

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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Dr. Frank Barker

The God of all glory and grace has providentially called home and into His presence Dr. Frank M. Barker, Jr., a choice servant of the Lord as a Gospel Minister on December 27, 2021. Dr. Barker's faithfulness, humility and visionary leadership will be greatly missed.

Please join us in prayer for Barbara, Frank's faithful wife and companion in life and ministry, as well as his children and their families—daughter Anita Barnes and her husband, Billy, and their

children; daughter Peggy Townes and her husband, Tim, and their children and grandchildren, and their son Frank Barker III, his wife, Pam and their children.

As the founding Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church from its store front beginnings in 1960, he was a faithful Pastor, Shepherd, Preacher and Leader for 40 years and then continued to bless Briarwood Church as Pastor Emeritus for the last 23 years. One of the great evidences of his passionate love to Christ and His church is seen by the significant number of men and women who are now serving Christ and fulfilling the Great Commission throughout the world.

We miss him yet rejoice for him; for he has heard from His Savior, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Much more can, should and will be said in the coming days... but all that will be said, must be said in the way that Frank would want us to say it—exemplified through the words of Frank's favorite hymn for Briarwood to sing: "To God be the Glory great things He has done."



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MID *Week*

We're Back!

Live and in person

Wednesdays starting January 12

Hot meal and something for everyone!

Make dinner reservations and see
class listings at: briarwood.org/midweek

Grace and peace to you and a Blessed New Year. I want to thank everyone in the membership and leadership at Briarwood for your servant's heart in making our Advent Season a glorious celebration of the birth of Christ that became an instrument of discipleship, an opportunity for worship and also presented numerous events for evangelism and outreach. Praise the Lord for you!

This coming year is another year of significant opportunities. Our 2022 Ministry Theme builds on our focus for the last two years: *"Lifestyle Stewardship."* One area of stewardship to which the Lord calls us is the identification, maturation and implementation of our Spiritual Gifts. This year's Ministry Theme is *"Discovering, Developing and Deploying our Spiritual Gifts."* We will introduce this theme through a series of expositional sermons on key texts from God's Word that instruct us on how to implement the Biblical stewardship of our Christ-designed and Holy Spirit-delivered spiritual gifts for life and ministry. This year's theme has the potential to be an extraordinary blessing in the discipleship of God's people and the mobilization of Christ's church through effective ministries inside the church as well as ministries of outreach from the church. It is my desire, as well as the Session's, that all of our members have the opportunity to *"discover, develop and deploy"* their Spiritual Gifts.

It is a privilege to serve Christ with all of you and again. Have a Blessed New Year and may our Lord enable us to stay *"On Mission – On Message – In Ministry"* so that Christ is exalted, the lost are evangelized, God's people are encouraged and equipped as we embrace a Holy Spirit-enabled Great Commitment to fulfill the Great Commission and nurture a culture of the Great Commandment in the life and ministry of Briarwood.



Matthew 6:33

WOMEN'S SPRING STUDIES 2022



Kick off the new year in the Word by joining a Women's study!

Nine studies are offered both mornings and evenings, Mondays–Thursdays.

Classes start the week of Jan. 10. Go to briarwood.org/women to register.

MEN'S STUDIES WINTER 2022

Start off the new year with four men's studies beginning the week of Jan. 10.

For study details go to briarwood.org/men.

Sunday Morning Worship Service Time Change:

Starting Sun., Jan. 9, the second Worship Service will start at 10:55 a.m.



Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 2, 2022

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

Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:26

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalms 48:10, 14

[Leader:] *As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.*

[All:] **He will guide us forever.**

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" (Spiritual)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Trinity Hymnal)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee. Amen!

***The Confession of Truth**

The Apostles' Creed

[Leader:] *Christian, what do you believe?*

[All:] I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden
things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

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 Offertory

*"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
Daniel Cason, soloist*

The Season of Worship through the Carols of Christmas

*"Build My Life" • "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 382
[Solo:]*

*Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you.*

[All:]

*Jesus, the Name above every other name.
Jesus, the only One who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you.*

[Chorus:]

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder. Show me who You are and fill me
with Your heart, and lead me in your love to those around me.*

*Jesus, the Name above every other name.
Jesus, the only One who could ever save.
Worthy of every breathe we could ever breathe.
We live for You, Oh! We live for You. (Chorus)*

*I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone
and I will not be shaken. (Repeat x2) (Chorus)*

[Solo:]

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

[Women:]

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

[Men:]

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

[All:]

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Philippians 3:7-16

The Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Jim Alexander

"That I May Know Him"

Philippians 3:7-16

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:21*

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"It Is Well with My Soul" Hymn 493 v. 4

Oh, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Croft)

*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.

"Following, Fishing, and Walking by Faith: An Old Call for a New Year"

Matthew 4:18-22

Rev. Stephen King