

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we first begun.

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has 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 has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Service of Celebration
for the life of
Frank Morehead Barker, Jr.



Briarwood Presbyterian Church
January 8, 2022

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.’”
Matthew 25:23*

Frank Morehead Barker, Jr.

January 31, 1932 – December 27, 2021

Dr. Barker was preceded in death by his parents
Frank M. Barker, Sr. and Annie Lee Barker

And his sister
Minnie Lee Barker (Wiley) Livingston.

He is survived by his loving wife
Barbara Barker

His children
Anita (Billy) Barnes, Frank (Pam) Barker, III
Peggy (Tim) Townes

His fourteen grandchildren and
nine great-grandchildren (plus two on-the-way).

Frank graduated from Ramsey High School in 1949.
He attended Auburn University, earned an engineering degree, then
became a Navy jet fighter pilot and flew during the Korean War.

After a few close calls flying off of aircraft carriers,
Frank believed that God was trying to get his attention.

To amend his ways, he decided to attend seminary and
began pastoring a small church in Oxford, AL.

For the first time Frank questioned what it meant to be a Christian.

An Air Force chaplain explained to him that salvation came by grace
through faith in Christ. His life was completely transformed.

In 1960 Frank started Briarwood Church in a storefront in Cahaba Heights.

There, he and Barbara (Brown) were married, and over the next 39 years
they served side by side watching God multiply the church and
magnify Himself through their ministry.

Fueled by a vision to “reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ,”
Frank oversaw the founding of Briarwood Christian School, Birmingham
Theological Seminary, Campus Outreach, Briarwood Ballet, Briarwood Camp
and ministries to business and medical professionals.

In 1973 Frank helped to form the Presbyterian Church in America.
Until his final breath, he faithfully served the Lord and shared His Word.

He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and thousands
upon thousands of those who came to know Jesus because of his life.

Order of Worship

Prelude Rev. Daniel Cason and Mr. Hunter Goff

Processional Dr. John Haines
“For All the Saints”

Call to Worship and Invocation Rev. Tom Caradine

“Amazing Grace” Dr. John Haines

A Legacy to the Family Rev. Billy Barnes

A Blessing to the Church Dr. Harry Reeder

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” Grandchildren

Ministry of the Word Dr. Randy Pope

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Dr. John Haines

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 power, 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,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Benediction Dr. Harry Reeder

Recessional Dr. John Haines
“To God Be the Glory”

Postlude Rev. Daniel Cason and Mr. Hunter Goff

Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall.