

OCTOBER 2025



As we start the last quarter of 2025, I want you to take notice of the numerous opportunities available to you for engagement with your Briarwood Sisters.

- One of the biggest events coming up with Women's Ministry is our *Countdown to Christmas*. This event helps to prepare our hearts for the Christmas season and it is our primary evangelistic event. Would you prayerfully consider who you would invite to this event in November?
- If you are looking for a place to serve, we are in need of help in our LOVE Ministry. Specifically, we need more people to join us as we deliver flowers to our Briarwood family members in assisted living, nursing homes, and others who are out due to medical issues.
- Finally, if you have not been in a Bible Study this semester, it is not too late to join one. Studies are also available on the app for you to listen to studies you may have missed!

Happy Fall!

Kristie



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Special points of interest

- Mom to Mom
October 6
- Countdown to Christmas
November 19

Mark your calendar for Countdown to Christmas

Countdown to Christmas will focus our attention on preparing our hearts for **the** upcoming **Christmas** season. As our time together unfolds we will hear **the** gospel, enjoy delicious food, and fellowship with one another. Our prayer is that this event will bring our focus back to **the** Heavenly Father's great love for His people in providing our Savior, Jesus Christ. This event is for the believer and the non-believer. Our desire is that each person who attends will either grow in their love for the Savior or be introduced to Him for the first time. Our speaker, Candy Wood Lindley will share with us her story of faith and how she prepares her heart for Christmas.

Event Date and Times: Wednesday, November 19th
9:30 am & 6:30 pm

Food: Brunch will be served in the morning session and dinner at the evening session. *(Specific dietary requests cannot be accommodated, however, we will seek to provide options that will meet most needs.)*

Morning Schedule:

9:15 am Doors open and food is served

9:40 am Welcome and Prayer

(please plan to be in your seats by this time)

9:50 am Program Begins

11:00 am Giveaways and Final words

11:30 am Dismissed

Evening Schedule:

6:15 pm Doors open and food is served

6:40 pm Welcome and Prayer

(please plan to be in your seats by this time)

6:50 pm Program Begins

8:00 pm Giveaways and Final Words

8:300 pm Dismissed



Speaker: Candy Wood Lindley

“Candy’s story is amazing! God’s providence is so clear and her learning to depend on Him is very instructive. As she has shared her story across the nation in many different venues, life after life has been impacted! So will yours!” – *Frank M. Barker, Jr.*

Tickets: The cost is \$20/person.

Tickets will go on sale beginning October 15th. They will be available in the bookstore and *online.

**online tickets will have an added credit card charge*

We have limited tickets for the event. There is a FIRM DEADLINE to purchase your ticket by November 12th.

Registration: You will secure your registration by purchasing a ticket. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning October 15th in the bookstore and online on the women’s webpage. The page will go live by October 15th.

Volunteers: Beginning October 15th we will have a volunteer sign up page located on the women’s webpage.

Nursery is available for both sessions with nursery registration.



Last year, the feedback from *Countdown to Christmas* was overwhelmingly positive. Many women shared that they appreciated how the program was not rushed in order to accommodate visiting the Caroline House. They also valued knowing exactly when the program would begin and end, rather than depending on dismissal times from individual tables.

At the same time, some asked if the house could still be decorated for the Christmas season, since many Sunday School communities enjoy hosting their fellowships there during that time.

In response, we are excited to share that we have rebranded this part of our ministry as **Christmas at the Caroline House**. The Women's Ministry will take on the joy of preparing the Caroline House for the season. A team of women will thoughtfully decorate the downstairs portion of the home with holiday trimmings, creating a festive space that still allows groups to celebrate without hindrance.

Because the decorations will remain throughout the Christmas season, we will be gradually building a collection that can be used year after year. Our goal is that within 2–3 years, we will have a complete set of decorations to prepare the house beautifully each Christmas.

The house preparations will coordinate with *Countdown to Christmas*. Following the program, the house will remain open for a few days so you may view the decorations and make plans for your own Sunday School parties.

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.**



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



IMPACT Birmingham is coming up on October 18th!

Save the Date: On the morning of October 18, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects ranging from yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ!

Grace House Goody Bag Donations Needed! Help us bless the girls at Grace House by donating items like hand lotion, Chapstick, hand sanitizer, hair ties, candy, and other small treats. Drop off donations on **Sunday mornings, October 5 & 12**, in the **Chapel Hallway or Ministry Lobby**. Bags will be packed with encouraging notes on October 18 as part of IMPACT Birmingham!

save THE DATE: T&CW26

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 | Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration is open. [Register here.](#)

L.O.V.E. MINISTRY



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@turningheartsministries.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.



Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner!
We need your help!



Trailblazers Packing Party
Friday, November 7 at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Fill a shoebox and let a child know that someone cares about them and that God loves them! Briarwood participates every Christmas season in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes packed with small gifts – toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to children around the world, some of who may have never received a gift in their life. The boxes are given with a gospel booklet and a gospel presentation and an opportunity to participate in a twelve week discipleship program (The Greatest Journey).

You can also build a box online. Great if you don't want to shop, and online boxes are shipped to hard-to-reach areas. A link will be provide on the Briarwood webpages.

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



Hear from our speaker Dr. Sandy Willson, Emeritus Pastor at the Second Presbyterian in Memphis, Tennessee, and our National Ministry Partners.

Ministry Partners will share in Sunday Schools and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights.

Find details at briarwood.org/nmc.

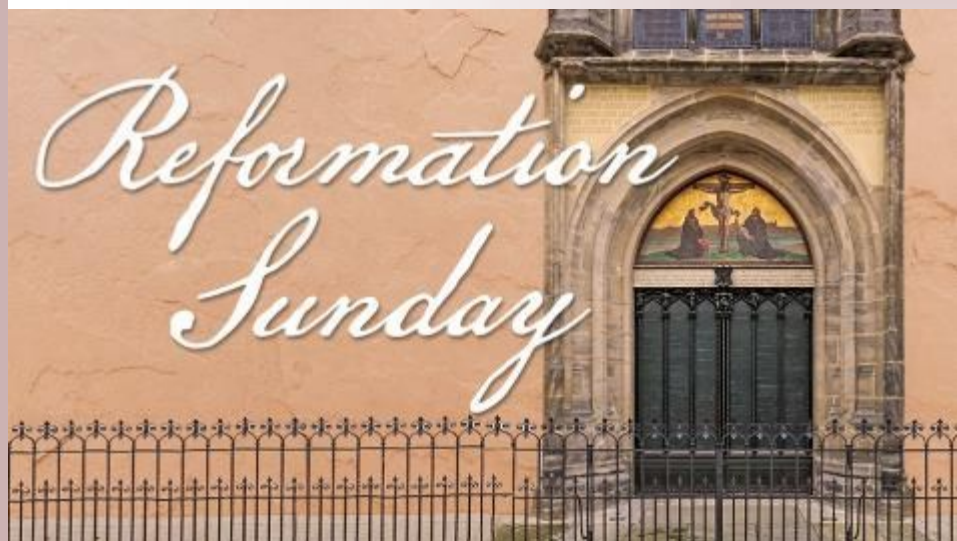
National Ministries Conference October 18-20



Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Morning services will feature a bagpipe processional and recessional.

A special time of Remembrance of God's Saints will be held in honor of church members who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.

Reformation Sunday October 26th



Abundant Life coffee
with Jenn Redd!



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/