

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• OCTOBER 1, 2021 •



## GRADUATES & CAREER

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I am excited for this fall in our Graduates and Career Ministry!

First, we are studying "Conversations with Christ" in Sunday School. The two main focuses of our study are to learn what Jesus teaches us about the Gospel and about having spiritual conversations. My prayer is that this study will draw us closer to Him and embolden us in our Gospel witness. Second, we are reestablishing many areas of our ministry since the start of the pandemic. One of these is our annual Fall Retreat. This year we will be hosting the retreat in town at Briarwood. Our keynote speaker is Kent Bailey and he will be speaking on the topic, "Community: Ministering to One Another." My prayer is that this retreat will not only be refreshing for our members spiritually, but will be also serve as an outreach opportunity.

Finally, I am excited to see how the Lord uses our people. Over the last year and half, I have seen our members minister in some encouraging and creative ways. One particular initiative that they have developed is our "Meet You in the Parking Lot." Visitors can send us a message and we will send someone to greet them in the visitors parking lot and then walk them to class. We have already seen people make use of this opportunity and have expressed how much this meant to them. Again, I am excited for these opportunities and thankful for your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

J. Stephen King, Graduate and Career Pastor



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## **Young Business Leaders Fall Breakfast**

with speaker Alan Barnhart  
Fri., Oct. 8, 6:30–7:45 a.m.  
at the Harbert Center.

Alan donated his company to National Christian Foundation for Kingdom work. Hear his family story and journey of stewardship.

Bring a friend and start a conversation about Christ!  
Tickets \$20/seat, \$150/table of 8  
[ybl.org/event/ybl-fall-breakfast-with-alan-barnhart](http://ybl.org/event/ybl-fall-breakfast-with-alan-barnhart)



## **Women Business Leaders Annual Faith & Work Luncheon**

Fri., Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m.  
at The Club

Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).  
Connect with other  
growth-oriented women!

Come learn about the surprising power of leading with gratitude. Our speaker, Cindi Filer, is the CEO and Owner of a 26-year-old staffing and recruiting firm, Innovative Outsourcing. Her experience serving hundreds of small businesses as well as leading small groups and young professionals at her church will demonstrate how to develop the game-changing skill of giving thanks. We are thrilled to be able to safely host this in-person event!

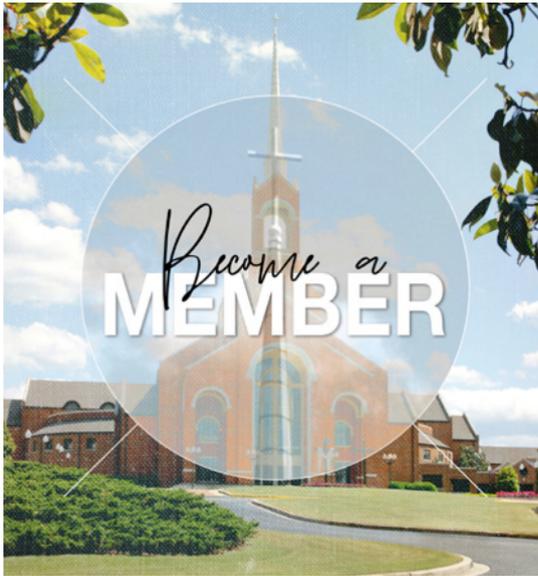


# Ministry Safe



Briarwood is pleased to host Kimberlee D. Norris of Ministry Safe for **Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, October 12 from 6:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Worship Center. Norris is a sexual abuse trial attorney who represents victims of abuse, serves as a consulting and testifying expert in abuse cases, and provides organizations with crisis management and allegation response counsel. An acknowledged authority in screening practices, Norris has trained over 1.5 million ministry staff members and volunteers since 2005.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training covers common misconceptions concerning sexual abuse and abusers, offender characteristics, the offender's grooming process, common grooming behaviors, and legal reporting requirements, focusing on fact patterns and examples from actual cases in evangelical ministry contexts. Signup to attend at [briarwood.org/ministrysafe](http://briarwood.org/ministrysafe).



Our next Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members will be the **weekend of Oct. 8–10**. It includes a Fri. evening, Sat. morning and Sun. morning class, and a luncheon on Oct. 17 for those who are joining the church. Attending these classes does not obligated you to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org).



# Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 3, 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

*'Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...'* Deuteronomy 4:10

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

Psalm 62:5-7

[Leader:] *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

[All:] **On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* (arr. Berg)

Sanctuary Choir

*O Great I am, I acknowledge and confess that all things come of You—life, breath, happiness, advancement, sight, touch, hearing, goodness, truth, beauty—all that makes existence amiable. In the spiritual world also I am dependent entirely upon You. Give me grace to know more of my need of grace; Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it; Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You.* adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

### The Invocation

### The Gospel Word of Salvation

### \*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

### \*The Hymn of Ascents

*"In Christ Alone"* (Townend/Getty)

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, What depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

[Leader:] *What is justification?*

[All:] **Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

### THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1*

#### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

#### 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

*"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King" • "Before the Throne of God Above"*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me, And I'll never be alone.

[Chorus:]

Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing;  
Come, Thou Fount, come Thou King, Come,  
Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear Your bride,  
to You we sing; Come,  
Thou Fount of our blessing.

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. (Chorus)

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Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God. (Repeat)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVI. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

“The Gospel Blessings of Justification by Faith Alone”

Romans 5:1-5

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

\*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

“He Leadeth Me” (Bradbury)

\*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.

IV. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

*Foundations from Genesis*

“Foundation #2: The Sanctity of God—Part 2”

Genesis 1

Pastor Reeder