

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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Spiritual Gifts

Discover, Develop, Deploy

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. 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.

Harry
Matthew 6:33



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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

A Remembrance Service

Saturday, January 8

2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

A visitation time will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Come celebrate God's glorious blessings through Dr. Barker's life and ministry.

The live-stream will be available at briarwood.org/livestream, on Facebook, and on the Briarwood App.



Dr. Frank Barker

Sunday Morning Worship Service Time Change:

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

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.

Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life

Saturday, January 15 at 10:45 a.m.

People from all walks of life will gather (rain, snow, or shine) to pray and bear witness to the fundamental right to life of every human being. The prayer vigil and witness for life will be held at Planned Parenthood, 1019 1st Avenue North, Birmingham.

For more information, go to birminghammarchforlife.com.





Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 9, 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

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20

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

“Promise Land” (Stennett)

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 (8:00)

*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 shalt 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!
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THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 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 Tithe and Our Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits 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 Confession of Truth

The Heidelberg Catechism, q. 1

[Leader:] *Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?*

[All:] **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" • "Revelation Song"

[Solo:]

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.

[All:] [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.

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, rolls of 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

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***†The Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

I. Lifestyle Stewardship in Biblical Perspective
Discovering, Developing and Deploying our Spiritual Gifts
"Servant Stewardship Embraced"
Isaiah 9:1-7

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

"The Church's One Foundation" (Stone)

*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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