**Welcome, Guest**

We’re delighted you are worshipping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. I pray that this morning’s worship will be all about Him and not about us, and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

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**Calendar of the Week**

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at briarwood.org/calendar.

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         | * 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
         | * 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship Service - Worship Center
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         | * 1:30 p.m. Evening Worship - Worship Center |
| MONDAY    | No activities                                                          |
| TUESDAY   | * 10:00 a.m. Dr. Barker’s Bible Study - A201
         | * 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room                      |
| WEDNESDAY | * 9:30 a.m. WOC Precept Bible Study: Revelation - A201
         | * 9:30 a.m. Prayer for Our Nation - Women: Prayer Room/Men: W203
         | * 6:30 p.m. WOC Precept Bible Study: Revelation - E208
         | * 6:00 p.m. Memorial Day Dinner - FH
         | * 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Barkers’ - 3181 Dolly Ridge Dr.         |
| THURSDAY  | * 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study at the Barkers’ |
| FRIDAY    | * 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfasts - Barkers’, Thomases’             |
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**For God’s glory**

We are committed to equipping Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

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**Announcements**

* Children’s Ministry tonight—Raising K5-1st grade meet in M111 for ABC Memory with Cindy Reeder and Abby Lieb. Raising 2nd-6th grade meet in the Gym for a lesson and games.
* The church and school offices will be closed on Mon., May 25 for Memorial Day.
* Ladies, learn all about essential oils on Sat., May 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the New Direction Ministry in Fairfax with Jenny Baselin from Young Living. RSVP at briarwood.org. Also, volunteers are needed for the summer...we’re open Wed.-Sat., from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
* For Christ, His Cross and His Crown,
  Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

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**Deadline is June 7. Go to briarwood.org/flag or go by the Membership Office.**

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**Add “the colors” to the Way of the Flags—Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone to be used during our annual Christianity in America Celebration. Deadline is June 7. Go to briarwood.org/flag or by go by the Membership Office.**

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**Birmingham Theological Seminary summer registration is open. Summer registration is open. Semester classes begin June 1. Call 776-5356 for more information or visit birminghamseminary.org.**

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**Camp Briarwood registration available for all six weeks of camp. For information and a form, visit campbriarwood.org or call 776-5237. Make great memories this summer!**

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**B.C.S. has limited space availability in K4 and K5 fall classes. Contact Kelly Mooney, Admissions Dir., at kmooney@bcsk12.org for further information or 776-5812.**

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**Today InPerspective airs weekdays at 1:00, 5:15 and 9:00 p.m. on WLJR, 88.5 FM, and at playwljr.com.**

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**Job Openings**—1) The Global Missions Ministry seeks a full-time Admin. Assistant to serve our new Missions Pastor, the Global Missions Team, and as office mgr. Send resumes to glane@briarwood.org. 2) Part-time Admin. Assistant for Briarwood Intl Outreach—primarily serving international congregations. Send resumes to glane@briarwood.org. 3) Foundations Early Learning and Family Center in Fairfield seeks four full-time positions with competitive salaries and some benefits—Program Dir., Admin Coordinator, and (2) 3K teachers. Apply at applications@foundationselfc.org.
The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

*The Greeting of Grace and Peace

*The Gospel Word of Salvation

The Invocation

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist
Rev. Clay Campbell, Minister of Worship
Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

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

The Calling of God’s People

I will thank You in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise You. Psalm 35:18

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The Service of Worship

The Choral Anthem of Worship and Praise

*When Is Our Music God Is Glorified* (arr. Hayes) Chancel Choir and Orchestra

*The Confession of Truth

The Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 68

*The Confession of God’s Providence

*The Sining of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* - "Behold Our God"

*The Proclamation of God’s Word

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

*The Prayer of Illumination

*The Reading of God’s Word from the New Testament

*The Exposition of God’s Word

Matthew 13

*The Prayers of Illumination

*The Proclamation of God’s Providence

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*The Choral Exposition of God’s Providence

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*The Petition in God’s Providence

*The Holy Hymns of God’s Providence

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* Hymn 97

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*The Petitioning of God’s Providence

I call upon the LORD; Who is worthy to be praised... Psalm 18:3

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*The Adoration of God’s Glory

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*The Bringing of God’s Gifts and Our Offerings

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

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INTRODUCTION/REVIEW
The Parable ministry of Jesus not only reveals that He is the Messiah, but also reveals the spiritual disposition of the hearer and then accelerates it.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER
The fate of the seed is determined by the condition of the soil.

THE HARD GROUND HEARER
Hard-ground hearers of the Gospel produce no plant and therefore no fruit, because they have neither heart interest nor heart understanding.

THE ROCKY GROUND HEARER
The Condition Of The Soil

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THE LESSON ACCORDING TO CHRIST

LIFE TAKEAWAY