MAY 2024

Women's Ministry

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 1st. 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 $7^{th} - 21^{st}$ 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 $\mathbf{1}^{st}$, 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

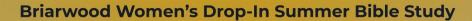


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Special points of interest

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



but Jodi

TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM IN THE CHAPEL

June 11

June 18

June 25

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Susan Bellows

Kelly Buck

Vicki Portis

Cindy Harsh

Rebekah Vermeer

Annette Blake

Fellowship Meal

1 Corinthians 3

Genesis 50

1 Corinthians 10

Rom. 5 & Eph. 2

Psalm 73

Acts 13

Register online at briarwood.org/women.

Nursery available by reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.





SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

JUNE & JULY 2024



WHO'S BEHIND DOOR #2? WHO'S BEHIND DOOR #3?

REGISTER ONLINE AT 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
 - o 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
 - o 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

BEHIND

DOOR #1?

REGISTER ONLINE AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN

• 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?

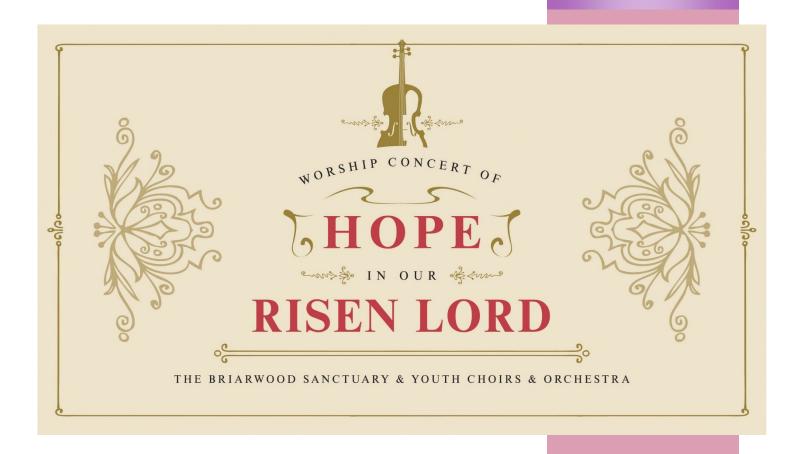
No charge! Just come and fellowship and bring a food item to share.

Is there nursery available?

Yes, nursery is available for the morning fellowships You must register at: briarwood.org/nursery

 Contact the Women's Ministry if you have additional questions lreese@briarwood.org or 205-776-5311





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.



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 3rd-12th)

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 3rd-12th)



Join us for Vacation Bible School this year!

Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

Register online at 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.

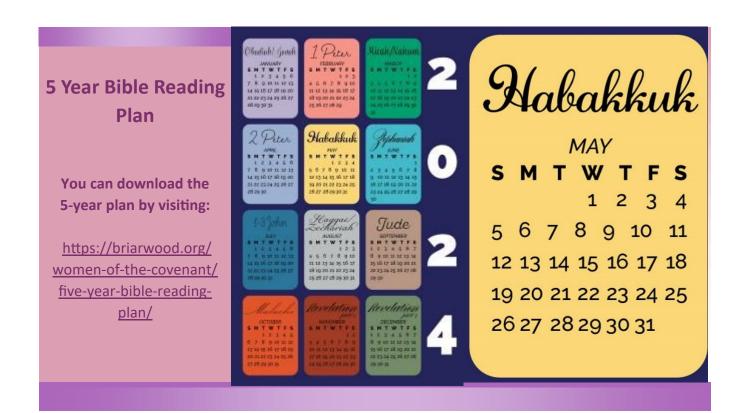
Please direct any women's ministry questions to Kristie Harrick (kharrick@briarwood.org) or Leigh Anne Reese (lreese@brirwood.org).

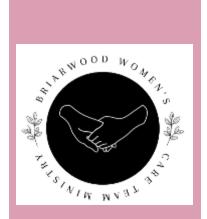


Please join us for a Picnic Lunch at

McCullum Park on Monday, June 3, at 12:30 (after VBS)

*Bring your own lunch! Rain Plan TBD





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:

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