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This year, Briarwood Fellows launched our 10th class of Fellows! For a decade, we've developed future leaders who are now living a Seamless Life for Christ in their vocations, churches, families and in our culture. Each year, we invite emerging leaders to move to Birmingham to be immersed in the life of Briarwood by living with host families and serving within our ministries. They start their careers, develop a deep community with one another and learn to live for Christ and His Kingdom after college.

This year we welcome a cohort of five fellows, and we'd love for you to get to know them. Brooke is a graduate from Samford. She is working at a local company, OFC Workscapes and serving in our Children's Ministry. She lives with Scott and Barbra Summers. Avery, who's from Birmingham, is a graduate of UAB and coordinates marketing for Evangel Christian School. She is also serving in our Children's Ministry. Maddie is from Tennessee and graduated from East Tennessee State. She helps lead a college girl's Bible study. Her host family are PA and Beaty Carmichael. Our two guys both serve with BYG. Carter graduated from Samford and now works with YBL, helping with communications and event planning. He lives with Bruce and Amy Herrington. Lastly, Trysten, who was a part of Campus Outreach at West Georgia, is a PT Tech at Therapy South and lives with Marvin and Linda Keffer.

Please give a Briarwood welcome to the Fellows Class of 2022!

Seth Richardson, Director of Briarwood Fellows



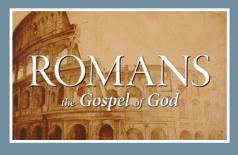


Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. there are over 20 different activities to choose, with something for every member of the family. If you prefer to engage remotely at this time, the Biblical Marriage and Family class and the women's study of Hosea are both offered on Zoom.

Go to briarwood.org/midweek, see the BriarwoodPCA App or refer to the banners i n the lobbies now for the listings.

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

Pastor Reeder currently leads a sermon series on Romans in the morning and Genesis in the evening. Use these sermon titles and texts to prepare your heart to receive His Word.



FOUNDATIONS FROM GENESIS God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

At 8:00 and 10:50 a.m.
Pastor Reeder continues
his study of Romans with,
"The Lawful Use of the Law
Expounded and Illustrated" from
Romans 4:13-25.

At 6:00 p.m., Pastor Reeder continues his study of Foundations from Genesis with, "The Sanctity of God" from Genesis 1:1–2.

Youth & Children's Communicant Class

All 4th-6th grade classes will be offered Wed. Oct. 13 and 20 with students joining in Nov. There will be a parent's meeting on October 6.

Pray and discuss with your child about going through the class and becoming a communing member of the church. E-mail Page Dollar at pdollar@briarwood.org to sign up your child and for questions.

Health Care Workers

Briarwood members would like to remember you in our prayers.

To be assured that your name is included on our prayer list, please send an email to pclaud@briarwood.org.



Please bring non-perishable foods to the trailer in Parking Lot B, Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sundays 7:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to help meet the continuing needs of our community.



Morning Services of Divine Worship - September 26, 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

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 105:7-8

[All:] He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Bridges)

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon Your Name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach You as Father and Friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior. My guilty fears discourage an approach to You, but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles me to You.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 228

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

[Refrain:]

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above: (Refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: (Refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come And take His servants up To their eternal home: (Refrain)

[Choir:]

Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice, rejoice! Amen.

*The Confession of Truth

The Law of God

[Leader:] I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

[All:] You shall have no other gods before Me.

[Leader:] You shall not make for yourself a carved image.

[All:] You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

[Leader:] Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy as the LORD your God commanded you.

[All:] Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

[Leader:] Honor your father and mother..., that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

[All:] You shall not murder.

[Leader:] And you shall not commit adultery.

[All:] And you shall not steal.

[Leader:] And you shall not bear false witness.

[All:] And you shall not covet.

[Leader:] Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says:

[All:] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

[Leader:] This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it:

[All:] You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[Leader:] On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

[All:] LORD, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to love You and keep Your commandments.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13b

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

"The Lion and the Lamb" • "Jesus, Only Jesus"

[Solo:]

He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down.

Every chain will break, As broken hearts declare His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

[Chorus/All:]

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah;

He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.

And every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains.

Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb, Every knee will bow before Him.

Open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings.

The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free.

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? (Chorus)

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?! (Chorus)

Who has the power to raise the dead? Who can save us from our sin? He is our hope, our righteousness: Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see? Who holds the keys that set us free? He paid it all to bring us peace: Jesus, only Jesus.

[Chorus:]

Holy King, almighty Lord. Saints and angels all adore; I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise? Who has the name above all names? You stand alone, I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus. (Chorus)

You will command the highest praise. Yours is the name above all names. You stand alone, I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus! (Chorus)

You will command the highest praise. Yours is the name above all names. You stand alone, I stand amazed: Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17

*The Prayer of Illumination

*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXV. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

"The Lawful Use of the Law Expounded and Illustrated"

Romans 4:13-25

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

*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

"Like a River Glorious" (Havergal)

*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.