* the fact that God has designed us to live in a family relationship with other believers in Christ. We are to be committed to prioritize having close relationships within our Church family. Second, we must consistently *engage* in Community. We are to be faithful in gathered worship on the Lord’s Day (currently this could be by streaming). We need to be active in relating to others in one of our Congregational Communities (Zoom counts). We must look for and take opportunities to use our gifts, talents and abilities to build up others in our Church. Third, we must take initiative to daily *encourage* our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can give them a phone call, write a note, send a text, take a meal, and pray with them.

In this time of the pandemic, let us make sure we are living in Biblical Community with one another as God has designed. Let’s love one another with the love of Christ.

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# 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.

For details and to sign up, see [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men) and [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

Save the Date!

GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2021

# FOUND FAITHFUL

*The Gospel to the Nations*

February 21-28 • [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc)

# GLOW

## Go Light Our World

Children's Missions Conference Feb. 21-22  
for K4 - 6th grade

The GLOW Conference will take place in the Children's Auditorium during Sunday morning (K4-3rd Grade) and Sunday and Monday Evening Services (K4-6th Grade). No registration is required for these in-person meetings. In addition, 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 conference. 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).

To ensure receiving this year's GLOW Box, register online no later than Wed., Feb. 17 at 5:00 p.m. Boxes will be delivered during the day on Mon., Feb. 22.

Register at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children).



The Briarwood Christian Bookstore and Church Library are both open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At other times, you may make purchases by calling 205-776-5210, emailing [bookstore@briarwood.org](mailto:bookstore@briarwood.org), or going online to [briarwood.org/webstore](http://briarwood.org/webstore).

The Bookstore can either mail your orders to you or provide convenient pickup at the church.

## 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.

Contact Ben Lashley at [blashley@briarwood.org](mailto:blashley@briarwood.org) for more information.



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – February 7, 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

*I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

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

Psalm 102:19, 20

[All:] ...that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die...

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"* (Crouch)

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

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"Jesus Saves"* Hymn 306

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to ev'ry land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing, ye islands of the sea; Echo back, ye ocean caves;  
Earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
By His death and endless life Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing it softly through the gloom, When the heart for mercy craves;  
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Shout salvation full and free, Highest hills and deepest caves;  
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

Romans 5:10–11

[Leader:] *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.*

[All:] **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.**

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

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

**THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

*They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. Zechariah 13:9*

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6*

**The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe 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**

*"Where Joy and Sorrow Meet" (White)*

*There's a place of quiet stillness 'tween the light and shadows reach;  
Where the hurting and the hopeless seek everlasting peace.  
Words of men and songs of angels whisper comfort bittersweet;  
Mending grief and life eternal where joy and sorrow meet.*

[Chorus:]

*There is a place where hope remains,  
In crowns of thorns and crimson stains,  
And tears that fall on Jesus' feet,  
Where joy and sorrow meet.*

*There's a place the lost surrender and the weary will retreat,  
Full of grace and mercy tender in times of unbelief.  
For the wounded there is healing, strength is given to the weak;  
Broken hearts find love redeeming where joy and sorrow meet. (Chorus)*

*There's a place of thirst and hunger where the roots of faith grow deep.  
And there is rain and rolling thunder when the road is rough and steep.  
There is hope in desperation there is victory in defeat;  
At the cross of restoration where joy and sorrow meet. (All: Chorus)*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.  
And tears that fall on Jesus' feet, where joy and sorrow meet.*

**\*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs** *"His Mercy is More" (Boswell/Papa)*

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

[Chorus:]

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus x2)

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27*

**\*The Prayer of Illumination**

**\*†The New Testament Reading**

II Corinthians 5:11-21

**The Exposition of God's Word**

“The Gospel Message and Ministry of Reconciliation”  
II Corinthians 5:11-21

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power  
of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

*“Doxology with Alleluias”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The Postlude**

*“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”* (Fawcett)

\* 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), on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

VII. Eternity in Biblical Perspective  
*If I Should Die Before I Wake...*

“The Final State: Hell—the Future and Final State of the Wicked”  
Selected Texts  
Rev. Benny Parks

The 6:00 Sunday evening service is also available live online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv),  
and on Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.