

FEBRUARY 2024

BRIARWOOD *Women's Ministry*

By the time I entered graduate school, all of my grandparents had passed away except for one. I realized that I no longer had access to hear directly from them about stories of their youth, life, marriage, etc. This prompted me to ask my last living grandparent, my Grandma Harrick, to write me a letter telling me about her love story. I absolutely love and treasure this letter. I love it because it tells of their first meeting and their courtship. I love the way she describes my grandfather as having a twinkle in his eyes. Most of all, I love this letter because it is from a woman I dearly love! To this day, I can pull it out and reread it and it feels as if the stories she shares just happened yesterday!

Letters communicate more than the words on the page. They convey our hopes, our prayers, our fondest shared memories. Letters communicate our heart to another. Sadly, the art of writing letters is fading. In our hurried pace of life, we do not take the time to convey in our own handwriting our heart to a friend, family member or loved one.

I would like to ask you to write two letters/cards this month.

1. Would you consider writing a card or short letter for our Missionary Coffee. We collect encouraging notes for our women missionaries to let them know that we are praying for them. The letter/card is not addressed to a particular missionary; instead, we collect "generic" letters/cards and then divide them amongst the missionaries. Each year the missionaries have expressed to us that these cards/letters have been a great source of encouragement to them. These letters/cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office, A 106, through February 21st.

2. Would you consider writing a card or short letter to Julie Elmer, our former Women's Ministry Coordinator. While Julie's Alzheimers' illness is progressing and we do not know how much she will understand or comprehend from a letter/card, we do know that these letters will be a source of encouragement for her husband and children as they read your remembrances of joyful times with Julie. These need to be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office, A106, by February 26th.

Kristie



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Special points of interest

- Working Women's Dinner
February 8
- Missionary Coffee
February 27
- Missions Conference
February 25-March 3
- Pathway to Preparation
March 15-16

Women's In Town Retreat

This year's In Town Retreat theme was: By Design. Our focus was understanding Biblical Womanhood. We had over 250 women register to attend this conference which was led by Courtney Denton. Courtney unpacked for us a Biblical picture of what it means to be a Woman. We started with Image Bearer, Helper Design and then finished with our call to be a Life Giver. Our breakout sessions continued with our By Design theme as they tackled relationships, the tongue, prayer life, discipleship and much more. Our times of worship focused our attention on our great God. The weekend was a wonderful time of worship, study in the word, and fellowship with our sisters.





All audio from the retreat key note speaker and breakout session is available on the Briarwood website.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Follow-up questions from the retreat will be answered beginning in the March newsletter.





The In Town Retreat could not have happened without the following:

- Courtney Denton's teaching our 3 main sessions
- The 6 session leaders/speakers who spoke Saturday during the breakout sessions: Cierra Bragan, Elizabeth Bondurant, Amy Barrett Downs, Brooke Hunt, Amy Lattner, Amanda Leon, and Linda Smedley
- Hannah Brennan leading us in worship along with Kate Adcock, Elizabeth Jordan and Tiffany Reebals
- Sherri Blahnik for our lunch
- Rebecca Galbreath for the Retreat graphics
- The AV team and Facilities Team
- The 32 women who served on the prayer team, check-in team, and set up team.



Tuesday, February 27
9:30am – 11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy light refreshments, coffee, prayer and a time to hear from our visiting missionary ladies!

Nursery Reservations Required briarwood.org/nursery
For more information, go to briarwood.org/women.

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Women's Missionary Coffee

We need your help!



We would like to **ask that you write an encouragement card** with a favorite verse or two for our visiting missionaries.

The cards will be general in nature – please do not address them to a specific missionary. We do ask, as you write the card, that you pray for the missionary that will receive your card of encouragement. Our office will collect the cards and then we will divide them amongst all the women missionaries who can join us for the Missionary Coffee.

Along with the cards, we will provide each missionary with a gift card for them to make purchases of items that are needed.

**Please drop all cards off in the Women's Ministry Office (A106)
between February 1st – 21st.**

Nursery will be available for the Missionary Coffee with reservations:
briarwood.org/nursery

Mark your calendar for our next
Working Women's Fellowship Dinner

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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We would like to invite you to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, engagement and encouragement from those with shared experiences.

Thursday, February 8th

G101

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Dinner is \$10 at the door

Please let us know you are coming by registering at briarwood.org/women

2024

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Studies start the week of January 8

Starting Feb. 5

MONDAYS

10:00 AM

EZRA & NEHEMIAH

Michele Cantley

A-202 & Zoom

TUESDAYS

9:30 AM

TITUS

Amanda León and
Mary Anne Turnbull

G-101

TUESDAYS

9:30 AM

1 & 2 PETER

Cindy Reeder and
Mary Lou Morrison

Fellowship Hall A

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM

2 KINGS

Kristie Harrick and
Elizabeth Bondurant

G-101

THURSDAYS

9:30 AM

JOHN

Yvonne Welch

G-103

THURSDAYS

9:30 AM

HEBREWS

Donna Evans

G-101

Nursery Available.
Reservation required at
briarwood.org/nursery.






REGISTER FOR STUDIES ONLINE AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN.



Mentoring Opportunities

Mentoring. Pairing based around a book study of a focused topic. There is an expectation that the mentor would influence, provide guidance and direction to the mentee as subjects come up in a book study or through conversation. The relationship is once a week for a one semester commitment of time.

Recommended Books:

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- Growing Together by Melissa Kruger
 - Everyday Faithfulness by Glenna Marshall
 - The Gospel Centered Woman by Wendy Alsup
 - In His Image by Jen Wilkin
 - The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield
 - Crazy Busy by Kevin DeYoung
 - Growing in Gratitude by Mary Mohler

Life on Life Relationships. This is an informal introduction to a relationship with someone of another generation. It is built around coffee or lunch, hobbies or shared interests. The pair commits to meet on a regular basis every other week for 5 to 6 months. The hope is that gospel- centered conversations will naturally occur through a growing friendship.

Discipleship. The disciple is committed to entering into a relationship with a discipler who will help them grow in their spiritual disciplines through weekly meetings with homework and focused discussions related to spiritual growth and vitality. The commitment is one semester at a time through a set curriculum. We would provide training for those discipling someone. This Spring 2024 we are providing opportunities for women to engage in Mentoring and Life on Life Relationship opportunities. We are not prepared to offer Discipleship opportunities yet; however, if you are interested in learning how to be a Discipler keep watch for trainings this spring.

**Pairings will be made by
late February 2024**

**Registration opens February 1 at
BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN**



PATHWAY TO PREPARATION

Join us for this weekend, hands-on workshop for women who are interested in growing in their skills as Bible teachers, small group leaders and / or individuals just interested in enhancing their understanding of how to rightly understand the Word of God in their personal study.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Friday, March 15 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM &
Saturday, March 16 • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Located in Room A-209

REGISTER ONLINE

[BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN](https://briarwood.org/women)
Cost \$20 (includes materials
and Saturday Lunch)



Ladies Fitness Class

Want to get fit and make new friends? Come try Fitness Together!

Each 60-minute class will consist of cardio, strength training, balance and stretching all to help with flexibility, joint stability and overall health.

Experience community, prayer and encouragement while we stay fit!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am-9:30am (all ages)

\$36/month or \$5/class

Monday and Friday

9:30am-10:30am (format allows use of a chair if needed)

\$25/month or \$5/class

M-111, Ballet Room

For more information contact Brenda Parks

brendabparks@gmail.com





God's WORD tells us we are
**MADE FOR
 MORE...**

MORE **Purpose** • MORE **Value**
 MORE **Mission** • MORE **Hope**
 MORE **Belonging**

...than the WORLD could ever offer!

Early Registration Cost: \$75/person; \$25 for girls Grades 3-12.

Registration Opens: March 1, 2024

Come join us as we explore how God **MADE US FOR MORE** because of our creation design, gospel identity, and inter-generational friendships.

We live in a culture of "not-enoughness." We feel the lack of not enough time, energy, relationships, or resources. Our hearts cry, "I need, I want, or I deserve more!" Are you driven to accumulate more "likes" on your social media or influence over others? Maybe you are exhausted by a never-ending quest for peace amid anxiety. This ideology of scarcity underscores our need to consider the sufficiency or "enoughness" of God's character and purpose. We'll be talking about creation design, gospel identity, and the joy of inter-generational friendships. We will explore how satisfaction, significance, and sufficiency can only be found by seeking our Savior.

Schedule: Friday evening, 7:00-8:30 pm – Session 1, Creation Design with Paula Miles

Saturday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm – Session 2, Gospel Identity with Ellen Dykas

Session 3, Created for a Purpose (for girls grades 3-12); Biblical Sexuality Workshop and Q&A (for adults)

Session 4, Walking Each Other Home: The Joy of Intergenerational Friendships with Karen Hodge

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE MADE FOR MORE CONFERENCE?

We encourage girls third grade and up to join us! This conference is for ALL women—young, single, married and "more seasoned," as well as your treasured friends. So, gather the women in your circles, plan a special weekend away, and we will save you some seats.

Women's MINISTRY **Children's** MINISTRY
women.pcacdm.org/made-for-more/

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 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

This coming Fall instead of a Briarwood Retreat we would like to encourage you to join in and participate in the PCA Women's Event, **Made for More**. This event will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on September 13-14, 2024. You may wonder why we are telling you about it now. Well, **registration opens March 1st and space is limited**. We anticipate that the event will fill up within the first month. So, please mark your calendar and plan to register right away.

For more information and to register visit: <https://women.pcacdm.org/made-for-more/>

Raising up A SEXUALLY FAITHFUL Generation



Did you hear?

Harvest USA is presenting

a conference for soon-to-be
parents and parents/grandparents
raising children (0-18 yrs old)

and all who want to learn about
how to raise a sexually faithful
generation!

When and where will it be?

April 13, 2024

at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Register at
briarwood.org/parentingconference

5 Year Bible Reading Plan

You can download the 5-year plan by visiting:

<https://briarwood.org/women-of-the-covenant/five-year-bible-reading-plan/>

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Briarwood Women's Care Team

The Briarwood Women's Care Team's primary focus is to serve as advocates for women experiencing significant needs and/or in crisis, and to come alongside the staff and leadership as they minister to women in the congregation in difficult circumstances.

To find out more information, or to request help, visit:

briarwood.org/women-of-the-covenant/womens-care-team/



Young Moms Prayer Group

Friday Mornings at 10:00 AM
Room W-204 (above the sanctuary foyer)

Starts Friday, February 9th

Nursery Reservations Required
<https://nursery.briarwood.org/Registration>

Contact Amy Butler for more details:
guardthewall@att.net



MAKING THE MOST OF
EVERY
Opportunity
GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2024

February 25-March 3