THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MARCH 23, 2018 •

Holy Week at Briarwood

Palm Sunday, March 25

Services of Divine Worship • *8:00 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.*

The Passion of Christ • *7:00 p.m.*

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Communion at the Table • *7:00 p.m.*

Good Friday, March 30

A Service of Reflection on the Cross • *12:00 noon*

Resurrection Sabbath, April 1

Sunrise Service • *6:30 a.m.*

Services of Celebration • *8:00 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.*

Gary and Amy (Shreve) Wixtrom in concert • *6:00 p.m.*

Reserve nursery at briarwood.org/nursery.

SEE DETAILS AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/HOLYWEEK OR ON THE BRIARWOOD APP.

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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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace. We are about to walk through one of the two greatest weeks in all history—the week of Redemption—the Passion of our Lord. Let me give you some ways that together we can focus in order to grow in the grace of our Lord this Holy Week.

- Follow our Savior through His week of Passion as recorded in the Gospels using the "Week of Passion—Devotions for Holy Week" available online, in the worship folder this Sunday, or on the info kiosks.
- Prepare and prioritize the worship services designed to trace our Savior's journey through Holy Week by attending our Palm Sunday Triumphal Entry worship services at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m.
- Join us at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday and bring those with whom you are sharing the Gospel to a very special dramatic, multi-media presentation drawn from J.S. Bach's beloved *St. John Passion*, presented by the Briarwood Chancel Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, professional soloists and dramatists.
- Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Communion at the Tables commemorating His institution of the Lord's Supper.
- At noon Good Friday, we will gather for a one-hour service of meditation, singing and Scripture readings reflecting upon the Seven Words Christ spoke from the Cross.
- Easter Sunday begins with the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in Parking Lot A, followed by refreshments and Resurrection Celebrations at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:30 a.m.
- We will conclude Easter Sunday with recording artists Gary and Amy Wixtrom in concert at 6:00 p.m.

What a glorious week of praise and by God's grace a glorious week of "growing in the grace and knowledge" of our Risen Savior.

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

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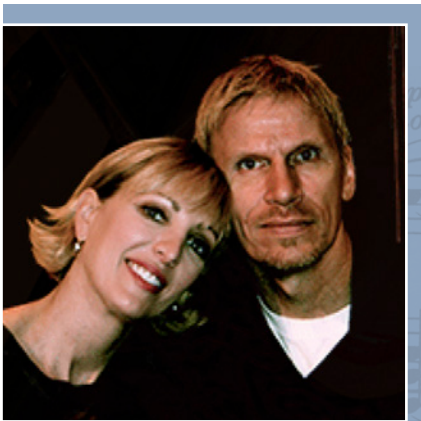

Gary and Amy Wixtrom In Concert

Easter Sunday, April 1

6:00 p.m. • Worship Center

Amy is a folk harpist, singer, and songwriter; Gary is a singer, guitarist, percussionist. Together they have a blend of elegant classic/folk psalms, hymns, and songs. Come conclude your Holy Week with this talented couple! Free admission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Palm Sunday

"The Triumphal Entry and the Moment is Now"

John 12:12–26

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 7:00 p.m.

The Passion of Christ

A Dramatic Concert Presentation

from the J.S. Bach *St. John Passion*

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Mar. 25

Discovery

PRAYER FOCUS

Ben & Sara Sciacca
Restoration Academy
Fairfield

Pray for Ben and Sara Sciacca as he ministers as the Executive Director of Restoration Academy. The Academy believes that every child in the Birmingham area deserves an excellent, Christ-centered education by leading them to love God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as ourselves.

Mar 23	Jan Bearden Wales Goebel Ministries • Alabama	Barry & Dee Dee Rush Cru • United States
Mar 24	Jerry & Joy Beverly Leaders Unlimited • Florida	Guy & Ying Sagidkhwa Campus • Outreach Thailand
Mar 25	Jeff & Lauren Bolger Campus Outreach • Alabama	Stephen & Satomi Sakamoto Evangelical Alliance Mission • Japan
Mar 26	Barry & Susan Bouchillon Cru • South Carolina	Nathalia Santos Campus Outreach • Brazil
Mar 27	Courtney Mason Briarwood Elder	Adrian Vanderwoude Briarwood Deacon
Mar 28	John Mark Graham Briarwood Elder	Gordon Bellamy Briarwood Deacon
Mar 29	Phil Reddick YBL Director • Leadership Team	Shepherd's Fold

Holy Week Devotional Readings • Devotions for Mar. 25–Apr. 1 will be in the Palm Sun. bulletin and also available online at briarwood.org/devotional.

Palm Sunday Triumphal Entry–K4–6th grade are invited to sing "Doxology/To God Be the Glory" in this Sunday's worship service. Line up in the hallway across from the women's restroom in the Church Foyer 15 minutes prior to the service. Children will go to children's worship right after.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Mar. 29 in the Maundy Thursday service. Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive communion. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten free.

The Church and School Offices will be closed on Fri., Mar. 30 for Good Friday. Gates will open from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for the Good Friday Service at noon.

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

Clothing Only, Please! • Please do not leave any items at the church besides clothing for your Thrift Store donations. We have limited storage space in our shipping/receiving area.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class • Sun., Apr. 8. This class for newcomers and prospective members includes two Sunday mornings (Apr. 8 and 15), a Wed. night (Apr. 11), a Sat. morning (Apr. 14), and a luncheon (Apr. 22; only if joining). Attending does not obligate you to join. For more information or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

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.

Intercessory Prayer • Volunteer to pray for our worship services on Sunday mornings in the Prayer Room. Signup at briarwood.org/intercessoryprayer.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

• Our love and sympathy to **Boo Mason** and family on the death of his mother, **Mary Louise "Bitty" Mason**, on Mar. 16; to the family of **member Betty Nunnally** on Mar. 17; and to **Jane Moore**, **Stewart Moore** and family on the death of her mother, **Billie Sasser**, on Mar. 17.

• We rejoice with **Mike and Sarah Stewart** on the birth of their daughter, **Ansley Margaret**, on Mar. 4.

Online Sermon Notes • Use the Briarwood App's sermon notes feature to enhance your worship experience. You can add your own notes to the Pastor's notes already there!

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.

reTHINK 2018 PRESENTS:

FOCUS

A Student Apologetics Conference

Speakers: Sean McDowell, J. Warner Wallace, Greg Koukl, Christopher Yuan, Walter Strickland and more!

April 20–21, 2018 • Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Register: rethinkapologetics.com/alabama

Members: Special Student price ends Apr. 1

The Briarwood App • Have you downloaded the free Briarwood App to your mobile device? Nearly 5,000 people have discovered this easy way to access all the multi-media content available on the briarwood.org website, as well as up-to-date information on upcoming events. Search for "briarwoodpca" in your app store, today!

***Weekly* Deliver Issues?** • Don't forget the electronic version of *The Weekly*, available online every Thursday at briarwood.org/weekly.

VBS: JUNE 4–8

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.

BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

March 28
Holy Week/Spring Break

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