

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MARCH 16, 2018 •

The Passion of Christ

March 25 • 7:00 p.m. • Worship Center

*A Dramatic and Multi-Media Concert Presentation
from the St. John Passion of J.S. Bach*

Presented by

*The Briarwood Chancel Choir,
Chamber Ensemble, Soloists, Dramatists
and the Briarwood Chamber Orchestra*



No admission fee • Visit briarwood.org/events
Nursery reservations required at briarwood.org/nursery.



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Membership Office (A101) or call 776-5282.



Join us on Palm Sunday evening, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. for a musical and visual presentation of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The setting is taken from selected portions of the Gospel of John, chapters 18 and 19— the arrest, trial, death, and burial of our Lord. The purpose of this worship concert is twofold: first, to prepare all of us for Holy Week; second, to provide a rich venue from the Scriptures with great artistry and the preaching of the Gospel, in which we can reach out to the

Birmingham community for Christ.

The music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, Chamber Ensemble, members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and guest soloists, Dr. Brad Diamond and Dr. Joe Hopkins from Samford University. The music is composed by J. S. Bach who set this portion of the Gospel account to music and titled it, *The St. John Passion*. He basically wrote a full-fledged musical for a church worship service, missing only the elements of a dramatic production. In our worship concert, we have selected strategic places in John's account where beautiful, thoughtful, and elegant dramatic vignettes will be staged.

Bach's Passion was an unabridged version of the Gospel account interspersed with a number of solos and hymns with which the congregation would join. Our presentation is greatly redacted and abridged for a modern audience, but you will still recognize hymn tunes such as, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." It is quite something that we are able to hear the very sounds and sing the very words that Bach's congregation heard and sang in the German Lutheran Church over 300 years ago.

This special concert presentation is bookended with uplifting music about the hope of Christ's birth and His resurrection. And it gives considerable time for reflection about the atoning work of our Lord and Savior on the Cross.

Blessings on each of you and invite as many as you possibly can.

John Haines
Music Pastor



Holy Week
March 25 - April 1

See the full schedule

at briarwood.org/holyweek or on the Briarwood app.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning - 8:00 and 10:55 a.m.

"The Very Good News"

Ephesians 2:4–10; Revelation 21:3–5

Rev. Benny Parks

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

"Jesus' Challenge"

Luke 5:1–11

Rev. Mark Cushman

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Mar. 18

Teambuilders, Women Impacting the World

PRAYER FOCUS

Kevin & Gretchen Scoleri
Cru
Florida

Pray for Kevin and Gretchen Scoleri as he serves in a national role with Cru on the Ministry Partner Development Executive Team. Their mission is to equip and inspire laborers. They are trusting God for the following: ethnic staff funding, coaching veteran staff more effectively, and seeing more full-time coaches raised up.

Mar 16 Dan & Lucy Allison
Search Ministries • Alabama

Melanie Rogers
Campus Outreach • Brazil

Mar 17 Carroll & Pam Baker
FCA • South Carolina

Pete & Renee Roman
Mission to the World • Bulgaria

Mar 18 Jack & Amy Baker
FCA • Alabama

Heber & Lidia Romero
Iglesia Bautista • Cuba

Mar 19 Amy Baxter
Campus Outreach • Alabama

Don & Melanie Roths
Cru • New Zealand

Mar 20 Dave Mace
Briarwood Elder

Scott Summers
Briarwood Deacon

Mar 21 Earl Gibson
Briarwood Elder

Ken Barton
Briarwood Deacon

Mar 22 Benny Parks
Ministries Team Pastor • Leadership Team

Restoration Academy
Fairfield

Inspirational Testimony at New Direction Ministry • Come and hear one of our volunteers tell her story, Sat., Mar. 17 at 11:00 a.m. (305 Crawford Street, Fairfield). A free light lunch will be served; childcare with reservations. RSVP to brichburg@briarwood.org.

Summer Musical Theatre • Does your 3rd–11th grader love to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions Camp auditions will be this Sat., Mar. 17! For information, go to motowneproductions.com.

Special Connections • Children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during Sun. services as well as for other events. Training will be Tues., Mar. 20 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in G-101A. RSVP to June Cork at jcork@briarwood.org or 776-5291.

Pro-Life Speaker • Come Thur., Mar. 22 at 9:00 a.m. in A209 to hear author and speaker Stephanie Gray share *Love Unleashes Life: Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth*. RSVP to lfranks@briarwood.org. Reserve nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group • Join us Tues., Mar. 20 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 to share concerns and practical strategies for dealing with the troubling behavior problems and communication difficulties. Call Dorel Elliott at 776-5320 with questions.

Global Ministry Audio Archives • Hear all nine messages given during the recent Global Ministries Conference now at briarwood.org/gmcaudio.

TRAILBLAZER Travel • June 18–22. Voluntouring Trip to Global Aid Network in Lancaster, Pa where they prepare aid for emergencies worldwide. Enjoy local sites, a show at Sight & Sound, as well as assist in aid preparation. Contact Dorel 776-5320 or delliott@briarwood.org for a brochure or go to briarwood.org/ministries/trailblazers.

Follow the Women's Ministry on social media! We're on Facebook and Instagram. Search "Briarwood Women."

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

- Our love and sympathy to **John, Jack and Nathan Stein** and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Jeanne Stein**, on Mar. 6; to **Sue Leveille** and family on the death of her mother, **Shirley Just**, on Mar. 6; to **Gay Martin** on the death her sister, **Mae Whitson Christy**, on Mar. 8; and to **Craig Cordes** and family on the death of his mother, **Marie Cordes**, on Mar. 12.
- We rejoice with **Kevin and Ann Marie Purser** on the birth of their son, **James Scott**, on Feb. 28.

Ask the Pastor Vlog • Watch Pastor Reeder's latest vlog on the late Billy Graham, now on the Briarwood app or at briarwood.org/askthepastor.

Share the love of Christ in Birmingham! • Hosts needed to offer 2–3 UAB international students a one-time meal in their home. Contact Shawn in the Missions Office for more information at sbrower@briarwood.org or 776-5404.

Christian Medical Ministry Mission Trip Needs • Please donate ibuprofen (adult, children's and infant) and acetaminophen for a medical trip to the Dominican Republic. Contact CMMA with questions at 776-5470.

VBS: JUNE 5–9

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

We want YOU...to help with VBS.

- Sign up to help in the Nursery—shepherding the 2's, 3's, or 4's. Make a difference in a child's life and sign up at briarwood.org/nursery!
- Rising K5–6th grades still need 47 shepherds. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to sign up or see a volunteer list at briarwood.org/vbs under staff needs.

VBS registration begins Apr. 4! Register your children for Vacation Bible School at briarwood.org/vbs.

We need 1000 empty Crystal Light containers for VBS. Turn collected containers into the VBS mailbox.

Current Job Openings:

Junior High Ministry Director. Full-time position working under the Youth Pastor to include programming, personal ministry, volunteer recruiting and developing, assisting parents, discipling and shepherding students. Send résumé to jshaw@briarwood.org or call 776-5269.

Part-Time Accountant. Briarwood seeks a part-time accountant with prior experience in compensations and benefits. Three years accounting experience, proficiency in Microsoft Office and accounting degree preferred. Hours are Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Email résumé to fmorris@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Christian School Superintendent. Seeking a committed Christian leader to effectively lead our faculty to embrace the school's mission. Master's degree required.

Briarwood Christian School Director of Accounting. Full-time, includes benefits. For information on BCS positions, visit briarwoodchristianschool.org/employment.

Teacher Positions. See current openings and job descriptions at briarwoodchristianschool.org/employment.

See details on additional positions and how to apply by going online to briarwood.org/employment.

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A Student Apologetics Conference

Speakers: Sean McDowell, J. Warner Wallace, Greg Koukl,
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BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

March 21

Glazed Ham, Monterey Chicken, Scalloped
Potatoes, Pineapple Casserole, Salad, Roll

For reservations, visit briarwood.org/dinner
or call 776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.