Preparing for Briarwood Women’s Ministries in 2020!

The Women’s Ministry Team is looking forward to 2020 and the many opportunities to engage in discipleship, community and outreach! As we look to expand in these areas, we know that we need your wisdom, giftings, and discernment to help us move forward. Our small Women’s Ministry Team can not do this on our own – we need you! For many of our upcoming events/activities we would love to put together steering committees made up of women who have the skills and passion to take the lead for a particular event. We would ask you to prayerfully consider if one of these steering committees is a right fit for you. We do ask that you not sign up for multiple steering events, but consider the one that might be the best use of your giftings.

Throughout this newsletter and located on our website, you will see opportunities to sign up to serve on the steering committee for the following:

- Missionary Coffee Steering Committee
- Working Women Steering Committee
- March Fellowship Steering Committee
- Cookbook Steering Committee
- WellHouse Team
- Mentoring Team
- Summer Fellowship Steering Committee
- Fall Kickoff Steering Committee

Remember these are opportunities to serve on the steering committee at this point. Later, as the steering committee develops the plans to move forward with their assigned event, there will be many more opportunities to sign up as volunteers. So, if serving on a steering committee is not the best use of your giftings or it is not the right season in your life, please wait and sign up to serve in the volunteer roles as they become available.

In this newsletter, you will read about one upcoming event that we are in need of volunteers:

Nancy Guthrie Conference

We are excited about 2020 and what the Lord has in store for us. We will continue to add opportunities for steering committees, volunteers, and opportunities for participation throughout the year. I look forward to serving alongside you this coming year!
Saturday, February 1, 2020 | Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Over three energetic and interactive sessions, discover how tracing the Bible’s major themes helps us to grasp its important message.

For more information or to register go to briarwood.org/women

**Tickets are $30 through January 25th **

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The Nancy Guthrie Conference on Biblical Theology is right around the corner and we need your help to make it happen. We have opportunities for women to serve with registration/check-in, book table sales, food/snack service and as first aid attendants for the event. Nancy Guthrie has asked that all volunteers register and pay to attend the event. Then, they will have their choice of receiving a $20 voucher to be used at the book table, or keeping their volunteer apron that has the workshop logo on it. All volunteers will be able to participate in the full conference. You will not miss sessions that you have paid for.

If you are interested in volunteering but not attending the conference, we welcome your help as well. When you sign-up please indicate that you are volunteering but not participating in the event.

To sign-up please visit our Sign-Up Genius page: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacf23a2f94-nancy
Committee #1: Missionary Coffee Steering Committee

Mark your calendar for the annual Women’s Missionary Coffee held during the Global Ministry Conference. This year the Missionary Coffee will be Tuesday, February 25th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome 15 missionary women from around the globe. Come enjoy light refreshments, prayer, and a word from one of our visiting missionary women.

As part of our time together, we will shower our visiting missionaries with a “favorite things” gift bag. We are collecting “favorite” items such as cute dish towels, new books, lotions, stationary, pens, bookmarks, frames, small kitchen items, lip balms, bookstore gift certificates or other “favorites” they would enjoy. Please help us fill their bags. Bring items to the Women’s Ministry office (A106) by Monday, February 17th. We appreciate any donation of money or items that you can make, and we know that our missionary women will appreciate them also!

We ask that the following items not be donated: used items, hotel samples, old dvds, candles, potpourri, strong smelling soaps, or heavy items. Remember our missionaries will need to transport these items overseas. For a detailed list of what to give and not to give, please visit briarwood.org/women.

We are currently putting together a team of 5 women to help organize and lead this event. If you are interested in serving as a team leader, please register at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084caca2f94-missionary

There will be further opportunities to volunteer for this special event. Stay tuned for more details!

One final item, to help us with food preparation we would like to know if you are planning to attend the Missionary Coffee. If you are, please email Katie Russell at krussell@briarwood.org before February 14th.

Committee #2: Working Women Steering Committee

We are putting together a group of 4-5 working women who can come together to discuss ideas for how to foster relationships with other Briarwood women who work outside of the home. This steering committee will discuss ideas about how to connect Briarwood working women with each other, WBL, and how to address issues particular to the working mom.

If you are interested please sign up to serve on the Steering Committee for 2020: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084caca2f94-working This committee will meet in the evening beginning in mid-February.

Committee #3: March Fellowship Steering Committee

Ladies, we are planning a fellowship event for Friday, March 13, 2020. We have lots of ideas that we are considering. But, we need about 6-8 women who love fellowship to help us work out the details and make this event happen. I would give you more details but we do not have them yet. If you are a planner; someone who enjoys fellowship; and someone who can help us connect with the women of Briarwood then please consider serving on the steering committee for this event: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084caca2f94-march
Committee #4: Cookbook Steering Committee

Yes – ladies we are considering putting together a Briarwood Women Cookbook. In order to make this happen, we need to put together a team of 5-6 highly organized and computer savvy women. If you are interested in being a part of this venture in a lead role, please sign up before the end of January: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacaf23a2f94-cookbook

Committee #5: WellHouse Team

We are putting together a team of 6-8 women who can help us formulate a plan of engagement with the women at the WellHouse. The Women’s Ministry Team has made the initial contacts and talked through some initial ideas for how the Briarwood women may want to be involved with the ministry of WellHouse. We would like to create a team of 6-8 women who can help us dialogue more and look to develop meaningful opportunities of engagement for our women and the women of the WellHouse. For more information about the WellHouse, please visit https://www.the-wellhouse.org/

If you are willing to serve in this capacity for 2020 please sign up to serve on this steering committee: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacaf23a2f94-wellhouse

Committee #6: Mentoring Team

Just the word MENTORING scares some women. As one article put it: “Many a young woman in today’s churches eagerly desires a mentor. But they have difficulty finding an older woman willing to step into that role. Older women often feel unqualified, bewildered, and fearful of over-committing. But what’s really involved? What does it take to be a mentor? Perfection? Formal training? Grandmotherhood? No. What is needed is a heart for God, experience in life, and a love for people. If you have these characteristics, you can mentor someone else.”

We are looking for a team of 5-6 women willing to serve in helping us develop a healthy mentoring “program” including training and developing mentors but also of helping us to match mentors and mentees in the church. If you have a heart for this type of ministry please consider joining this steering committee for 2020: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacaf23a2f94-mentoring
Committee #7: Summer Fellowship Steering Committee

We are changing our summer fellowship groups up a bit for summer 2020. However, to make this happen I am going to need about 6 women who can help us organize and put in place all of the details for our summer fellowships. If you are good at connecting people in the church and enjoy organizing, please sign up to serve on this steering committee: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacaf23a2f94-summer

Committee #8: Fall Kick-Off Steering Committee

This coming fall we are thinking of having a kick-off event for Women’s Ministry. After the summer we all come back ready for the fall. Having some type of kick-off event could be fun and provide the opportunity to talk about fall events and opportunities. We would like to have roughly 6-8 women help us think through this type of event for the fall. If you are a planner, like details and want to help with this event, then please consider joining this steering committee: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084cacaf23a2f94-fall

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THE BOOK OF JAMES
STEADFAST

FAITHFULLY LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

JUNE 11-13, 2020 / INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Mark your calendars and Register Now!

The Gospel Coalition Women’s Conference will be held on June 11-13, 2020 in Indianapolis, IN. This year’s focus will be on the book of James. We will not coordinate travel or housing arrangements. However, we would like to have a list of everyone going so that we can coordinate times to meet as a group at the event.

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5-Year Bible Reading Plan

The beginning of the new year is a wonderful time to consider what Bible reading plan you would like to use for the coming year. There are many wonderful options available. If you are searching for some good options, check out: [https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/](https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/)

Over the years I have tried many different plans. Some I have been successful on and others I barely made it out of February. Often times, my daily readings were so that I could check off a box rather than actually hear from the Lord through His Word. For me, I have found that I need to go at a slower pace and really focus on one book of the Bible at a time. If this is more your speed, then I would ask you to consider joining me in a 5-year Bible reading plan. Yes – you heard me correctly, it is a 5-year plan. Each month you will read through one book (a few months you will read two smaller books) and really take your time as you read and STUDY the Word.

January 2020 we will be in Genesis.
You can download the 5-year plan by visiting: [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women)

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105*
Women’s Spring 2020 Studies

There are 10 different opportunities for you to engage in the study of the Word through our women’s ministry this Spring. Most studies will begin the week of January 5-11. However, please note if you are in the Pilgrim’s Progress, your class will begin on January 14th.

Study materials for all studies, except Precept, are available in the Briarwood Bookstore for purchase beginning the week of the 5th. To learn more about what is being offered, please go to: Briarwood.org/women