

# December 2021

# **Christmas at the Caroline House Recap**



Our Christmas at the Caroline House (CCH) outreach event was such a wonderful time of refreshment, gospel focus, and sweet fellowship! Thank you to the volunteers and staff members who helped in making this year's event a success. We welcomed over 200 women to the Kick-Off event on Monday,

November 15<sup>th</sup> and we welcomed over 350 women to tour the house on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The branding and tone of this year's CCH event was set by Holly Hollon who designed our Christmas at the Caroline House crest which was used in all of our publications, advertisements and printed materials. Every detail of the crest was placed for a purpose to remind us of the heritage of CCH and to point us towards the main focus of CCH, our Savior.

The Kick-off event on Monday provided us with the opportunity to laugh with our musical team, to celebrate with our sisters who won fabulous "giveaways", and to be refreshed as Sophie Hudson reminded us our focus for the holiday season. She encouraged us through the story of the Wise Men to embrace Christian community as we wander, wonder and offer our giftings to the Lord together during this Christmas season. If you missed her talk, you can access it through the women's page on the church website. Once you are on our page, select Christmas at the Caroline House – recap.



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### Special points of interest

- Children's Choirs Christmas Program December 5
- Walk Through Nativity December 8-10
- Briarwood Ballet December 12
- Hallelujah!
   December 19

# CCH Recap, continued



Tuesday and Wednesday the house tours were held from 10 am – 8pm. We had a fantastic time as we welcomed so many women (and a few men) in to tour the beautifully decorated house. Once again, the decorators did a fabulous job of creating a show home for the season. Each room of the house had a passage of scripture highlighted in the room through

graphic renderings provided by Rebecca Galbreath, which were also used in the corresponding Caroline House Brochure. Donna Evans provided the meditation and devotional material for the brochure that corresponded with

each room's passage of scripture. Our prayer is that the devotionals will help prepare the hearts of each attendant for the Christmas season.



As part of our event we collected

Christmas Cards for our shut-in ministry. We have sent out over 30 cards to our Briarwood family who are unable to attend in person due to health restrictions. Thank you for participating in CCH as both an inreach and outreach!



Again, 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, message, and beautifully decorated show house! To see more pictures from the event, check out our Facebook and Instagram pages.







# **CCH: Christmas Cards**



This year at the Christmas at the Caroline house we collected over 30 Christmas cards. These cards have been sent to members of our church who are shut ins or homebound to remind them that they are loved by their church family.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this beautiful ministry.

# **CCH: Scripture Posters**

The devotional booklet provided at the house tour shows the eight posters used throughout the Caroline House. Color prints are available upon request.

\$3 for 11x17

\$2 for 8 1/2 x 11.

Please submit orders to apeterson@briarwood. org by December 12th. Orders can be picked up in the Women's Ministry office





# CCH: Briarwood Women are Fancy Like...

During our CCH Kick-Off Event, Tammy Moore, Hannah Martin and Margaret Anne Owens provided the special music/entertainment. One of the songs they performed to end our program was a rewritten version of the currently popular song, <a href="Fancy Like">Fancy Like</a>. Tammy Moore rewrote the lyrics for our event and gave us permission to share them. Check out the lyrics below and view the video on our Briarwood Women's webpage by selecting Christmas at the Caroline House.

We ain't fancy, we're low maintenance
Put up the same old tired decorations
Get out the boxes, from the attic
We know the family gonna be ecstatic,
But every now and then we wanna look good
We gotta go with our girls up to Briarwood....ayy, ayy,
ayy,

And get fancy like Christmas with Caroline
Got the wreath display and the candy canes,
And the fake snow on the pinecones,
A Christmas tray with a fresh scone
Bougie like two trees with the different themes,
Girl you know it's the stuff of your Christmas dreams
Got the gifts in burlap, wrapped with twine,
That's how they do what they do, fancy like ooh,
Fancy like, ooh, fancy like ooh,

You know we fine with, the old game plan, We got the giant blow up snowman Our circumstance is, we take our chances With the plug in Santa that dances, But every now and then we wanna look good We gotta go with our girls up to Briarwood....ayy, ayy,

And get fancy like Christmas with Caroline...

All new clean placemats, no holes in 'em
Fire-place stock-ings no coal in 'em
Dirty windows on the porch got a new plan
Fake snow that comes from a spray can
Make sure the house is shipshape
Hang up all the cards with scotch tape....ayyyyy

Now we're fancy like Christmas with Caroline...







# **Thank You CCH Volunteers**

As you all know, every event has a host of people who are working hard behind the scenes to make things happen. Christmas at the Caroline House could not have happened without the help of the following people:

### **Kick Off Event:**

Speaker: Sophie Hudson Pianist: Allison Clough Welcome: Cindy Reeder

Special Music: Tammy Moore, Hannah Martin, Margaret Anne Owens

**Giveaways:** Gabriele Cook, Holly Hollon

Check-In Table: Amanda Peterson, Jessi Lidberg, Rebecca Galbreath, Leigh Ann Reese

### **Caroline House Brochure:**

Program/Art Design & overall Branding: Holly Hollon Room Graphics: Rebecca Galbreath

**Meditations/Devotional Writings:** Donna Evans

### **Caroline House Coordinators:**

Christian Terrell Gabriele Cook

### **Caroline House Decorators:**

Holly Hollon, Sloan Crawford, Susie Schor, Summer Schor, Marion Petty, Hannah Delk, Ivey O'Brien, Brenda Harris, Hannah Delk, Brenda Harris, Jackie Landerfelt, Beth Jordan, Susan Huff, Catherine Godwin, Susan Maxey, Elizabeth Jordan, Donna Evans, Rebekah Vermeer, Charleigh Steelman, Kellie Stewart, Abby Leib, Sarah Ivey, Christian Terrell, Christy Blevins, Lyndsey Holcombe, and Katie Barr

### **Caroline House Hostesses:**

Elizabeth Bondurant, Kendall Reaves, Sarah Ivey, Betsy Campbell, Linda Grinnell, Cindy Reeder, June Cork, Joy Moore, Jane Bush, Neal Haskew, Judy Donaldson, Susan Dobbs, Sandy Gority, D'onne Salmon, Connie Livingston, Sonya Stallings, Sonja Steelman, Beth Mooney, Cindy Ball, Emily Baker, Gini Beth Welch, Elizabeth Buchanan, Patricia Braxton, Nancy Hentz, Terry Millican, Beth McRae, Carol Hendrickson, Ann Palmer, Amanda Peterson

### **AV Team:**

Lee Watford Jesse Reagan

## Facilities, Maintenance and Grounds Crew:

Serving as our point person: Kate Foster

For coordinating all the furniture moving and house preps

For providing all the fresh greenery

For unlocking and locking the House every day

### **Bookstore Team:**

For selling tickets for us

# Thank You to the Following:

Click each logo to visit their website



Innova Coffee: \$10 gift card + **Christmas Advent Devotional Book** 



Chick-Fil-A: \$25 gift card



**Dogwood Hill Designs:** 2 rolls of gift wrap + gift tags



Ashley Mac's: \$25 gift card



The Lili Pad: \$50 gift card a huge thank you to Gabriele Cook and **Holly Hollon** for securing the fabulous giveaways for this year's Christmas at the Caroline house.

We also want to thank

boutiques, designers, and restaurants for

all of the various

their generous

giveaways.

We would like to extend



**Hazen & Company** Jewelry: \$100 gift card





Wrapsody: \$50 gift card



**SoHo Standard:** \$50 gift card



**Abby Little** Jessup: Hand painted ornament



**Leaf and Petal:** \$50 gift card



**Shea Davis Boutique:** \$100 gift card



**Rosegate Designs:** \$100 gift card



Cradle + Bee: \$50 gift card



**Briarwood** Bookstore: "Bring on the Merry" by **Candace Cameron Bure** 



**Nicki Parks** Cochran: **Notecards** 



The Holiday Shop: **Department 56 Nativity** 



**Donna Evans:** "Christmas Bible Bits"

As a way of showing our thanks, we would like to encourage you to visit their businesses both online and in person. When you do, please take the opportunity to thank them for participating in our event through their generous contributions.



# Journeying with the Lord in All Seasons January 21-22, 2022



► Friday Night Key Note Speaker: Anne Reddick

# **►** Schedule:

Friday night, January 21st
7:00-9:00 pm
Worship Center
Retreat Fun & Giveaways
Worship Together
Main Speaker: Anne Reddick

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 – 2:30 pm Briarwood Campus

Dessert fellowship

8:30 – 9:15 am Morning Kick Off - Worship Center 9:30 – 10:15 am Breakout session 1 – register for one topic 10:30 – 11:15 am Breakout session 2 – register for one topic 11:30 – 12:15 pm Breakout session 3 – register for one topic 12:15 – 1:30 pm Lunch & fellowship - FH 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Final session & Retreat Wrap Up - FH

# Cost:

Cost covers all retreat material, refreshments and lunch on Saturday (Trio of salads)

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$40 per person January 4<sup>th</sup> – January 16<sup>th</sup>: \$50 per person

Registration closes January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm

## ► Volunteers needed:

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our Sign Up Genius site at: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a4a928a1fec07-womens">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a4a928a1fec07-womens</a>

# ► Registration:

When you register at <a href="mailto:brian-wood.org/women">brian-wood.org/women</a> you will be asked to select **one** breakout topic for each of the three Breakout Session times. Intended audiences are listed, however, you may register for any topic of interest. The following are the topics for each of the three Breakout Session times.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dress is comfy casual. No childcare available Friday or Saturday. However, nursing moms are welcome to bring their baby as needed.

# 9:30 am – 10:15 am Breakout Session 1

- Increasing Our Gospel Fluency by Understanding the Metanarrative of Scripture with Cierra Bragan
- Monkey See, Monkey Do with Hannah Brennan
- Steadfast Hope in Seasons of Waiting with Donna Evans
- <u>Empty Nest Marriage</u> with Jenny Haines
- Bearing Fruit with Sue Lewis
- The Divorce Dilemma with Angie Reeder

# 10:30 am - 11:15 am Breakout Session 2

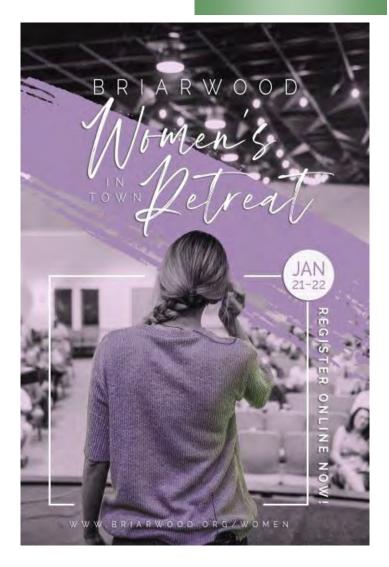
- In the Know with Kallie Davis and Abby Leib
- Forgiveness with Amy Lattner
- <u>Parenting Anxious Children,</u>
   <u>Consider the Lilies</u> with Chesley
   <u>Peed</u>
- The Wayward Child with Cindy Reeder
- All the Single Ladies with Melody Weaver and Kristie Harrick
- <u>Deepening Your Relationship with the Lord</u> with Yvonne Welch

# 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Breakout Session 3

- <u>Transitioning into Motherhood</u> with Peggy Adams and Carol Gould
- Relationships: How so we Make them Work with Annette Blake



- The Walk of a Disciple with Elizabeth Bondurant
- Finding Life Balance for Busy Moms with Elizabeth Ellerbee
- <u>Single Mothers in the Church</u> with Amanda Skinner
- <u>Discipling your College-Aged</u> <u>Women</u> with Jenna Viets, Caroline



# Click **HERE** for more info

# **Christmas Events at Briarwood**

December 5 Chi

**Children's Choirs Christmas Program** 

December 8-10

Walk Through Nativity

December 12

**Briarwood Ballet: Light Eternal** 

**December 19** 

Hallelujah! A Briarwood Christmas in Living Portraits

**December 24** 

**Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 3pm and 5pm** 

**December 24** 

**Christmas Eve Communion at 11pm** 

December 26

**Sunday Morning Service 10am only** 

Many women from
Briarwood will be
traveling to attend
TGCW22 in
Indianapolis.

If you are interested in attending, you can register <u>HERE</u>.

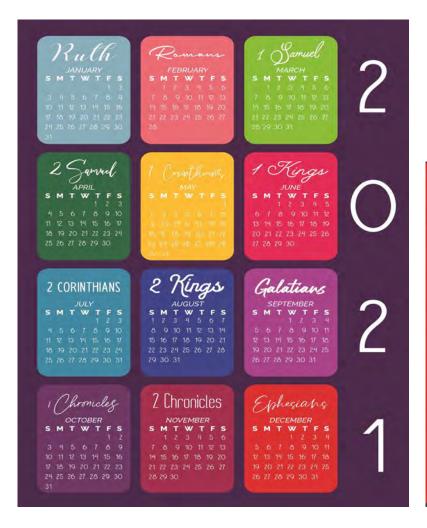
Use the discount code BRIARWOOD when registering.

# The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference June 16-18 2022 Indianapolis



**Keynote Speakers Include:** 

Nancy Guthrie, John Piper, Jen Wilkin, Jackie Hill Perry, Melissa Kruger, Courtney Doctor, and Julius Kim.



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# **Spring 2022 Daytime Women's Studies**

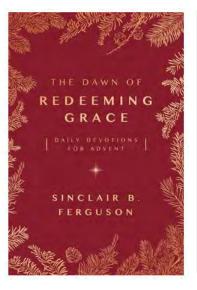
- Amos (Michele Cantley)
- 10 Commandments: Part 2 (Cindy Reeder)
- The Word of the Lord by Nancy Guthrie (Mary Anne Turnbull)
- Precept NIS: 2 Kings/2 Chronicles (Leigh Ann Holmes)
- 1 and 2 Peter (Elizabeth Bondurant and Amanda Peterson)
- Philippians (Yvonne Welch)
- Lessons from the Upper Room, John part 2 (Donna Evans)

# These advent devotionals and many more can be found in the church

bookstore.

Click <u>HERE</u> for the bookstore website and to shop online.

# **Recommended Advent Devotionals**



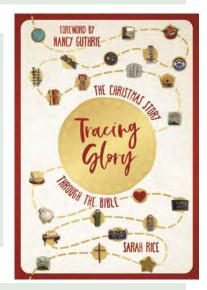
# The Dawn of Redeeming Grace Sinclair Ferguson

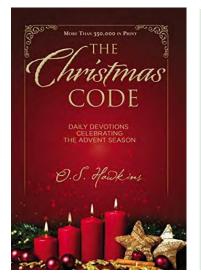
As dawn broke on that first Christmas morning, the sun rose on a new era: God's king had come to earth to bring about his kingdom.

Reflecting on the first two chapters of Matthew, this advent will help you to arrive at Christmas Day awed by God's redeeming grace and refreshed by the hope of God's promised king.

# Tracing Grace: The Christmas Story Through the Bible Sarah Rice

This 24-day advent will help your family to understand the birth of Christ as the climactic event of a much larger story — a story about God's mission to redeem sinful people for his glory. This can be used with children of all ages.





The Christmas Code
O.S. Hawkins

The holidays can be a busy time! Keep your heart and mind focused on Jesus with this 25-day advent devotional tracing the story of Jesus from its earliest roots in the Old Testament to God's gift of salvation. Each entry features a Scripture passage, inspirational thought, "code word," and prayer of reflection.