

# MAY 2024



## Ladies –

I wanted to catch you up on a few changes/updates that will be taking place in May.

Many of you know that Amanda Leon, the Women’s Ministry Administrative Assistant, is expecting the birth of her son any day now. Praise the Lord!!! Once she has Peter, she will be on maternity leave until August 1<sup>st</sup>. For the summer months, Leigh Ann Reese will be helping the Women’s Ministry in the administrative role. Phone calls will be forwarded, and emails will be monitored. Please be patient with us as we seek to do our best to return phone calls and emails.

I will be out of the office May 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> on a mission trip to Germany and Northern Ireland. Please pray for our team as we lead in training efforts with the Gospel Church Munich and with the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. This also means that I will not be returning emails and phone calls for a few weeks in May.

In an effort to maintain a safe ministry environment, there are some changes to entry points to the church Monday -Saturday. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Accounting Office and the Shipping/Receiving (Bookstore) entrances will be locked. However, you can still exit the building through these doors. The main entrances during business hours will be through the Ministry lobby (by the children’s auditorium), Administration lobby (by the membership office), and the Chapel lobby. Thank you for your patience as we all work through change but know that the importance of safety to all who enter this building is important to our leadership.

It is a joy to serve you!

Kristie

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## Special points of interest

- Worship Concert  
May 5
- VBS June 3-7
- Summer Bible Study begins  
June 11
- Summer Fellowships  
June 12, 13, and 18

**Briarwood Women's Drop-In Summer Bible Study**

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**TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM IN THE CHAPEL**

June 11	Susan Bellows	1 Corinthians 3
June 18	Kelly Buck	Genesis 50
June 25	Vicki Portis	1 Corinthians 10
July 9	Cindy Harsh	Rom. 5 & Eph. 2
July 16	Rebekah Vermeer	Psalms 73
July 23	Annette Blake	Acts 13
July 30	<i>Fellowship Meal</i>	

**Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).  
Nursery available by reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).**



BRIARWOOD  
*Women*

# SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

JUNE & JULY 2024



REGISTER ONLINE AT [BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN](https://www.briarwood.org/women)

## What happens at the Summer Fellowships?

- 12 women will sign up to gather in a host home on a set day and at a designated time
  - Morning fellowships are 9:30 am – 11:00 am
  - Evening fellowships are 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Each woman will bring a food item to share:
  - Morning fellowships will bring light pastry or fruit to share
  - Evening fellowships will bring a small dessert or snack to share

*The host home will provide water and coffee and the paper plates and utensils*

- There will be a “mystery” guest at the fellowship who will then share about 20-30 minutes of her story with the Lord.

**The dates are June 12, 13, 18 and July 17, 18, 23**

### • How do I sign up for a Summer Fellowship?

On the Briarwood Women’s Ministry page there are SignUps for the months of June and July  
**Please only sign up for one fellowship in June and one fellowship in July**

### • Can my friends and I sign up together?

Yes, you can sign up together. However, part of this is an opportunity to get to know more women in the church from various ages and stages. So, we would encourage you to **limit groups going together to 2 friends at any one house**. We encourage your friend group to spread out amongst numerous houses.

### • What if all the spots are filled and I would like to go?

On each sign-up genius there is a place to mark that you would like to sign up if another house is available – pick am or pm session. Once we see there is a need, we will contact you and let you know of additional homes that have opened.

### • Is there a charge?

No charge! Just come and fellowship and bring a food item to share.

### • Is there nursery available?

Yes, nursery is available for the morning fellowships  
You must register at: [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery)

- Contact the Women’s Ministry if you have additional questions  
[ireese@briarwood.org](mailto:ireese@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5311





WORSHIP CONCERT OF

**HOPE**

IN OUR

**RISEN LORD**

THE BRIARWOOD SANCTUARY & YOUTH CHOIRS & ORCHESTRA

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 at 6:00pm**

Worship together with us through a Concert of Hope featuring the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs and Orchestra on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. A musical force of nearly 150 will lead as we praise God and take time to honor the memory of Pastor Harry Reeder. This concert will feature great classical choral works of Bach and Brahms as well as newer anthems of Dan Forrest and other composers.

# Made FOR More

C O N F E R E N C E

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, AL • September 13-14, 2024

Join us as we explore how  
*God MADE US FOR MORE*

because of our creation design, gospel identity, and *intergenerational* 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? Are you 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 intergenerational relationships.

We will explore how satisfaction, significance, and sufficiency can only be found by seeking our Savior.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

This conference is for *ALL* women—young, single, married and "more seasoned," as well as your treasured friends. We encourage girls third grade and up to join us!

So, *gather* the women in your circles, plan a special weekend away, and we will save you some seats!

## SCHEDULE

(more detail on back)

**Friday Evening | 7:00-8:30 pm**  
**Worship & Session 1**

*Creation Design with Paula Miles*  
*Dessert Fellowship*

**Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Worship & Session 2**

*Gospel Identity with Ellen Dykas*  
**Session 3**

*Created for a Purpose*  
(Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

*Biblical Sexuality Workshop w/Q&A*  
(Adults)

*Lunch Served*

**Worship & Session 4**

*Walking Each Other Home:  
The Joy of Intergenerational  
Friendships with Karen Hodge*



Early Registration  
ends July 13, 2024  
Cost \$75 per person;  
\$30 for Girls  
(Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)



# VBS 2024

## JUNE 3-7, 2024

### THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:13-18

Join us for Vacation Bible School this year!

Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) for VBS  
volunteering or [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for VBS  
nursery volunteering.

Register online at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).



Mary Anne Turnbull's Tuesday morning Bible study threw a baby shower for Amanda Leon for their final gathering, hosted by Margie Preston.







Congratulations to Andrew and Katie Russell on the birth of their son Cannon Luke Russell on April 9, 2024.



Congratulations to Jim and Katherine McPhail on the birth of their daughter Louise Claire McPhail on April 10, 2024.



Briarwood Women's Ministry administrative assistant Amanda Leon will be out of the office throughout the summer for maternity leave and will return in August.

Please direct any women's ministry questions to Kristie Harrick ([kharrick@briarwood.org](mailto:kharrick@briarwood.org)) or Leigh Anne Reese ([lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org)).

*For the Love of*  
**homeschooling**

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Please join us for a **Picnic Lunch** at  
**McCullum Park on Monday, June 3, at 12:30**  
**(after VBS)**

**\*Bring your own lunch!**  
**Rain plan TBD**

## 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/](https://briarwood.org/women-of-the-covenant/womens-care-team/)

