

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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WORSHIPING THE LORD TOGETHER THROUGH GIVING

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2022

Malachi 3:10–12 states, *“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.”*

I have found that my tithing and giving helps to grow my trust in God and faithfulness to God. He recognizes more than we do how our faith in Him is revealed in our habits of giving. In the Bible God reminds us that our resources are His and giving is an extension of my faith. We should not downplay the significance of how we use our resources. We need to practice our giving in a meaningful way.

My tithing and giving pleases God and shows my obedience towards Him. Tithing and giving helps me keep my priorities straight. God loves a cheerful giver and giving guards me from being selfish. In the church, tithing and giving support the Great Commission and help to meet the needs of God’s people. Here in Malachi 3, God promises that He will meet the needs of those who tithe and give.

Of course, stewardship is more than tithing and giving. When we become a Christian, we are called to surrender all to Christ which is everything—our time, our talents, our treasures, our thoughts, our lives—to further His Kingdom and the Great Commission.

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MIDWEEK
SEPTEMBER 1–NOVEMBER 10



MidWeek Dinner is BACK!

Starting Oct. 13, dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. in the FH. It's an excellent time to fellowship with friends, meet new people, and spend time with your family.

Cost for a boxed dinner: \$8/adult,
\$5/child [12 and under], maximum \$25/family.

We must have your reservation by Tues. at noon.
Go to briarwood.org/dinner.

The Harvest Awaits

2021 National Ministries Conference

Mark your calendar:
October 24-25

Meet speaker Dr. Richard D. Phillips and our Ministry Partners from around the country at briarwood.org/nmc.

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, focusing on examples from actual cases in evangelical ministry contexts. Signup to attend at briarwood.org/ministrysafe.

Bookstore MidWeek Hours • Beginning Oct. 13, the Church Bookstore will be open until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Come visit us!



Women Business Leaders Annual Faith & Work Luncheon

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

Register at 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 help us learn how to develop the game-changing skill of giving thanks. We are thrilled to be able to safely host this in-person event!

Let's go fishing!

Briarwood members are invited to come Oct. 9-23 to fish at the pond across from the Youth Barn any day, Mondays through Saturdays. No license is required. Go to briarwood.org/pond for details. No Sunday fishing!

Grandparenting Matters

A new 6-week MidWeek seminar begins Oct. 13. Learn how to have a spiritual impact on your grandchildren. Please register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org, or call Michael Wichlan at 205-776-5211.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 10, 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

...in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 32:5

[All:] I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,
“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the
iniquity of my sin.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (arr. Ferguson)

Sanctuary Choir

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross, crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all Your gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion; and by it give me that rest without rest, the rest of ceaseless praise.

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Sacrament of Baptism

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn 262

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen!

***The Confession of Truth**

Isaiah 6:1-8

[Leader:] *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple.*

[All:] Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

[Leader:] *And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

[All:] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

[All:] Thanks be to God!

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

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**

"Revelation Song" (Riddle)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

[Chorus:]

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings.
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolling thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory,
And power be to You, the only wise King. (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus x2)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16*

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The New Testament Reading**

Romans 5:1-5

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

The Gospel of God

“The Gospel Blessings of Justification by Faith Alone—Part 2”

Romans 5:1-5

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The LORD bless you and keep you... Numbers 6:24

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

“Threefold Amen” Hymn 628 IV

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Postlude

“Grace Greater Than All Our Sin” (Towner)

*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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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

V. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

Foundations from Genesis

“Foundation #3: The Sanctity of Creation”

Genesis 1:1-2:11

Pastor Reeder