“I came to the CMMA (Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama) Welcome Dinner as a first-year medical student serving the god of self. Four years later, I left as a physician serving God my creator, redeemer and sustainer, attempting to glorify Him forever.”

– John Whitt, M.D.

This is the kind of impact we are seeking to have in the medical community of Birmingham. This leads those in healthcare to apply their faith in their practice, not an easy tightrope to walk! For example: “How do I take my faith, my relationship with Christ and merge it with this secular profession? CMMA helped me realize that Christ, who is alive in me, should be impacting everything I do every moment of every day.”

– Steven Mitchell, D.M.D.

We see God work in people’s lives to develop these Christ-centered attitudes through our small group Bible studies, weekly meetings for fellowship and teaching, and short-term mission trips. Briarwood has been integral to this ministry in the medical community for 34 years. Among the benefits of changed lives is that doctors with an integrated Christian worldview provide more compassionate care for their patients. I have had people that I don’t even know tell me about a local Christian doctor who has cared exceptionally well for them, only to discover that this doctor is connected to our ministry. So please continue to pray for the freedom to have a ministry at UAB and in the various hospitals around the city. To God be the glory!

Bobby Parks

Executive Director, CMMA
Welcome New Members Who Joined on September 11

Philip Foster Brandon & Laura Williams Noah Davies
Ryan & Rebecca Barley Ray & Amanda Bronner Adam & Meghan Davies
Hal & Sharon Diercks Brandon & Holly Meadows Steve & Pam Renfroe
Rebecca Washington Mason Susan Barnett Caleb Cleveland Cheston Istok
Marc Sonnier Nick Maxey Erik Futral Rachel Laster
Jonathan & Amy Wood Avonelle Goolsby Seongmin Im & Nam Hyun Kim

Not pictured: Greg & Rose Potts; Mike & Valerie Wheeler
Save the Date • October 23–24, 2016

Save the date for the 2016 National Ministries Conference! We will be hosting 19 stateside ministry partners representing National, Urban, Church Planting and Church Revitalization Ministries.

Our keynote speakers will be founding church planters:

Rev. Alton Hardy, Urban Hope Community Church, Fairfield, AL  
Rev. Ryan McVicar, New City Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI  
Rev. Dr. Jon D. Payne, Christ Church Presbyterian, Charleston, SC

Visit briarwood.org/nmc for more information.
Sunday Morning - 8:00 and 10:55 a.m.
XXII. The Holy Spirit in Biblical Perspective
   Led by The Spirit
   “Baptism with the Holy Spirit and Its Blessings”
   Matthew 3:7–12
   Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
LVII. Timeless Truth for Timely Topics in Biblical Perspective
   What Does the Bible Say?
   “What Happens When I Die—The Intermediate State (Part 2)”
   II Corinthians 5:8
   Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Serving in the Nursery
Sun., Sept. 18
Growing in Grace, Faithful Followers

PRAYER FOCUS
Paul & Jocelyn Neville
Northstar Youth Ministries
Alabama

Pray for Paul and Jocelyn Neville as they minister with Northstar Youth Ministries in Birmingham. The Northstar mission is to help urban youth find their direction in life within a nurturing Christian environment. Pray for the staff as they raise support and focus on strategies that result in greatest impact.

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Women of the Covenant and Men of the Covenant Fall Bible Studies • Studies are starting now—find the right one for you. View the different classes and meeting times on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/women or briarwood.org/men.

MidWeek • It’s not too late to get involved on Wednesday nights through a class or activity. Go to the Briarwood App or briarwood.org/midweek to save your spot for the Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., reserve Nursery space, and see the activities offered for the entire family. The Bookstore open till 6:30 p.m.

BYG and Raiders on Wednesday Nights • Raiders (7th/8th grades) meet from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and BYG (9th–12th grades) from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Don’t forget we serve Wed. dinner (pizza $3) at the Barn starting at 5:15 p.m.

GriefShare • Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 pm in W202. If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come be a part of GriefShare (13 sessions).

In Training • Discipleship and Missions will begin for children grades 2–8 Sept. 16 at 3:45 p.m. in the Children’s Auditorium. Go to briarwood.org/IT for information and sign-up.

Ask the Pastor • Read the pastor’s latest vlog entry on the Briarwood app or at briarwood.org/askthepastor.

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Nationwide Prayer Event for Women

September 23 • 6:00 p.m. • Briarwood Chapel

All women are invited to join with thousands of others nationwide as we raise our voices to God in prayer, crying out to the King of kings to do in us and our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish. Go to cryout16.com to receive preparation emails and for more information.
**Pastor's Inquirers’ Class** • Begins Sept. 18 for newcomers and prospective members. It includes two Sunday morning classes (Sept. 18 and 25), Wed. night (Sept. 21) plus a weekend class (Sat. morning, Sept. 24). By attending, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 776-5208.

**Children’s Communicants Class Parent Meeting** • Sun., Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. in S308. The fall class for grades 4–6 begins Sun., Sept. 25. Call 776-5526 for questions or to sign up.

**Caregivers of Dementia Patients Support Group** • Join us Tues., Sept. 20 in A201 11:00 a.m.–noon to share concerns and strategies. Call 776-5320.

**Special Connections** • Our children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during the services on Sundays and other events. Training is Tues., Sept. 20 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in G101-A. RSVP to June Cork at 776-5291 or jcork@briarwood.org.

**Amy Grant in Concert** • To support The Auxiliary’s work for Big Oak Ranch, Tues., Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., in Wright Center. Go to tickets.samford.edu or call 726-2853.

**Voter Registration Forms** • Available at tables in the Chapel, Ministry and Bookstore hallways Sun. morning, Sept. 25. Voter registration and address change forms are also at the Information Desk every Sunday.

**Wheels for the World** • A Joni and Friends Ministry, is collecting manual wheelchairs, aluminum walkers, canes and crutches Sat., Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Altadena House. Call Sharon at 281-1467 with questions.

**Updates from Around the World** • Check out the missions blog attheworldforhim.org for urban, national and global updates from our partner missionaries.

**B-Mail** • Keep up with upcoming events and opportunities via the weekly B-Mail in your email inbox. You’ll get a description of major events along with regular items like The Briarwood Weekly newsletter. It’s an easy way to stay up with happenings at your church. To start getting this helpful email just go to briarwood.org/b-mailsignup.
Job Openings • 1) Full-time accounting specialist needed to process Church and related ministries contributions. This non-church member position is responsible for processing payroll and payroll filings with Federal and State authorities. Experience in processing contributions, payroll, Excel, journal entries and general ledger required. College degree preferred. Email resume to jminor@briarwood.org. 2) Now seeking a Director of Women’s Ministry. The Director should have ministry experience with women, a heart for women of all life stages, a commitment to equipping them for ministry as well as leading through teams. Interested candidates should send résumés to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or call 776-5301 for more information. 3) Part-time position now open with Special Connections Ministry working with special needs children. Email June Cork at jcork@briarwood.org for information.