

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

This past February during our Global Ministries Conference we heard from our missionary to Norway, church planter Matt Stanghelle, via live video link during the worship service. You may remember the story he shared about his wife Deborah over-hearing a husband and wife arguing in Ikea! Deborah approached the couple and invited them to church. God has been at work in this family ever since they began attending worship.

The last prayer request Matt shared was for their church plant to reach 50 members by March 1 to satisfy the government requirement for new churches. While they were unable to do this, they were able to make significant progress on several of the other requirements such as completing over 250 hours of language training, and finishing 50 hours of Norwegian social studies. God has heard your prayers!

This summer Matt and Deborah have seen God moving in significant ways. New people have come into the church. One man who grew up Muslim, has faithfully attended worship services, was discipled and baptized. Two Muslim women are now spiritually seeking. Matt began "The Timothy Project" which is an intensive training program to equip future pastors and elders. Two of the leaders attending have already gathered small core groups which prayerfully will grow into two church plants in the cities of Hamar and Vikeså.

Despite the challenges of COVID and the difficulty of seeing several Christian expat families depart due to job transfers, God continues to remind the Stanghelle's of His faithfulness. Their children have settled into school, made friends through band and soccer club. Continue to pray for the Stanghelle family as God plants this fledgling church for His Glory.



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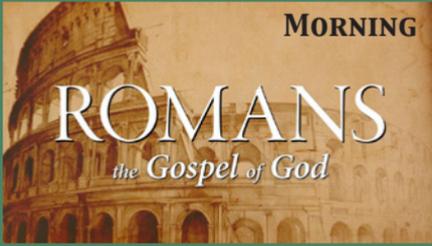
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# School's Back In Session!

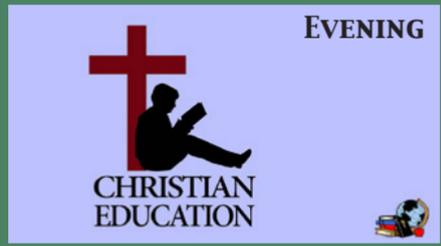


Please be very patient when traveling around perimeter road during the school year, particularly during carpool. When the carpool line has stopped on perimeter road, remember children may be crossing the crosswalk to parking lot "A" and are not visible until they reach the middle of the crosswalk. If you must pass in the "middle" lane, proceed with extreme caution—about 4 miles per hour—the safety of our children depends on it.

# SUNDAY SERMONS



At 8:00 and 10:50 a.m., Pastor Reeder continues his study of Romans with, "The Righteousness of God: No Boasting – Part 2" from Romans 3:21–31



At 6:00 p.m., the pastor looks at Christian Education and, "The Teachers' Ministry to Students" from John 1:19–31.

## Evangelism Training

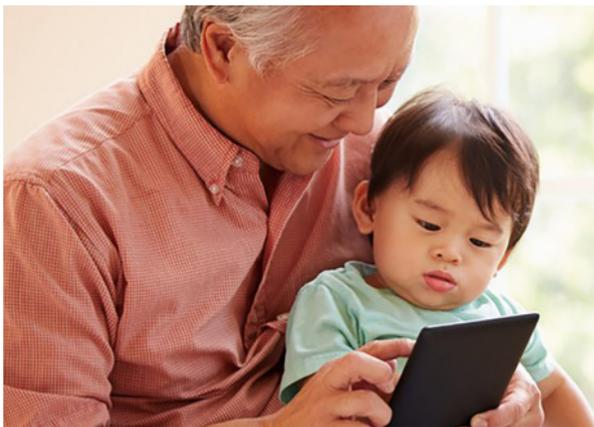
Wed., Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

Come to the final session to be motivated, challenged, and encouraged to share your faith.



## SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS— WE NEED YOU!

Come use your talents praising our Lord by serving on the Briarwood Praise Team. If you would like to schedule an audition, contact John Haines at 205-612-5199 or [jhaines@briarwood.org](mailto:jhaines@briarwood.org).



## Grandparenting Matters

This MidWeek seminar will help Christian grandparents find purpose and have a greater spiritual impact on their grandchildren's lives. Please register with Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org). Workbook cost \$12.



Come to the Choir Loft ten minutes before either morning service or during the Prelude and help lead the congregation in a hymn this Sunday!



# Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 15, 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 32:1-2

**[All:] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*(During the Prelude all are invited to come to the Choir Loft for Summer Choir.)*

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“Grace Greater than Our Sin” (Johnston)*

*Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. from The Book of Common Worship*

### Ten Minute Summer Choir

*“Nothing But the Blood” (Lowry)*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### The Sacrament of Baptism

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor” Hymn 173*

All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring:  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One!

The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things Created make reply:  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went:  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise:  
Thou didst accept their praises—Accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

**\*The Confession of Truth**

Colossians 1:15–18

[Leader:] *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

[All:] **And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

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

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

**THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

*I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3*

**The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

**THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY**

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

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

*"Arise, My Soul, Arise" • "I Need You" • "All For Jesus"*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

[Chorus:]

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

My God is reconciled His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh With confidence I now draw nigh  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. (Chorus)

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Lord, I come, I confess; Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

[Chorus:]

Lord, I need You, oh I need You; Every hour, I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.*

*Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.*

[All:]

*O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.*

[Solo:]

*I will rest beneath His wings.*

## 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**

Romans 3:21-31

**The Exposition of God's Word**

Pastor Reeder

XX. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

“My Sure Defense: The Righteousness of God—Part 2”

Romans 3:21-31

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*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. Romans 12:1*

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Affirmation**

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 66 v. 1

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!

**The Postlude**

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations” (Nichol)

\*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for Children's Worship. Following the 8:00 service, Children's Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms. Following the 10:50 service, please pick up K4-3rd grade children in the Children's Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform. The 8:00 a.m. service is also “signed” each week in the Worship Center. Both Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv).

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