I am so excited to provide you with this **Mid-May Newsletter**. In this newsletter our desire is to present you with what our plans are for this summer. Our hope is that you will read the newsletter and consider all the various opportunities for engagement, encouragement and growth. With the unique situation of social-distancing, please know that some of these opportunities may change over the course of the summer and we may be able to add in more opportunities for fellowship and engagement. We will keep you up to date on changes and new opportunities through our Facebook page (Briarwood Women of the Covenant), Instagram page (Briarwood Women), Website page (briarwood.org/women) and newsletters.

As you read this newsletter, you will notice that is has a 50’s–60’s feel. And you might wonder why such a cool and interesting look? I think it reminds us of a different time when the family had meals together, watched an evening show together, read books together, and played together as a family. And, isn’t that what we are experiencing to a certain degree? In the midst of this strange time, we have had opportunities to slow down in certain ways and engage with family around the dinner table.

Another reason for the vintage/retro vibe of the newsletter is a reminder of each generation’s call to be faithful! I am a child of the 80’s and the generation that has had the biggest impact on my life is the generation that grew up in the 50’s and 60’s…my parents group. This was the generation that taught my Sunday School classes, went on youth trips with me, discipled me, and invested in me in my formative years. I am forever grateful for this generation of men and women who cared for me.

The generation that invested in you may not be from this generation. They may be from the 30’s and 40’s or the 80’s and 90’s, etc… Whatever the generation that invested in you, take time to think on them and celebrate the fact that they were faithful to the Lord in their witness of him to the next generation. They have modeled for all of us Psalm 78:1–7.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.  
He established a testimony in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers  
to teach to their children,  
that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments

Please enjoy this retro/vintage newsletter. Let it remind you to thank those who poured into you the Gospel. And, let it be the push you need to invest in the next generation.

Grace to you

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P.S. Below are the PDF files for the 50's & 60's styled coloring sheets! We hope you enjoy!

Coloring Sheet 1
Coloring Sheet 2
Coloring Sheet 3
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