

SEPTEMBER 2025



It is hard to believe that summer has already come to an end and we are now stepping into fall with all of its new routines and rhythms. Before we move forward, I want to take a moment to pause and say thank you. So many of you gave of your time, energy, and gifts this summer, and our ministry was richly blessed because of it.

Without listing names—lest I accidentally leave someone out—I want to acknowledge and thank the women who taught in our summer Bible study series, those who opened their homes for game nights, those who brought food to our fellowships, those serving as table hosts at Birds & Bees, those who decorated so beautifully for the Roaring 20's kickoff, those who prepared and set up food, and those who stayed to help clean up afterward.

Women's Ministry is not just an office; it is a living, breathing community of women serving and investing in one another. I am so grateful for the many ways you have cared for each other this summer.

As we turn the page to fall, new opportunities await us—opportunities to continue encouraging one another and to grow together in our walk with the Lord. I hope you'll look through the many upcoming events and join us as we step into this next season together.

Kristie



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Special points of interest

- Fall Bible Studies begin September 3
- Save the Dates!

BRIARWOOD
Women

FALL STUDIES

beginning in September

MONDAYS

Genesis, Part 1, Michele Cantley • 10:00 AM • A202 & ZOOM

TUESDAYS

Let's Meet the Girls, Cindy Reeder • 9:30 AM • FH-A

Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts, Part 2,
Mary Anne Turnbull & Karen Duffey • 9:30 AM • G-101

WEDNESDAYS

I, 2 & 3 John, Elizabeth Bondurant • 6:30 PM • G-103 & ZOOM

Thinking Biblically Living Covenantally,
Kristie Harrick & Amanda Leon • 6:30 PM • A-209

THURSDAYS

With All My Heart, Psalm 119, Donna Evans • 9:30 AM • G-101

Hebrews, Yvonne Welch • 9:30 AM • G-103

Nursery available by reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
For more information & to register, visit briarwood.org/women.

BRIARWOOD WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOM 2 MOM

telling the next generation



MONDAYS
SEPT. 15, OCT. 6, & NOV. 3

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

Join us once a month as older moms and younger moms gather around a table for fellowship, refreshments and encouragement. Each gathering will include meaningful discussions about topics that really matter to young moms.

For more information and to register, visit: briarwood.org/women.

Nursery available through K-4 with registration.

MOM'S

PRAYER

GROUP

Monday
mornings

9:30-10:30 am
Prayer Room



Does your heart yearn for another mom with whom you can pray for your children? In the midst of a sometimes-scary world, God has entrusted us with the precious gift of children. 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!

Beginning Sept. 8

We will join Mom2Mom on Sept. 15, Oct. 6, & Nov. 3.

**For more information, contact Linda Smedley at 205.223.8118.
Nursery available through K-4 with registration.**




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:

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- 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
September 25, 2025

Registration opens in September
BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN



BCS Moms Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Alumni House, Upper Campus
Starting September 10

Alumni House is open beginning 8:00 am

Save the Date: Count Down to Christmas!



Mark your calendars for November 19th. We will once again have morning and evening sessions. This year our speaker is Candy Woods Lindley. Tickets and more information will be available soon!

**The focus of this event is fellowship and encouragement as well as being evangelistic in nature. Please begin praying about who you would like to invite this year.*

Questions about the Caroline House.

We are rebranding our *Christmas at the Caroline House* to a ministry where the Women's Ministry prepares the Caroline House for the Christmas season. As you can imagine the Caroline House is used for numerous Christmas fellowships and Sunday School class parties during the holiday season. We will now prepare the downstairs of the house in a beautiful and functional way for the Christmas season. The house preparations will coincide with Countdown to Christmas and we will make the house available for viewing after the Countdown to Christmas morning program and the following day. This allows for individuals to view as they desire.

Save the Date: TGCW26

turn
your
eyes

SEEING THE SAVIOR
IN THE PSALMS

June 11 - 13, 2026 • Indianapolis, Indiana

The Gospel Coalition Women's
Conference (TGCW26)
June 11-13, 2026 | Indianapolis,
Indiana

Once registration opens we will
send you more information, but go
ahead and mark your calendars!



We need volunteers for LOVE Ministry.

What is the LOVE Ministry?

- The LOVE Ministry is an outreach to Briarwood members who are no longer able to attend regular services at the church due to mobility or health-related issues.
- Each Monday morning the LOVE Ministry members gather at the flower room to pick up vases of flowers to deliver to Briarwood members in senior living homes, nursing homes and assisted living homes. Their goal: to bring light into the lives of Briarwood members and others who are unable to actively participate in the weekly activities of the church.
- We would love for you to join us in this beautiful outreach. This is a wonderful activity for spouses to do together.
- For more information, contact or darby@turningheartsmministries.com.



Want to reach the nations but not quite ready to pack your bags for a mission trip? God is bringing the nations to us! Did you know there are adult learners from 19 different countries coming to Briarwood each week for our ESL classes? We need vol-

unteers to help us reach them by serving on our hospitality team, teacher team, and transportation team.

We offer ESL classes Tuesday mornings from 10-11:45am and Wednesday nights during Mid-week from 6:30-8pm. Come be a part of this exciting outreach by volunteering with us! You can impact the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ right here in Birmingham!

Do you enjoy preparing food and using your hospitality gifts? We need 8 ladies to join the Hospitality Team by bringing snacks once a month: either for our Tuesday morning or our Wednesday evening classes.

Do you enjoy meeting new people and building relationships? Our Teacher Team needs additional volunteers to serve weekly as Teacher Helpers in our classes. We have openings for 2 Tuesday morning and 3 Wednesday evening helpers. No preparation needed – just a heart to serve!

Perhaps you enjoy driving around town and would like to provide transportation for students to/from class (as needed). Our Transportation Team would be grateful for your help!

[Click here to volunteer.](#) If you have any questions, please contact our ESL/Friendship Partner Director, Courtney McGregor cmcgregor@briarwood.org.



ROARING 20'S KICK-OFF





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Thank you to everyone who helped with the Women's Fall Kickoff

Event Volunteers:

Lisa Bunn
 Vanessa Cain
 Barbara Cartledge
 Karen Duffey
 Donna Evans
 Daina Gomez
 Angie Gray
 Susan Greenall
 Kelly Hammond
 Judy Hedlund
 Janet Hodges
 Martha Jenks
 Margi Lyles
 Minda McFarlin
 Christie McKinney
 Elizabeth McRae
 Margaret Mugg
 Julie Olmedo
 Meredith Peters
 Janice Peterson
 Cindy Ragland
 D'onne Salmon

Food Volunteers:

Donna Arrington	Janet Hodges
Jan Atwater	Elise Kilgore
Rita Bargerion	Margi Lyles
Judy Belcher	Jenny Marlow
Debbie Ballamy	Elizabeth Mcrae
Marian Bicking	Sandy Murphy
Judy Black	Jan Parks
Carolyn Black	Rhonda Parsons
Vanessa Cain	Janice Peterson
Karen Carlisle	Cindy Reeder
Sally Beth Dougherty	Rebecca Richburg
Karen Duffey	D'onne Salmon
Donna Evans	Linda Smedley
Mollie Everett	Susan
Carla Genin	Stallworth
Sandy Gority	Mary Claire Warlick
Susan Greenall	Elaine Willis
Kelly Hammond	Gail Woods
Brenda Harrick	
Betty Harrison	

Women's Leadership Team & Decorators:

Shannon Black
 Lisa Bunn
 Vanessa Cain
 Ashley Draper
 Rhonda Parsons
 Meredith Peters
 Heather Purser

Graphics:

Rebecca Galbreath

Video:

Victor Roy

Song:

Page Dollar

Community Updates



Congratulations to Rigo and Madison Banegas who welcomed Sandra Linen Banegas on August 15, 2025.

Wales and Jean Gobel celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary!

Don and Betty Harrison celebrated their 79th wedding anniversary!

Congratulation to Nathan and Danae Llyod who welcomed Eowyn Llyod on August 4, 2025.

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/

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**





Women Business Leaders

2025 Faith & Work Luncheon

Relational Wisdom *in the Workplace*

September 24 • 11:45am - 1:00pm

The Club • Tickets: \$30



Joanna Meyer

Keynote Speaker

Author and Executive Director
Women, Work & Calling
at Denver Institute
for Faith & Work