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Welcome to 2022! With this new year, I am so excited to see how the Lord is going to use our emphasis on Spiritual Gifts. As we seek to Discover, Develop and Deploy our gifts for the Kingdom of God, I'm reminded of how Ephesians tells us "...to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." So how can we commit to putting off the old self and to putting on the new self in Christ?

Here are three practical steps to help: **1. Ask God** to help you through prayer. **2. Join a Bible study** where you can be encouraged and held accountable to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ by the Word of God with other believers. Some of these studies are offered through our MidWeek ministry on Wednesday nights or our Men and Women of the Covenant studies throughout the week. **3. Get Evangelism training.** During MidWeek we will have our Evangelism training class called Bridge To Life. This group will focus on the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission and on giving you a simple way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are just starting these groups so please plan to participate. This is a great opportunity to join others who are seeking to put off the old self and put on the new. For more information about MidWeek go to briarwood.org/midweek. For information on Men of the Covenant go to briarwood.org/men and for Women of the Covenant go to briarwood.org/women. You can also call 205-776-5338 and I am happy to answer any questions. If our focus is to Discover, Develop and Deploy our Spiritual Gifts, then let's ask God to do this great work in our lives starting today!

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Join Us!

In-person Wednesday nights Fellowship Dinner starts at 5:15 Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m.

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



Prayer Vigil and Witness For Life

This 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.

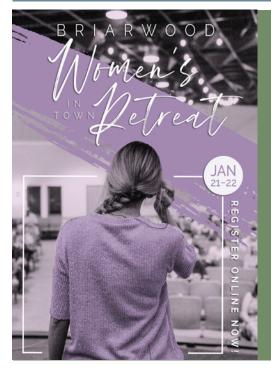
WOMEN'S SPRING STUDIES 2022

It's not too late to join a Women's stufy for the new year! Nine studies are offered both mornings and evenings, Mondays-Thursdays. Go to briarwood.org/women to register.



Men's studies are off to a great start! Join one of the four studies today.

For study details, go to briarwood.org/men.



Journeying with the Lord in All Seasons

Speaker: Anne Reddick

Friday, January 21 7:00-9:00 p.m. • Retreat Fun and Giveaways

Worship with Anne Reddick

Saturday, January 22 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m • Teaching • Breakout sessions • Lunch and fellowship

Go to briarwood.org/women for details, breakout selections and registration link.

Registration ends THIS Sunday, January 16. Sign up today!



MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – January 16, 2022

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words...' Deuteronomy 4:10

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the PsalmsPsalm 24:1[All:] The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who
dwell therein.Psalm 24:1

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"This is My Father's World" (arr. Haines) Sanctuary Choir O Lord, I come to You to acknowledge and confess that I have sinned in thought and word and deed; I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Grant to me godly sorrow for the wrong I have done and for the good I have left undone. I rejoice in the knowledge that I have forgiveness through Christ, my Lord, and accept His sacrifice on Calvary's cross on my behalf. Free me now to worship You with heart and soul and mind and strength!

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Hymn of Ascents

hts "How Great Thou Art" Hymn 4 vv. 1, 3, 4 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)

*The Confession of Truth

- [Leader:] And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;
- [All:] until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
- [Leader:] As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
- [All:] but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ,

[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

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

"O Praise the Name" (Sampson/Hastings/Ussher) "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" (Robinson/Thompson/Farren) [Praise Team:]

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet; My Savior on that cursed tree

[All:]

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

[Chorus:]

O praise the Name of the Lord our God, O praise His Name forever more. For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus x2) Oh Lord, oh Lord our God Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer? There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing; all is mine. Yet not I, but through Christ in me. The night is dark but I am not forsaken; For by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing; For in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome; Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon; And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing; I am free. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus; For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me. (Repeat)

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me; Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

*The Prayer of Illumination

*[†]The New Testament Reading

The Exposition of God's Word

II. Spiritual Gifts in Biblical Perspective Discovering, Developing and Deploying Our Spiritual Gifts "Framing the Stewardship of Spiritual Gifts" I Peter 4:7-11

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

*The Pastoral Benediction

*The Congregational Affirmation

"All For Jesus!" (Trinity)

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs, All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings, Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

The Postlude

"Like a River Glorious" (Havergal)

*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 10:55 service, please pick up K4-3rd grade children in the Children's Auditorium.

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I Peter 4:7-11

Pastor Reeder