

FEBRUARY 2025



Ladies—

We have quite a few opportunities for you to engage with your Covenant sisters this month. We would love for you to join us at one of our many Bible studies, young mom events, or mentoring relationship opportunities. And, we want to invite you to our upcoming Missionary Coffee at the end of the month during GMC. You can read more about the Missionary Coffee in this newsletter on page 6 and 7. Even if your schedule does not allow you to attend the Missionary Coffee would you consider joining us in providing encouragement cards for the missionaries. The following are some details about the cards:

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 24th.

We look forward to engaging with you this month through the various opportunities.

Kristie



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Special points of interest

- Working Women’s Dinner
March 6
- Missionary Coffee
February 25

Women's In Town Retreat

This year's In Town Retreat theme was: By Design with our focus being the One Thread of Scripture. We had over 200 women register to attend this retreat which was led by Meaghan May. Meagan unpacked for us a Biblical picture of what it means to be apart of the One Story of Redemption. We walked through the "WHAT" of the covenant thread, the "So What" of our calling as those united to God and each other, and then finished with the "Now What?" Our breakout sessions continued with our By Design theme as they tackled forgiveness & reconciliation, redemption, parenting, prayer, and salvation and much more. Our times of worship focused our attention on our great God and how he is the one who keeps us faithful. 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](#)







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

- Meaghan May teaching our 3 main sessions
- The 5 session leaders/speakers who spoke Saturday during the breakout sessions: Cierra Bragan, Amanda Leon, Joy Moore, Vicki Portis and Linda Smedley
- Hannah Brennan and Elizabeth Jordan leading us in worship
- Sherri Blahnik for our lunch
- Christian Terrell and Rebecca Galbreath for the Retreat graphics
- The AV team and Facilities Team
- The Women's Leadership Team
- The numerous volunteers who served on the prayer team, check-in team, and set up team.



Tuesday, February 25
9:30 - 11:30 AM
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.

BRIARWOOD
Women

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 3rd – 24th.**

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

God has opened the door for our
Women's Ministry to send a team to

GREECE

this year through a short term mission trip on

— MAY 2-11, 2025 —



COMMUNITY HOUSE
DAMARIS

Our Briarwood
Team will work with
**COMMUNITY
HOUSE DEMARIS**
in ATHENS, GREECE.

Our team will provide
encouragement and
support to the women in
the program and to the
staff of Damaris House.

Through crafts and relationship
building with the women in the
program, our hope is to provide
another reminder of gospel
hope and truth to the women.

We'll also have the opportunity
for gathering with the staff to
provide encouragement and
support through fellowship,
prayer, and devotions.



The Community
House Damaris is a

CHRIST-CENTERED SAFE HOUSE

offering a long-term recovery program for
women and their children who have been or
are at high risk of sexual exploitation or trafficking.

Team: Brenda Parks, Heather Purser, Julie Sasse, Margaret Springfield,
Tami Wells, Beth & Betsy Wintersteen

The team members are in the process of raising funds for this Mission Trip to Greece. Each member is raising \$3000. If you would like to make a financial contribution to an individual on the team or to the team as a whole, please make checks out to Briarwood Presbyterian Church and in the notes line of your check list the individual's name or the Greece team. Checks need to be turned in to the Women's Ministry office to be processed properly for the trip.

Thank you for any financial support and for your prayer support.

OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY WILL BE RETURNING TO

MUNICH GERMANY

& Gospel + Church Munich

to serve as the speakers and facilitators of the church's Spring Women's Ministry Conference.

We are continuing our partnership with the PCA Women's Ministry International team to provide continued Women's Ministry Training in Europe. After our first trip in May 2024, our team has continued to meet with the women of Gospel Church Munich through monthly zoom meetings in preparation for May 2025.

In addition to the conference at Gospel Church Munich, we have also been invited to provide an initial conference for the women of Freien Evangelischen Gemeinde in Rosenheim, Germany at the beginning of the week.

Would you consider supporting our Women's Ministry Team through prayer support and financial support? If you are interested in supporting the team financially, please make checks out to Briarwood Presbyterian Church and in the notes line list the following: Germany Trip 2025.

All checks need to be turned in to the Women's Ministry Office or to a member of the team: Linda Smedley, Dana Cox, Kristie Harrick or Joy Moore.



Just like the Greece team, the Germany team is in the process of raising funds for this Mission Trip to Germany. Each member is raising \$3000. If you would like to make a financial contribution to an individual on the team or to the team as a whole, please make checks out to Briarwood Presbyterian Church and in the notes line of your check list the individual's name or the Germany team. Checks need to be turned in to the Women's Ministry office to be processed properly for the trip.

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**Briarwood Women Tumblers—
Now Available.**

Stay Hydrated in style with our Briarwood Women tumblers! These sleek tumblers come with a straw and a cleaner—perfect for on-the-go use.

Price: \$10 (Cash Only)

Get yours today in the Women's Ministry Office (A106) while supplies last.



Meet Heather Purser

Our New Women's Ministry Admin Assistant!

We are thrilled to welcome Heather Purser as the new administrative assistant for the Women's Ministry at Briarwood! Heather is married to Mark Purser, who serves as our college pastor, and together they have three wonderful children: Emma Kate (8), Ellie (6), and Crawford (4), plus a new puppy keeping them on their toes!

Heather is excited to be part of the Women's Ministry team and looks forward to getting to know each of you. She has a heart for serving and can't wait to support the ministry in ways that help you feel encouraged and equipped. Be sure to say hello when you see her around — we know you'll love her as much as we do!

Working Women's Dinner



Calling all working women! Join us for an evening designed just for you—a time to pause, connect, and be encouraged. This special event offers a space to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and engage with other women who understand the unique joys and challenges of balancing work and life.

We want you to know that you are cared for and valued. This evening is created with you in mind, providing an opportunity to be refreshed and uplifted in the company of women who share similar experiences.

Come as you are, and leave feeling encouraged and supported. We can't wait to see you there!

Thursday, March 6, 2025; 6:00-7:30 pm; G101
Food: Taco Momma (Pay \$10 at the door)

BRIARWOOD WOMEN'S
SPRING STUDIES BEGINNING JANUARY 6

A-202 MONDAYS 10AM ZOOM

MICHELE CANTLEY
MALACHI

TUESDAYS
 9:30 AM

FI-A *A Woman's Wisdom* Cindy Reeder

ACTS MARY ANNE TURNBULL G-101

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM

Ruth ELIZABETH BONDURANT G-103

THURSDAYS
 9:30 AM

Yvonne Welch
The Gospel of John G-103

The Gospel of Mark Donna Evans G-101

REGISTER ONLINE
 at briarwood.org/women.

NURSERY AVAILABLE
 REGISTER ONLINE AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/NURSERY
 Reservations Required

A decorative graphic featuring a blue treble clef, several colorful musical notes (red, blue, green) on a yellow staff, and various colored dots (red, green, blue, yellow) scattered around the page.

Sing Along

with *mom*

Moms and littles (infants to 5 yrs) join us for a preschool music and movement class. This is a fun opportunity to meet with other moms and littles as we sing and grow together in this season.

Wednesdays

beginning January 8

G-101

9:30 am – 10:30 am

For more information and to register (free), please visit briarwood.org/women.

BRIARWOOD WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOM 2 MOM

telling the next generation



FRIDAYS

JAN. 17, FEB. 14, MAR. 14 & APR. 25

9:30 - 11:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL E & F

Join us once a month as older moms and younger moms gather around a table for fellowship, refreshments and encouragement.

For more information and to register, visit: briarwood.org/women.
Nursery available with registration.

YOUNG MOMS

PRAYER GROUP

Friday
mornings

9-10 am
G-103



Does your heart yearn for another mom with whom you can pray for your young children? In the midst of a sometimes-scary world, God has entrusted us with the precious gift of little ones. The responsibility can feel daunting! BUT praying with other moms focuses our vision on the Lord and His Word as our source of wisdom, comfort, and instruction. Join us as we pray for our wee ones!

Beginning Jan. 10

For more information, contact Danae Lloyd at 781.351.0121.



BCS Moms Bible Study

**STUDYING
THE BOOK OF MARK**

**WEDNESDAYS
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

Alumni House, Upper Campus
Starting January 8th

Alumni House is open beginning 8:00 am



Mentoring Opportunities

Mentoring, Life on Life Relationships, and Discipleship are all terms that seem to be interchangeable in the Christian world. However, we each come to these terms with very different ideas and expectations. For Briarwood Women's Ministry we are moving towards providing opportunity for engagement in these three areas. Below are the definitions we will use to identify the distinctions and expectations for each:

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:

- 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.

Pairings will be made by
February 12, 2025

Registration opens in January
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 14 · 7:00 - 9:00 PM &
Saturday, March 15 · 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Located in Room A-209

REGISTER ONLINE

BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN
Cost \$20 (includes materials
and Saturday Lunch)

Registration opens March 1st.

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



Community Updates



Congratulations to Matthew and Mary Beth Bush who welcomed Robert Carlisle Bush on December 31, 2024.

Congratulations to David and Jennifer Bookout who welcomed Sally Elisabeth Bookout on January 2, 2025.



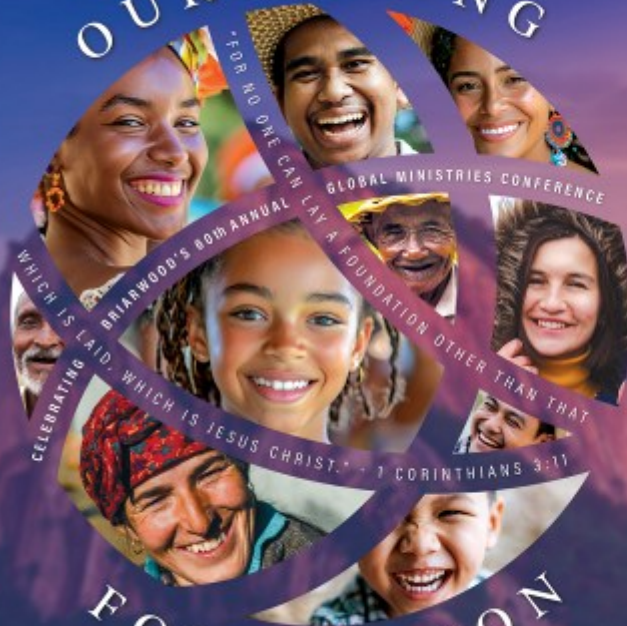
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GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

DR. STAFFORD CARSON
FEB 23-MAR 2

BRIARWOOD.ORG/GMC

OUR STRONG



FOUNDATION

GLOW

Go Light Our World



FEBRUARY 21-23

COLLEGE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

"A Courageous Generation: Created for a Purpose & a Calling"
Speaker: Tim Davis from ELIC

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/

