

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 29, 2022 •

“Way of the Flags”

Dedicate A Flag

In memory or honor of someone
for our Christianity in America Celebration.

Dedications can be made for \$15
from Sunday, May 29 through Sunday, June 19.

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Active Duty Military

Help update our list of military members and
family members. Provide us with name, rank, branch
of service, and their relationship to you.

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Go to briarwood.org/america
or email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org
by Sunday, June 19.



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Officer Nominations

The Bible calls the members of the church to “select from among themselves” those leaders whom God has called, gifted and affirmed. Therefore, each year the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2025 are being accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available by emailing lreese@briarwood.org, online at briarwood.org/officernomination or at the information stations throughout the church.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 31.

NEW CREATION

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL 2022

JUNE 6-10

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

RISING K5-6TH GRADE

We would love for you to pre-register your children by June 1 at briarwood.org/vbs. You may also register the first day of VBS in FH E&F at 8:30 a.m.

To volunteer email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Guest Speaker this Sunday



Rev. Billy Barnes

It is our joy and privilege to have in the pulpit Rev. Billy Barnes this Sunday, May 29. Rev. Barnes is the son-in-law of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank Barker, brother-in-law to Frank Barker III and Peggy Townes, and husband to the late Anita Barker Barnes. He is the father of four children: Taylor, Francie, Richard and Robby. Many of you know Taylor Barnes, who serves on staff in our Missions Department with the BIO Ministry.

Billy served on the staff at Briarwood for several years before he and Anita moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, to plant a church in 1998. In 2013 they moved to Nashville to serve on the pastoral staff at Covenant Presbyterian Church. He now works at the Center for Executive Leadership in Birmingham. Join us in welcoming Billy back to Briarwood!



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

COME LEND A HELPING HAND!

49TH PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY • JUNE 21-24, 2022 • BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
"Purified To Proclaim"

Youth & Children Activities

On June 22 and 23, volunteers (31) are needed to help with activities.

If you are interested, contact Jason Ellerbee at jellerbee@briarwood.org.

General Volunteering

Needs range from registration to ushering and more. Find out how you can help and sign up at briarwood.org/ga.



Celebration of Worship

Morning Services of Divine Worship – Ascension Sunday, May 29, 2022

Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher
Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 24:3–5

Leader: *Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?*

All: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

O most great, most just and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful and have come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Your holy worship and name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors, not sought first your Kingdom and righteousness, and have not been content with our daily bread. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess You alone are our hope. Make us Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, our only Savior. Amen. –Richard Baxter, 1661

The Choral Introit

"Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?" vv. 1, 2, 4, 5
(Clowney / arr. Haines)

Invocation

Gospel Word of Salvation

Greeting of Grace and Peace*

Hymn of Ascents*

"God of Our Fathers" Hymn 573 vv. 1, 3, 4

The Confession of Truth*

Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 53

Leader: *How was Christ exalted in His ascension?*

All: **Christ was exalted in His ascension in that, having often appeared to and conversed with His apostles after His resurrection, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, He visibly went up into the highest heavens forty days after His resurrection, in our nature and as our head, triumphing over His enemies. He went there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections to heaven, and to prepare a place for us, where He Himself is and will continue until His second coming at the end of the world.**

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes 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

Musical Offering of Worship

"America the Beautiful" Hymn 572
Ron and Luke Philley

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*

"Our Great God" (Ortega / Mott)
"Great Are You Lord" (Ingram / Jordan / Leonard)

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... II Timothy 3:16

Prayer of Illumination*

Old Testament Reading*†

Psalm 67

Exposition of God's Word

Rev. Billy Barnes

"Blessing the Nations"
Psalm 67

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Pastoral Benediction*

Congregational Affirmation*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymn 97 v. 1

Postlude

*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.

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.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at briarwood.org/livestream.

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Fellowship of Worship

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Benny Parks

Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1-2

Leader: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

All: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

Prayer of Invocation

Ascension Hymns of Praise*

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” Hymn 106

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Hymn 233

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” Hymn 234

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“There’s Something About That Name” Hymn 102

Daniel Cason

Scripture & Sermon

Dr. Olan Stubbs

“What’s Missing?”

Revelation 2:1-7

The Ordination and Installation of Micah Evans and Rob Looper

Benediction*

Rev. Micah Evans

Doxology*

John Haines

Postlude

Morning Worship – The Lord’s Day morning worship services are live and in person at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. They are also streamed on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV, Roku and the Briarwood App. For more info go to briarwood.org/watch.

Sunday School Communities – Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. For a complete list of classes go to briarwood.org/sundayschool.

Evening Worship – Evening worship is at 6:00 p.m., and is also streamed on the Briarwood Website, Facebook Live, Apple TV, Roku and the Briarwood App.