June 2025

Women's Ministry

Summer is here!

Growing up, I have such fond memories of summer evenings. After dinner, all the neighborhood parents would gather outside to talk while we kids ran around catching lightning bugs. There was a sense of freedom in those moments. We weren't rushing to take baths or finish homework for the next school day. Schedules were more relaxed. Even though the adults still had to work in the morning, it just felt like we all had a little more freedom to enjoy one another.

I still find that to be true now, even as an adult. While my work schedule hasn't changed, there's something about summer that gently urges me to slow down and make more time for people and community.

This summer, our women's ministry will continue to offer summer studies to encourage you in your walk with the Lord. We'll also host a special gathering for young moms as we explore "the birds and the bees." And with a fondness for the summer evening gathering, I'd love to invite all of you to our game nights. Two will be focused on learning and playing mahjong, while the other two are simply meant to be fun, social gatherings—times to slow down, share some laughter, enjoy good food, and celebrate the fellowship God has given us as sisters in Christ.

Let's make time for one another this summer.

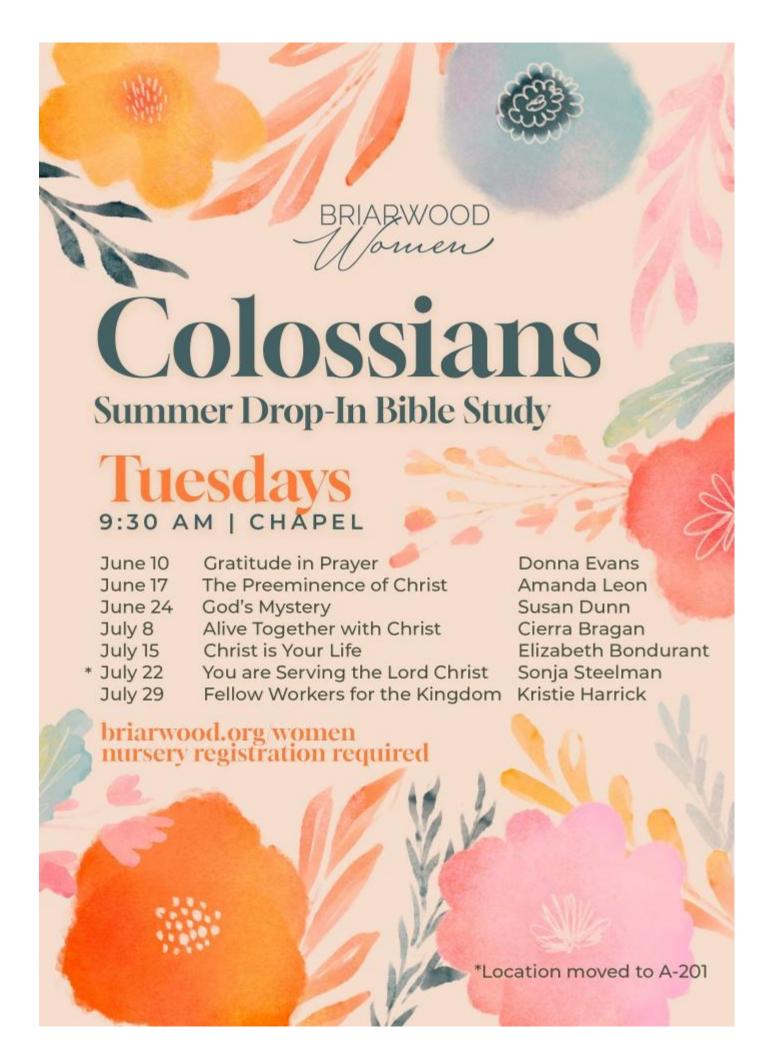


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Special points of interest

- Bible Study June 10
- Game Night June 11
- Mahjong Night June 26
- Birds & Bees July 16
- Created for a Purpose July 21-25





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 I 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
AT KELLY HAMMOND'S HOUSE
REGISTER AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN.
BRING A FAVORITE SNACK TO SHARE.



Hosted By All About Mahj - McCauley Adams

MAHJONG 101 at Holly Michols' Home

Thursday, June 26 6:30 PM Arrival, 7:00 PM Class Begins \$40 per Person

Please join us for this beginner-friendly event. You'll learn the essential rules so you can play confidently. No prior experience required-just bring your enthusiasm and a readiness to have fun!

Limited Spots Available!

For more info and to register, go to briarwood.org/women. For a glimpse of a Mahjong event, follow @allaboutmahj.bhm on Instagram!

BRIARWOOD WOMEN

40" Are Invited

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

— with the Redds

JUNE 7, 2025 AT 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

BRIARWOOD FELLOWSHIP HALL Scott and Jenn Redd will share at 11:00 AM.





To register for Created for a Purpose, go to:

https://briarwood.org/youth-ministry/created-for-a-purpose-registration/



WITH MARY FLO RIDLEY & MEGAN MICHELSON



Let's Talk

ABOUT

The Talk

Giving moms the tools & confidence to talk to their young kids (0-10) about sex.

JULY 16 • 6:00-8:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL • COST: \$40

For more details and to register, go to briarwood.org/women.
Nursery registration required.



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, July 25 · 7:00 - 9:00 PM & Saturday, July 26 · 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Located in Room A-201

REGISTER ONLINE

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

2025 Greece Team



Thank you so much for those who prayed for our **Women's Ministry team** that went to **Greece.** While in Greece their main focus was working with Community House Damaris, an organization that houses and helps rehabilitate and reintegrate into society women who have experienced sexual exploitation. They were also able to see The Roma Kids (a local gypsy ministry), a church plant in Neos Kosmos planted by Erik and Hara, and met with some of Argyris' students from the Greek Bible College.

While working with Community House Damaris, 2 women on the team encouraged the staff by sharing the Four Foundations: God is our reference point, Scripture is our authority, His glory is our purpose and His presence is HIS promise.









THANK YOU to each person who helped purchase the supplies we needed for our crafts. All of our main crafts were new to them, which was awesome because it gave them something new to learn. They plan to make more and sell them to benefit Community House Damaris. We could not have done with without your support, so thank you!!!





Top left: Our team with Dina Petrou, the founder of Community House Damaris.

Top right: One of the participants wearing the necklace she made.

Middle: The crafts we led the women through. They LOVED each craft and one and worked so hard to make as many as they could! They were so talented!

Bottom left: Brenda led a fitness class each morning to help everyone loosen up. The ladies so enjoyed this and it was the time when we saw the most smiles.

Bottom right: Our team pictured with the new safe house that is currently under construction. They are building this from the ground up, so they can make it exactly what will be beneficial for the women coming into the program.





2025 Germany Team





Thank you for your prayers and support for our recent Women's Mission Trip to Rosenheim and Munich, Germany.

It was a privilege for Dana Cox, Joy Moore, Linda Smedley, and myself to lead two women's conferences at our sister churches in Germany.

In Rosenheim, we taught on four foundational truths:

- 1. God is our Reference Point
- 2. His Word is our Authority
- 3. His Glory is our Purpose
- His Presence is His Promise

In Munich, our focus was on Kingdom Discipleship, with sessions covering:

- Discipleship through the lens of the Covenant, the Church, and Biblical Womanhood
- A deeper understanding of Titus 2
- A biblical example of Ruth and Naomi
- A final session highlighting practical steps for discipleship

Leading up to the trip, we had the blessing of connecting monthly over Zoom with the Women's Leadership Team of Gospel Church Munich, as well as several women from Rosenheim. These pre-trip meetings allowed us to build relationships and prepare our hearts together for what God would do during our time in Germany.

We are grateful for your continued support and encouragement as we partner in advancing God's Kingdom through women's ministry abroad.



Community Updates and Opportunities





Lydia Luncheon 💙



Briarwood Christian School **Bible Study**

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My name is Angie Neugent, and I am excited to be the Nursery Director at Briarwood. Chris and I have been married for almost 23 years and have seven children: Hampton, Emma, Brice, Eli, Bekah, Shepherd and John Stephen. We are first-hand beneficiaries of the tremendous influence of Briarwood's long-standing remarkable Nursery, Children's, Raiders, BYG and College Ministries. I have had the joy and privilege of serving the Lord through various roles of nurturing and teaching little ones for over 20 years. I am eager to partner with you as we lay the foundation of Truth in your little one's life

- through prayer, the Word, worship and fellowship. For God's glory, Briarwood Nursery exists to provide a safe, nurturing, joyful environment that partners with families to lay the foundation, from the earliest of days, for their children to know and glorify God and to worship and enjoy Him forever.



Luis Leon was recently named the **Hispanic pastor** after serving for the last 2 years as the interim Hispanic coordinator. Luis, Amanda, and Peter look forward to many years of serving the Hispanic community at Briarwood Español and hope to create more opportunities to integrate the Hispanic congregation with the other ministries of Briarwood.

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Mark your calendars for our Fall kick-off.
We will have more information in our next newsletter.



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>