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NEWSLETTER



WOMEN'S RETREAT: FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

Join us February 1-3, 2019 in Huntsville, AL for our Briarwood Women's Retreat.

Location:

This year's retreat will be in Huntsville, AL a short 1 ½ hours drive from Birmingham. Huntsville is a one-of-a-kind place that prides itself on its past and looks ahead to its future. You will enjoy an area steeped in warm, welcoming Southern hospitality and vibrant, bustling culture. Experience the beauty of Huntsville's outdoor areas, the thrill of local sports teams, the bustle of Rocket City nightlife, our rich history and a wide array of exciting entertainment options.

Our accommodations will be provided by Element Huntsville. The Element Huntsville is part of the Westin Huntsville located at 6810 Governors West NW in Huntsville, AL.

Speaker:

Abby Hutto is the Director of Spiritual Formation at Story Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio. She also works for Parakaleo, a ministry that comes alongside women in ministry, as a group leader and trainer.

Study:

This retreat weekend we will look at Jesus' interactions with women from the Gospel of John. We will see Him enter into and meet us in our desperation, shame, grief and pain, and our

worship. Each talk looks at how we misjudge the character of our Heavenly Father, especially in moments of darkness. We will look at how Jesus lovingly enters into these situations and reveals the heart of His Father to each woman and to us. We will see that the only reasonable response to such a Savior is a life completely oriented around him. Let's encounter Jesus.

Details:

Retreat price includes charter bus transportation, two night hotel stay, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, and Saturday lunch.

Per person

Private Room (limited): \$285

Double Occupancy: \$235

Triple Occupancy: \$200

Quad Occupancy: \$175

**You are responsible for coordinating your roommates.*

Check-in begins at 4:00 pm Friday with the retreat kick off at 7:00 pm. Dinner is on your own Friday evening.

For more information and to register:
www.briarwood.org/wocretreat

Registration Deadline is January 9th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January WOC Bible Studies Start

February 1-3 Women's Retreat

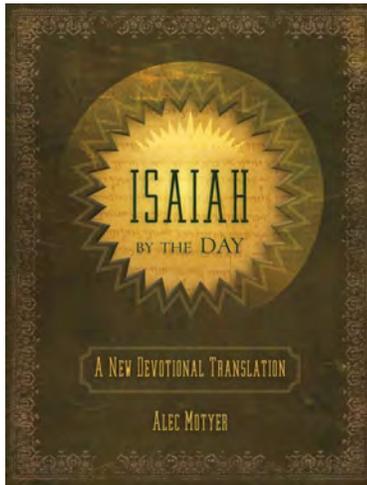
February 16 Hispanic Congregation Women's Conference

February 26 WOC Missionary Coffee

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MONDAYS: STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ISAIAH



Study Overview: Join us as we continue in this year-long study which moves chapter by chapter through the book of Isaiah, exploring Israel's history and the prophecy of the coming Messiah. The group is open to women of all ages and seasons of life. Attendance in the fall is not a requirement for the spring study.

Study Leader: Brooke Wadsworth

Start Date: January 7th

Meetings: Mondays at 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Room: M200

Additional Information: Reading Homework • Childcare Available

TUESDAYS: PSALM 23 BY JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD



Study Overview: Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into women who are weary and unsure of their next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life.

In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.

Tuesday Morning Study at 9:30 am

Study Leader: Mary Anne Turnbull & Karen Duffey

Start Date: January 8th

Room: G-101

Books: Available in Briarwood Bookstore

Additional Information: Medium Homework • Childcare Available a.m. only

Tuesday Evening Study at 6:15 pm

Study Leader: Liz Entekin

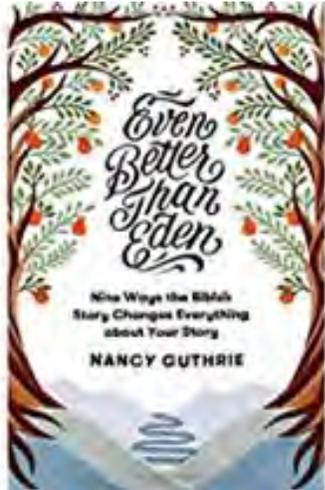
Start Date: January 8th

Room: G-101A

Books: Available in Briarwood Bookstore

Additional Information: Medium Homework

TUESDAYS: EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN BY NANCY GUTHRIE



Study Overview: Most people--Christians and non-Christians alike--are familiar with the garden of Eden, the perfect paradise that God created for the first man and woman. However, many don't realize the Bible teaches that God is preparing an even better world for his people in the future new creation. In this book, experienced Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie traces 9 themes--the tree of life, garden and wilderness, the image of God, clothing, Sabbath rest, marriage, the seed of the Serpent, the temple, and the city of Jerusalem--throughout the Bible, revealing how God's plan for the new heaven and the new earth is far better than anything we can possibly imagine. What's more, she shows how this better world is already having an impact in the world today. Combining theological depth with warmth and accessibility aimed at addressing today's needs, this book will help individuals or small groups understand the story of God's plan for the future of his people

Study Leader: Cindy Reeder

Start Date: January 8th

Meetings: Tuesdays at 9:30

Room: Fellowship Hall A

Books: Available in Briarwood Bookstore

Additional Information: Medium Homework • Childcare Available

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: CAROLINE CIRCLE



Recommended for: Women of all ages looking for a special time of fellowship, prayer and teaching.

Study Leader: Jan Clark

Start Date: January

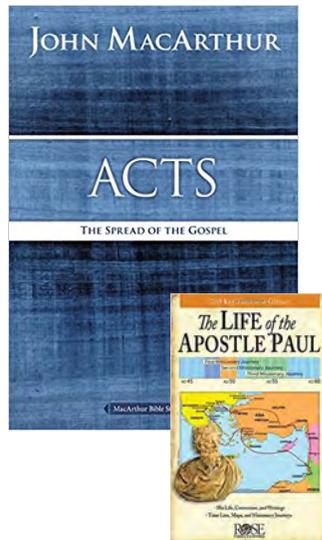
Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

Location: Caroline House

Cost: No Cost

Additional Information: Childcare available

WEDNESDAYS: ACTS BY JOHN MACARTHUR



Study Overview: Luke's book of Acts picks up where his Gospel left off, providing details of the birth and early years of the church that Jesus promised to build. Together the two books, Luke and Acts, form a comprehensive and seamless account of how the followers of Jesus "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) by taking the good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). "More than a history book, however, the book of Acts serves as a valuable resource for today's believers who find themselves living in an increasingly secular and pluralistic culture."

Study Leader: Donna Evans

Start Date: January 9th

Meetings: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Room: M-111

Cost: Available in Briarwood Bookstore

Additional Information: Light Homework • Childcare Available

WEDNESDAYS: WOC FIRST PRINCIPLES OF STUDYING & TEACHING

Study Overview: Ladies, this class will focus on the foundational principles for studying and teaching the Bible. Whether you teach a group or teach your own children, join us as we learn to better understand and rightly handle the Word of God. The skills presented allow us to more clearly listen to what the text itself communicates.

The class is limited to 20 women and requires a nonrefundable pre-registration of \$20. To preregister: www.briarwood.org/women.

Study Leader: Kristie Harrick

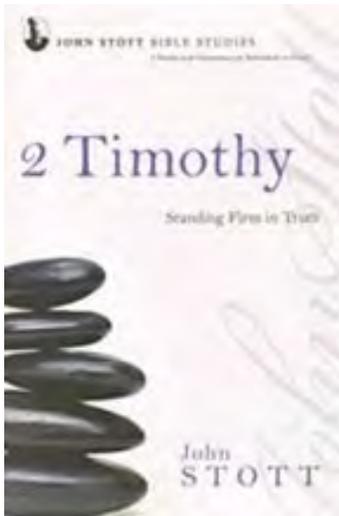
Start Date: January 9th

Room: G-103

Cost: Required Pre-registration of \$20

Additional Information: Medium Homework • Childcare Available

THURSDAYS: 2 TIMOTHY BY JOHN STOTT



Study Overview: Our study begins this quarter with a look at some basic Bible literacy tips and tools using Jen Wilkin's excellent book *Women of the Word*. We will then use those skills to study 2 Timothy, the Apostle Paul's last recorded letter. With his last words, Paul challenges Timothy to suffer for, continue in, and guard the Gospel. With his words, the apostle summons us, as he summoned Timothy, to be strong, brave and steadfast.

Study Leader: Donna Evans

Start Date: January 10th

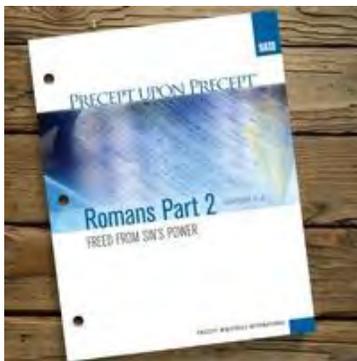
Meetings: Thursdays at 9:30 am

Room: G-101

Cost: Available in Briarwood Bookstore

Additional Information: Light Homework • Childcare Available

THURSDAYS: PRECEPT - ROMANS, PART 2



Study Overview: Join us as we continue in our study in the book of Romans. In Romans chapters 1-5 we examined the doctrine of justification. We learned we all have sinned, but we are declared righteous by God, only by faith in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. We are now free from the guilt and power of sin! But how do we live day to day in the power of the Holy Spirit not giving into the flesh? In Romans chapters 6-8 we will explore the amazing doctrine of sanctification.

Study Leader: Windsu Kelly, Bingham Carlson, Cassandra Bullington

Start Date: February 7th

Meetings: Thursdays at 9:30 am

Room: Fellowship Hall - A

Cost: \$24 book available in Women's Ministry Office

Additional Information: Heavy Homework • Childcare Available

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROLINE HOUSE: FOLLOW-UP

Thank you all so much for making taking our Christmas at the Caroline House (CCH) outreach event a wonderful time! Anita Barnes did a wonderful job of encouraging us to keep the "One Thing—Jesus" our focus as we enter this season. We all laughed and enjoyed the entertainment of Tammy Moore, Julie Sasse and Hannah Martin. Then the evening was topped off by the beautifully decorated Caroline House. Thank you decorators for using your talent for this outreach event!

Most of you know, this was my very first CCH so I had no idea what to expect in terms of attendance, program, decorations and the large volume of volunteers. Needless to say – I was overwhelmed at the generosity of our women in giving of their time and talents. We had over 100 volunteers and countless staff members involved in making this evening happen.

We had over 650 women attend during the three sessions!!!! As I looked through the cards that each guest filled out for the door prizes, about 40% of those who attended

were guests and visitors to Briarwood. While most of these guests were members of sister churches in the area, over 40 cards were filled out that did not list any church affiliation. Please join me in praying for these women that the Lord would be pleased to bring them to Himself during this Christmas season. Let us also pray for the Briarwood women who brought these individuals to the event – that they may have opportunities for further gospel conversations.

Finally, I also wanted to let you know that through the generosity of the women who attended, we had 46 books purchased for the Foundations Early Learning Center during our event.

Thank you to everyone involved in serving and thank you to everyone who came to the event. I pray you were blessed by the fellowship, food, focused message, entertainment and beautifully decorated show house!

To see more pictures from the event, visit www.briarwood.org/women and look under the Image Gallery.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- February 16** The Briarwood Hispanic Congregation's women will host a conference for Spanish speaking women. Watch for information about how you can help serve at this event.
- February 26** We will host the WOC Missionary Coffee the morning of the 26th. Watch for details on attending the event and how you can help us pamper our visiting missionaries with gifts. More details coming.

Pics from Christmas at the Caroline House

