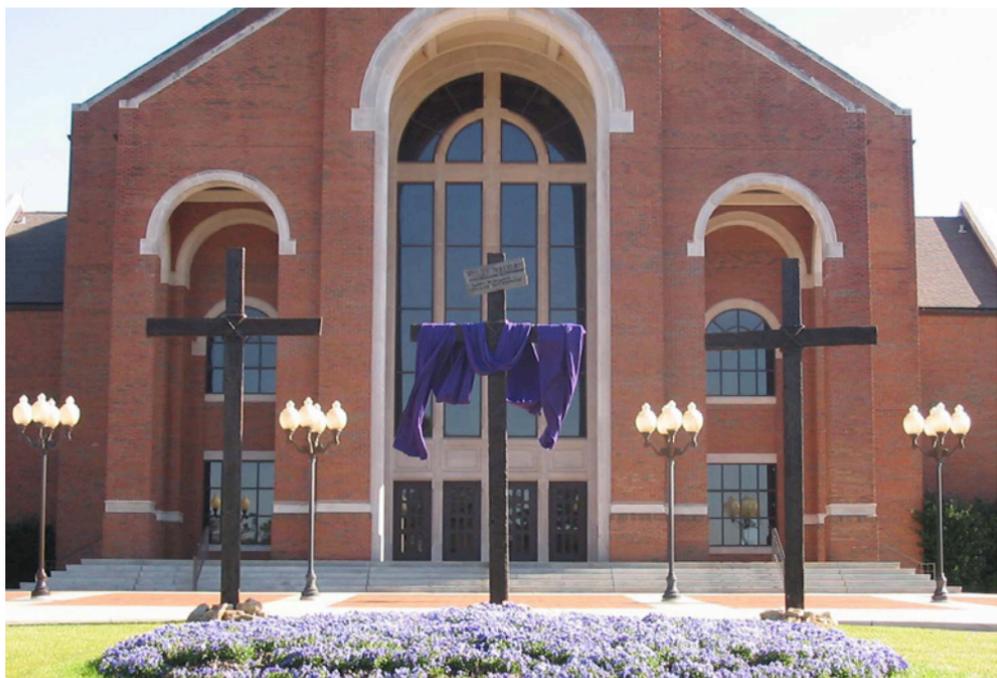


THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MARCH 30, 2018 •



MEANING OF THE CROSSES

THREE CROSSES have been placed in front of the church with appropriate draping on the Christ cross.

THE PURPLE drape, leading up to Good Friday, represents the royalty of Christ.

THE BLACK drape, used on Good Friday and Saturday, represents the death and burial of Christ.

THE WHITE drape of Easter Sunday will declare the triumph of the resurrected Lord.

THE WHITE DRAPE AND THE CROSSES will remain in place until Ascension Sunday, marking the end of Christ's 40-day post-resurrection ministry.



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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.



Scripture records many incredible conversations that people had with Jesus, and each one is intriguing to me in unique ways. It's hard to imagine anyone leaving a conversation with Jesus without being significantly impacted.

One of these amazing conversations takes place on Resurrection Sunday, and involves two disciples of Jesus who don't even realize they are actually speaking to Him. How can that be? The Gospel of Luke unfolds

this ordained encounter and explains to us, "their eyes were kept from recognizing Him." As the two disciples try to explain to this "stranger" what has just unfolded in Jerusalem, including the report from the women that an Angel had told them Jesus had risen from the dead, they acknowledge their unbelief because Him they did not see. What happens next has to be one of the most incredible conversations in the history of mankind. "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Amazing! Jesus actually "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" so that they would see, hear, read and understand that He was the Messiah and salvation was in Him alone. O how I would love to have been able to sit in on such teaching from Jesus.

And yet this Easter, by God's grace, we can! John tells us that Jesus, on the night that He was betrayed, communicated that it was to our advantage He go away, so that the Helper would come and "guide you into all the Truth."

As we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior this year, let us do so immersed in Scripture, trusting the Holy Spirit to open our minds and to interpret all the Scriptures concerning our Savior. Our eyes, too, have been opened and we declare with confidence...He is Risen!

Bruce Stallings

Executive Pastor

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.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning

6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service • Parking Lot A

8:00 and 10:55 a.m.

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Easter Sunday

“The Gardener?”

John 20:1–18

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Gary and Amy (Shreve) Wixtrom

in Concert

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Apr. 1

Abundant Life

PRAYER FOCUS

**Briarwood
International
Outreach**

Pray for several seekers who recently moved back to their countries of origin. Pray for them to meet Christians, continue to study the Bible, and become followers of Jesus Christ. Pray for God to bless our Bible study teachers with wisdom as they teach students from different religious and cultural backgrounds.

Mar 30 Mary & Craig Branch
Search Ministries • Alabama

Alex & Suzanne Sarran
Global Outreach Mission • France

Mar 31 Alonzo & Antionette Brown
Strong Tower • Alabama

Nai & Blaa Sathonrat
Campus Outreach • Thailand

Apr 1 Catherine & Paul Brown
Crown Financial • Alabama

Kurt & Marlene Schimke
African Bible College • Uganda

Apr 2 Cedric & Alicia Brown
Navigators • Maryland

Jon Vermeer
Briarwood Deacon

Apr 3 Van McClurkin
Briarwood Elder

Bill Black
Briarwood Deacon

Apr 4 Kevin Gush
Briarwood Elder

Greg Wolchok
Briarwood Deacon

Apr 5 Eric Reebals
Dir. of Discipleship • Leadership Team

Urban Hope Community Church
Fairfield

Ladies Connection Dessert • WOC invites all new female members who joined in 2017 or 2018 to a time of fellowship on Thurs., Apr. 5 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in FH-E&F.

The Persecuted Church Team will meet for prayer in G103 on Sun., Apr. 8 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we lift up in prayer our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer • All are invited to gather for prayer Sun., April 8 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

Mercy Ministry Canned Food Drive • Coming Sun., Apr. 8. Collect your canned and other nonperishable foods to benefit Daniel Cason Ministries. Bring your bag or box to church and leave behind your vehicle for pick-up while you are in Sunday School or worship.

Does your daughter love to cheer? • Send her to summer Cheer Camp June 11–15 from 9:00 a.m.–noon at Briarwood. Open to Rising K5–3rd graders. Registration is now open at questrecreation.org.

Pocket Change • Deposit into wall containers around the church to be used by the Exec. Mercy Ministry Team. Collect at home with canisters available at the Altadena House.

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.

VBS: JUNE 4–8

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

We want YOU...to help with VBS.

- Nursery shepherds needed for the 2's, 3's, or 4's.

Sign up at briarwood.org/nursery.

- Rising K5–6th grades still need 45 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.

Working Women's Bible Study • Join us the second Thursday of every month as we study the Word and fellowship together. Starts Apr. 12 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in M200. Sponsored by WOC and WBL.

Worship Night • Sat., Apr. 14 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. WOC invites the women to join us for a night of worship. No nursery available.

TRAILBLAZERS Breakfast Seminar • Is your house in order? Come Tues., Apr. 17 at 9:00 a.m. to learn and ask questions about wills and estate planning. Breakfast tickets \$5 in the Bookstore or at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

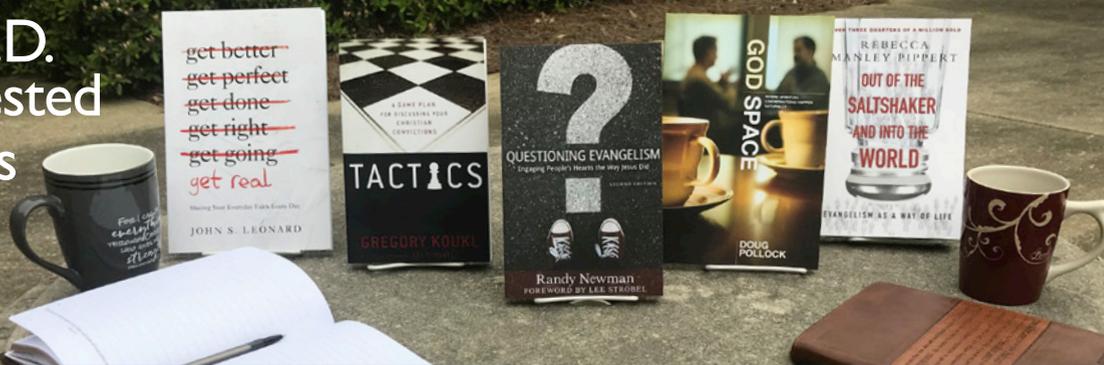
BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

April 4

Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Chips/Salsa

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

L.E.A.D. Suggested Books



 In the Bookstore

Shop Mon.–Fri., 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. • Sun., 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
776-5210 • briarwood.org/bookstore

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WHO JOINED IN FEBRUARY



Buck & Gloria Witt



David & Nancy Zimmer-



Elise Montgomery



Julie Shipp



Jonathan Kalehoff



Hank Abbott



Denise Wichlan

• Next 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.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Sally Scott** and family on the death of her stepson, **Stuart Scott**, on Mar. 20; to **Jan, Kevin, Sally, Julie, Clark, Philip, John, Daniel** and Annie **Lou Morson** on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Ann Upton**, on Mar. 21; and to **Steve Janney** and family on the death of his father, **Albert Janney**, on Mar. 24.