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"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Dr. Frank Morehead Barker, Jr.

January 31, 1932 – December 27, 2021

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 missed, not only at Briarwood and the Presbyterian Church in America where he was vitally involved as a founding leader, but also in Christ's Church throughout the world.

Dr. Barker was the founding Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church from its storefront beginnings in 1960. He was a faithful Pastor, Shepherd, Preacher and Leader for 40 years. He then continued to bless Briarwood Church as Pastor Emeritus for the last 23 years. Though rightly noted for his humility, he was also a man of great vision and persistent prayer, with an unbending confidence in Christ, his Lord and Savior. Frank loved Christ who first loved him, for "the love of Christ compelled him." He loved all that Christ loved: he loved His Word, he loved His Church, he loved the lost, and he loved to live the *Great Commandment* and fulfill the *Great Commission*.

More can, should and will be said about Frank's life in the coming days... but much of it can be summed up through the words of his favorite hymn, "To God be the Glory, great things He has done!"