

MARCH 2024

BRIARWOOD *Women's Ministry*

What a wonderful time we all had during this year's GMC. The Women's Missionary Coffee was a sweet time as we gathered in prayer and fellowship to encourage and strengthen the hands of the missionary women! Our time was spent in fellowship around the table where each missionary had the opportunity to share about the particular work that the Lord had entrusted to them. We were encouraged to hear the stories of the faithfulness of God on the mission field even in difficult circumstances. We also had the opportunity to hear from each missionary as to their specific prayer needs; then we prayed for our missionaries.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a note to the missionaries to be placed in their gift bag. And, thank you to those who were able to attend this year's coffee. I know that your cards, prayers, and presence greatly encouraged the women. I have had numerous missionaries approach me to thank you for your kindness that you have shown them and to specifically thank those who were able to write the encouraging notes. One missionary said the words in her cards were exactly what she needed to hear and were sweet reminders of the Lord's particular care for her. Another shared that the ladies prayers at the table were a precious gift to her and a refreshment for her weary heart.

Let us continue to lift up our missionaries in prayer as they labor on the frontlines around the globe. Also – let us pray for our Briarwood family members who are praying about how they will participate in Faith Promise.

With the close of the GMC, we are now moving into preparation for Holy Week at the end of this month. In this newsletter you will find reminders for the various Briarwood opportunities you can participate in preparation for the celebration of our Risen Savior. We have also provided information on how you can assist Daniel Cason's ministry with an Easter Basket outreach.

Kristie



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Special points of interest

- Pathway to Preparation
March 16 and 17
- WBL Event
March 14
- Holy Week
March 24-31



Women's Missionary Coffee



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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-201

REGISTER ONLINE

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



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.



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

REGISTER HERE: <http://briarwood.org/parentingconference>

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WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS HOSTS
YOU'RE STARTING WHAT?
AN EVENING WITH ENTREPRENEURS



Andrea Brown
Hannah Kate Clothing



Heather Durham
Heather Durham Photography



Jennifer Hunt
Dogwood Hill



Holly Lollar
The Lollar Group



Ashley McMakin
Ashley Mac's Kitchen

Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 for networking and nibbles
Samford University - The School of The Arts
The Bolding Theater (2nd floor)

Scan here to
register:





Congratulations to our Briarwood Women's Counselor Dr. Chelsey Peed on her marriage to Richard Kalehoff on February 10, 2024



Joyce and Gray Ryer of the Joyful Hearts Sunday School class will be celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 25th.



Grace Ladies New Widows Valentines Lunch





Easter Baskets for Daniel Cason Ministries

Daniel will be hosting an evangelistic event to celebrate Easter. As part of this outreach event, Daniel has asked that the Briarwood Women's Ministry help provide Easter baskets to be handed out to the children who attend.

The following is recommended:

- Purchase pre-made baskets that are wrapped in cellophane (keeps everything in tact in transit).
- If you make a basket please wrap it in cellophane.
- Please do not spend more than \$20 on a basket.

Please drop off your baskets in the
Women's Ministry Office (A-106)
between Sunday, March 17 - Sunday, March 24.
Do not drop off prior to the dates mentioned.
Thank you for any help in this event.



Palm Sunday – March 24

Our Holy Week celebration begins with Palm Sunday as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children ages K4–6th grade will have the opportunity to begin our morning worship services with a palm branch procession.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service – March 28

Maundy Thursday is the night that the Passover was transformed and translated from the Old Covenant Meal to the New Covenant Lord's Supper. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a service of remembrance and celebration with the sacrament of Communion.

Good Friday – March 29

Join us at noon on Good Friday as we assemble for a Service of Reflection on the Cross with Bible readings and the singing of the great Atonement hymns.

Easter Sunday – March 31

Resurrection Lord's Day we celebrate our risen Savior with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and worship services at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. Continue the celebration of worship Sunday evening with our Briarwood Music Staff & Professionals in Concert.



Join the women of **Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church** for

“Strength in Weakness,”

an evening to gather together and hear from a panel of women who will share how the Lord has met and continues to meet them in their times of greatest need. Our prayer through this gathering is that we would see how our stories of brokenness lead us to the strength that can only be found in Jesus, and that we would walk forward in hope together.

Register [here](#)

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/>



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/



We need your help for this summer's VBS, June 3–7!

If you are interested in volunteering, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Child registration will open in April at briarwood.org/vbs.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



At our In Town Retreat we stated that we would start to answer your questions about the church and women.

Each month we will answer a different question from those submitted.

Is the PCA complementarian or egalitarian?

The Presbyterian Church in America is joyfully and confessionally committed to the Bible's teaching on the complementarity of men and women. As a denomination, we believe that this teaching is true, good, and beautiful. We affirm the full dignity of men and women as created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28). We also humbly and happily embrace Scripture's clear teaching that the eldership is to be composed of qualified men (1 Tim. 2:12; 3:1-7; 16 5:17), who are entrusted by Christ with the ministry of the authoritative teaching and ruling of the church for the building up of the whole body (Eph. 4:11-13). In marriage, this mutually-edifying complementarity is displayed when a Christian husband expresses his responsibility of headship in sacrificial love to his wife (Eph. 5:23-31) and when a Christian wife welcomes her husband's headship with respect (Eph. 5:22-24, 33).