

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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## WORSHIPING THE LORD TOGETHER THROUGH GIVING

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2022

The principle of Biblical stewardship brings a beautiful freedom. As stewards, we are simply called to be “found faithful” as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 4:2. That means using the gifts that God has given us to the best of our ability for His glory. That freedom comes in two ways:

First, freedom comes by realizing that our stewardship is judged based on the way that we utilize our gifts. The very fact that our time, talents, and treasures are given to us by God freely from His grace removes any grounds for the discontent and covetousness we could feel if we compared our gifts with those of others. We must remind ourselves of what we deserve compared to what God has actually given to us. Gifts are given, not earned.

Second, that freedom comes by realizing stewardship is not results-oriented. Think of Noah, who preached faithfully for years with no converts, yet he was judged faithful as a steward. Why? Because he used the gifts and the circumstances God had provided him to the best of his ability for the glory of God, despite the apparent lack of results. It is a wonderful thing to remember that “we are in labor, not management” as my mentor often exhorts me.

I love the tithe because it is a very simple way to be faithful financially and exercise the freedom that stewardship brings. Our money is really God’s money that He has distributed to us, and He commands 10% of our gross income to be tithed. There is freedom in obedience, for His commandments are not burdensome.

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# The Harvest Awaits

*2021 National Ministries Conference*

October 24–25

Meet speaker Dr. Richard D. Phillips and  
our Ministry Partners from around the country.

For more information, go to [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

# NEHEMIAH DAY

**Sunday, October 31 • 3:00–7:00 p.m. • Worship Center**

Join us as we enter a season focusing on the Word, meditation, worship, reflection, and intercessory prayer—concluding with the observance of the Lord's Supper. All 1st–6th grade children will meet in the Children's Auditorium for Children's Nehemiah Day and dinner.

Make Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) or on the Briarwood App.

## ***MidWeek dinner is served!***

Join us Wednesday nights for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and classes at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are needed on Tuesdays by noon at [briarwood.org/dinner](http://briarwood.org/dinner).

Make Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

The Bookstore will be open until 6:30 p.m.

## **It's not too late... come sing with us!**

Join the Sanctuary Choir this fall and help lead worship on Sundays as well as sing in the Christmas Pageant this December!

Come Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to the Choir Room located behind the Worship Center on the second floor. No experience necessary!



### **CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROLINE HOUSE**

November 15–17

### **KICKOFF WITH SOPHIE HUDSON**

Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

### **CAROLINE HOUSE TOURS**

Tuesday, November 16  
and Wednesday, November 17  
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Please plan to attend and bring a friend or two!*

*\$5 tickets are available in the Bookstore or at [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch).*



# Celebration of Worship

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MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – October 17, 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 will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18*

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

Psalm 19:1, 14

[Leader:] *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

[All:] **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

### The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

*“Come People of the Risen King”* (Getty/Townend)  
Sanctuary Choir

*Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as “living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship.” Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

### 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)

## \*The Confession of Truth

Matthew 5:11; Philippians 4:4-5; 1:29

[Leader:] *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

[All:] **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.**

[Leader:] *For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake.*

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

[All:] **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*I call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3*

## The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6*

## 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" (Getty/Townend)*

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" (Getty/Kauflin)*

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.

[Chorus:]

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. (Chorus)

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! (Chorus x2)

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Chorus:]

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
And we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus x2)

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*†The New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-11

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XXVIII. Romans in Biblical Perspective

*The Gospel of God*

"Five Legacy Gospel Blessings of Justification by Faith—Part 3"

Romans 5:1-11

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*And now I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace... Acts 20:32a*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!" Hymn 175 v. 5

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

The Postlude

"The Church's One Foundation" (Wesley)

\*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.

VI. God's Blueprint in Biblical Perspective

*Foundations from Genesis*

"Foundation #4: the Sanctity of Man—Male and Female

Genesis 1-2

Pastor Reeder