



BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 •

MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY

2021 Birmingham Conference of Theology and Life



SEPTEMBER 5

Join us this Sunday in the morning and evening services to hear our guest speaker

Dr. Jonathan Gibson,

Associate Professor of Old Testament at
Westminster Theological Seminary.

Morning Session:

"A Marriage Made on Earth" Genesis 2:18–25

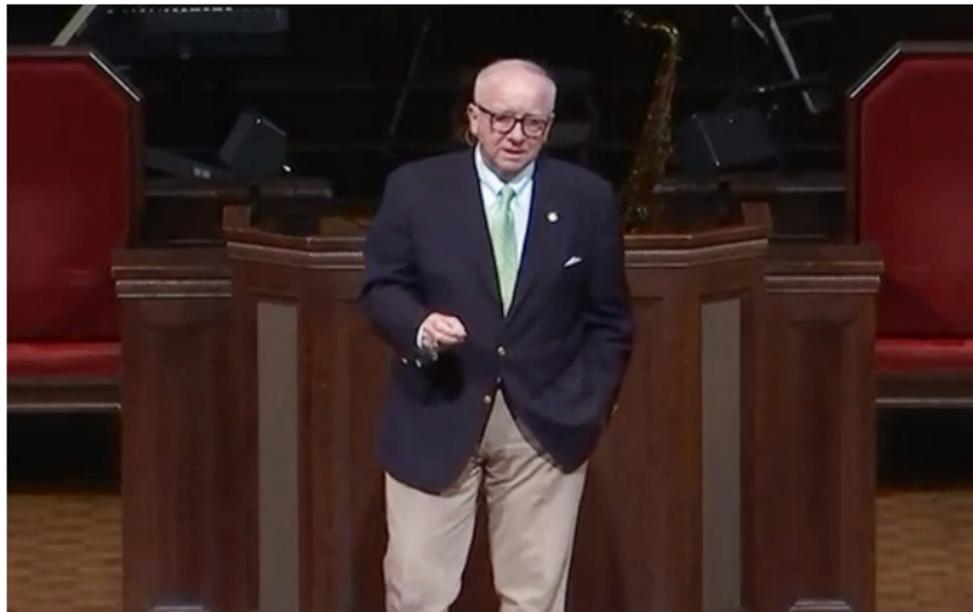
Evening Session:

"Shameless Sexuality" Genesis 2:24–25



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Pastor Reeder begins a new fall evening sermon series on Sunday, September 12:

God's Blueprint in
Biblical Perspective
Fixed Foundations

Join us for this in-depth follow-up to his Progressive Christianity series and this weekend's Birmingham Conference of Theology and Life, Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Also available on livestream at briarwood.org/livety, Facebook, Roku, AppleTV and the BriarwoodPCA App.

MIDWEEK

SEPTEMBER 1–NOVEMBER 10

EVANGELISM TRAINING / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Bridge to Life/Personal Evangelism	G103
Ask the Pastor	Bride's Room
Sanctuary Choir / Briarwood Orchestra	Worship Center
ESL Classes	School third floor E313
GriefShare	W202
DivorceCare	W203
Financial Peace University	A205
New Focus	E003/005
Sign Language: Beginner Class	S205
Sign Language: Intermediate Class I	S207
Sign Language: Intermediate Class II	S209
Sign Language: Religious Interpreting	S203
Prayer for Our Church	Prayer Room

CO-ED STUDIES

Biblical Marriage and Family	FH-E&F
Grandparenting Matters	G101
Warrior	A105
Adoption Connection	E007

WOMEN OF THE COVENANT

A Study of Hosea	Chapel
A Study of Ruth	M202

SEMINARY CLASSES

Birmingham Theological Seminary	
Old Testament III	A202
Christ and Culture	A201
Counseling in the Local Church I/Lay Counseling I	A209

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.

Grandparenting Matters—This MidWeek seminar will help Christian grandparents find purpose and have a greater spiritual impact on their grandchildren's lives. Workbook cost \$12. Register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org.

GriefShare—Your journey from mourning to joy. If you are adjusting to the death of a loved one, join our 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement to those with a hurting heart. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Workbook is \$15. Call 205-776-5227 for more information.

For details, see briarwood.org/midweek



Celebration of Worship

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE OF THEOLOGY AND LIFE

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – September 5, 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

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 8:4-5, 9

[Leader:] *What is man that You are mindful of him, and the Son of Man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.*

[All:] **O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

(During the Prelude all are invited to come to the Choir Loft and sing with the Fall Choir.)

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

Almighty and holy Father, I confess that I am unworthy of Your gift of salvation. I have not loved You as I ought; I have not always been loving to my brothers and sisters in Christ, kindhearted and forgiving, even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven me. I have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon me have not been used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out my offenses, I pray. Grant me grace to feel and lament my share in the evil that took my Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross. And give me a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance offered by Your Son, my Redeemer. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymn 64

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

[Refrain:]

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, (Refrain)

[Women:]

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for Thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light, (Refrain)

[Men:]

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care, (Refrain)

[All:]

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One, (Refrain)

*The Confession of Truth

Colossians 3:18-24

[Leader:] *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.*

[All:] **Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.**

[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 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 Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Creation Sings the Father's Song" • "Our Great God"

[Praise Team:]

*Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.*

[All/Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. (Refrain)

Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! (Refrain x2)
Fill the earth with songs of worship; Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright Seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices, day and night, in praise to You alone.

[Refrain:]

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (Repeat)

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy-his pleasure is our harm;
Rise up, oh, Lord and he will flee before our sovereign God. (Refrain)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth.
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,
Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word. (Refrain 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 Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 2:18-25

The Exposition of God's Word

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THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 1:3

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

“*This is My Father's World*” Hymn 58 v. 3

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

The Postlude

*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.

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Please welcome to the pulpit Dr. Jonathan Gibson, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary. Dr. Gibson previously served as associate minister at Cambridge Presbyterian Church in England.