

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

SEPTEMBER 1–NOVEMBER 10



What a wonderful time of year fall is—from the cooler temperatures, to starting back to school—in many ways it feels like new beginnings in every area of life. Then we have, in my opinion, the beginning of the greatest sport. My bride got a hand towel the other day that jokingly lists out our family's priorities: first is "God," then "Family," then "Football." Let me reiterate, in third place it jokingly says, "Football."

Our family does appreciate the game of football as it can teach you so much about life and how to work together as a team. In a much greater way our church is like a team, in that we are all called to be active participants in a common mission. *"For God's glory, we are committed to equipping Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ."*

One of the best ways we can be equipped to worship God and reach the lost is through our participation in MidWeek activities, which begins again on Wednesday, September 1. Note that for the first week we will not have dinner due to COVID precautions, and we'll re-assess this on a week-to-week basis. But please do join us at 6:30 p.m., when everyone in the family can participate in opportunities such as Choir, Seminary, Evangelism Training, Bible Studies, and Children and Youth Group activities.

Go to [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek) for more details and to sign up for the Nursery. Don't miss out; join us and let's encourage one another on the team to be mature disciples of Christ!

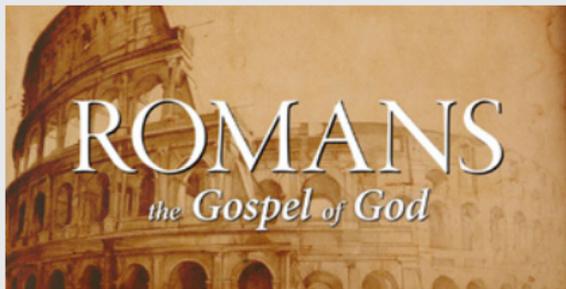
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# SUNDAY SERMON SERIES



At 8:00 and 10:50 a.m., Pastor Reeder continues his study of Romans with,  
“The Righteousness of God:  
No Boasting – Part 3” from Romans 3:27–31



At 6:00 p.m., Pastor Reeder continues his look at Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective with,  
“Christ’s Church On Mission–On Message–In Ministry”  
from Matthew 28:16–20.

# MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

(Wednesday dinners at 5:30 p.m. will resume when COVID protocols allow.)

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

### ADULT STUDIES

Throughout the Church • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

See all available activities at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek)

*Please pre-register for these classes:*

### Financial Peace

Relieve money stress and kick debt once and for all! Learn how to develop a solid financial plan of having an emergency fund, paying off debt, and building savings. Registration is important. Email Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@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

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### INFANTS (*through 3 years*)

Nursery Hallway • 6:15–8:30 p.m.

For reservations go to [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery)

### CONNECT (*K4–3rd grade*)

Children's Auditorium • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

### IGNITE (*4th–6th grade*)

GYM • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### RAIDERS (*7th & 8th grades*)

The Barn • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

### BYG (*9th–12th grades*)

The Barn • 7:00–8:30 p.m.





# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 22, 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 have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9*

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

Psalm 34:2-3

*[Leader:] My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.*

**[All:] Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

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

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Bradbury)*

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

*from The Book of Common Worship*

### Ten Minute Summer Choir

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Williams/Hughes)*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"My Hope Is in the Lord" Hymn 406*

My Hope is in the Lord, who gave Himself for me,  
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

[Refrain:]

For me He died, For me He lives,  
And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,  
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. (Refrain)

And now for me He stands Before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own. (Refrain)

His grace has planned it all, 'Tis mine but to believe,  
And recognize His work of love and Christ receive. (Refrain)

### \*The Confession of Truth

The Solas of the Reformation

*[Leader:] Praise God for the glorious movement of the Holy Spirit with the Word of God that recaptured the Gospel of grace in the Reformation.*

[All:] Thanks be to God.

[Leader:] *Sola Scriptura*—

[All:] The Scripture alone is our only authoritative rule for faith and life.

[Leader:] *Sola Gratia*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone.

[Leader:] *Sola Fide*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone.

[Leader:] *Solus Christus*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone  
in Christ Alone.

[Leader:] *Soli Deo Gloria*—

[All:] We are saved from our sins by Grace Alone through Faith Alone  
in Christ Alone that we might glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

## 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

*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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*"It Was Finished Upon That Cross" • "He Will Hold Me Fast"*

[Solo:]

*How I love the voice of Jesus, On the cross of Calvary;  
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me,  
Though the sun had ceased its shining, Though the war appeared as lost;  
Christ had triumphed over evil, It was finished upon that cross.*

*Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me;  
Full, the pardon He has offered; Great, the welcome that I receive.  
Boldly I approach my Father, Clothed in Jesus' righteousness;  
There is no more guilt to carry, It was finished upon that cross.*

[All:]

Death was once my great opponent, Fear once had a hold on me;  
But the Son who died to save us, Rose that we would be free indeed! (Repeat)

Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed! Free from every plan of darkness,  
Free to live and free to love; Death is dead and Christ is risen!

It was finished upon that cross, Onward to eternal glory;  
To my Savior and my God I rejoice in Jesus' victory.  
It was finished upon that cross, It was finished upon that cross.

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[Solo:]

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

[All:] [Chorus:]

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! (Chorus)

[Solo:]

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture,  
to exhortation, to teaching. I Timothy 4:13*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 3:27-31

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXI. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

“The Righteousness of God: Ask the Pastor – Part 3”

Romans 3:27-31

## 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

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Postlude

“Blessed Assurance” (Knapp/Crosby)

\*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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## EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

IX. Progressive Christianity in Biblical Perspective

*Historic Biblical Christianity and Contemporary Progressive Christianity*

“Christ's Church On Mission–On Message–In Ministry”

Matthew 28:16-20