

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 18, 2018 •



Register at briarwood.org/vbs by May 31!

Come for skits, songs, crafts, and tons of fun! This year we will be learning about Nehemiah and building good character.

VBS is open to members and visitors of Briarwood who are entering K5-6th grade in the fall. T-shirts will be available for \$10.

For more information, contact rmacoy@briarwood.org or 776.5251.

We want YOU...to help with VBS.

- Sign up to be a Nursery shepherd for the 2's, 3's, or 4's at briarwood.org/nursery.
- Rising K5-6th grades still need shepherds. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to sign up or see a volunteer list at briarwood.org/vbs under staff needs.



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Officer Nominations

The Bible calls the members of the church to “select from among themselves” those leaders whom God has called, gifted and affirmed. Therefore, each year the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2021 are being accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available at the various information stations throughout the church or email Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

The deadline for nominations is Thurs., May 31.



Our church theme this year is a Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship. Research has shown that most people in evangelical churches do NOT regularly engage non-Christians in spiritual conversations that lead to sharing the good news of forgiveness in Jesus. So we have been teaching a course called “Bridge Building” to help people learn how to initiate and continue serious spiritual conversations with people at work, the gym, their neighbors, and family as part of their lifestyle.

How is this going? Here is some of the feedback from some of these 150 people who have taken this training: “I am having more conversations than ever in my life.” “I am enjoying conversations because I’ve come to understand that it is God who converts people, not me, and so I can relax.” “These conversations are very natural and not forced and give the Holy Spirit freedom to lead the conversation where He wants it to go.” “I’ve been able to have good conversations with family members about spiritual matters that I have not been able to talk to for years about such things.”

Why do we do this? Because we know that people are lost without Christ and we want them to know and experience the forgiveness of sin we have experienced. We can’t keep such good news to ourselves. And as we initiate relationships and learn to listen we discover that our compassion for lost people grows as we get to know them and hear their life issues. This naturally leads to conversations that apply gospel truths to everyday issues of life.

More training opportunities will be available, and I encourage you to take advantage of learning new tools for God to use through you to part of the process of people coming to saving faith in Christ.

Bobby Parks
Director of CMMA



Memorial Day Dinner
MAY 31 • 6:00 P.M. • FELLOWSHIP HALL
BENEFITING SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS

—FEATURED GUEST—
DR. JACK HAWKINS,
MARINE COMBAT VETERAN
CHANCELLOR OF TROY UNIVERSITY

—RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—
\$25 OR \$300/TABLE FOR EIGHT
PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 24

SUPPORTOURSOLDIERSALABAMA.ORG
OR CALL 918.7976

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

XIII. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

The Elect in the Exile

“The Call to Community, Axiom #2”

I Peter 1:22–25

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Leadership in Biblical Perspective

“Selecting Leaders from Among Yourselves”

I Timothy 3:1–7

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., May 20 ~

Homestead B

PRAYER FOCUS

**Big Oak Ranch
Alabama**

Pray for the Big Oak Ranch, a Briarwood supported ministry. The Ranch is a Christian home for children needing a chance to find a normal life, to find God's love, and to know that “we are all more than our circumstances—we are what we have the strength to become.”

May 18	Mack & Chris Griffith MNA (Military Chaplaincy) • Alabama	Hugh & Martine Wessel Mission to the World • France
May 19	Michael & Sandra Hearon Campus Outreach • Georgia	Tony & Mickie West But God Ministries • Haiti
May 20	Daniel Hightower RUF • Alabama	Tim & Rosanna Weston Intl Students Inc. • United States
May 21	Gladys Hillman Cru • Georgia	Wayne & Pam Wideman TEAM • Swaziland
May 22	Dale Sitton Briarwood Elder	Scott Austin Briarwood Deacon
May 23	Ashok Mujumdar Briarwood Elder	Matt Davis Briarwood Deacon
May 24	Chris Thompson Mercy Ministry Pastor • Leadership Team	Hope Health Center Fairfield

Briarwood Fellows • Hear the Spring Presentations in the Chapel, May 24 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and May 25 from noon–1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Theological Training begins May 29 • BTS registration for the Summer semester is open. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Too busy to commit to class every week? Distance education courses are available. For information, call 776-5650 or visit bts.education.

Active Duty Military • Help us update our list of members and family on active duty. Contact Lynn at 776-5387 or lmwaters@briarwood.org by Sun., June 10 with name, rank, and branch of service in which you or your family member currently serves and their relationship to you.

Summer Fellowship Groups • WOC would like to encourage our women to get to know fellow Briarwood members who live in their part of town by organizing groups based on location. For more information and to register for a Summer Fellowship Group, visit briarwood.org/women.

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!

K.I.D.S. Summer Music Camp • Your financial support will help Daniel Cason's ministry tell 500 inner-city kids about the love of Jesus at this June 17–July 1 camp. Call 365-1800 or see danielcason.org.



In the Bookstore

Celebrate a graduate!



Honor those many hours of study with a gift for your special graduate! The Bookstore has a great variety of books, gifts and cards.

776-5210 • briarwood.org/bookstore

VBS: JUNE 4–8

“UNDER CONSTRUCTION”

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

Registration will close Thurs., May 31.

Go to briarwood.org/vbs.

We need YOU...to help with VBS.

- Nursery shepherds needed—2 for 2-year-olds, 3 for 3-year-olds, and 2 for 4-year-olds, as well as someone to help with snacks and decorations. Sign up at briarwood.org/nursery.

- Volunteers still needed sign up by emailing Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

VBS t-shirts will be available for \$10 on Sun., June 3 as well as the week of VBS.

This year's **VBS mission project** will be Sweet Sleep, providing bunk beds to children in southern Uganda. Check out this unique organization at sweetsleep.org.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper • May 27 in the evening 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.

Camp Briarwood • Give your child or grandchild the gift of a lifetime of memories that only summer camp can give! Registration for June–July open at briarwood.org/camp.

Summer Fun for Kids • Start planning your children's summer now, and make this a time of spiritual growth while having fun, too! Go to briarwood.org/summerkids to see a listing of all the activities available at Briarwood.

Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals • Presents *“Insuppressible... Glory, Gospel, and the Design of Life,”* a conference July 27–29 in Pensacola at McIlwain PCA. The conference will feature the teaching of Douglas Axe, Gabriel Fluhrer, and Derek Thomas. Go to alliancenet.org.

Dr. Frank Barker now on iTunes • Hear our Founding Pastor's expositional teachings on books of the Bible online. Just search “Dr. Frank Barker” on iTunes and subscribe to receive additional teachings as added.

TRAILBLAZER Travel • Oct. 26–31 to Washington D.C., including the recently opened Museum of the Bible! For information, email dmatthews@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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

Spring Cleaning? 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.

Current Job Openings:

Administrative Assistant for Embers to a Flame.

A talented and detailed leader is needed to manage Briarwood's Church Revitalization ministry. Skills needed for this 28-hour per week position include the areas of social media, publications, database and conference management, financial record-keeping, and pastoral support. Contact Joseph Franks at jfranks@briarwood.org.

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 Director of Special Services.

Supervise, coordinate, and manage K4–12th student resource program. Minimum Master's degree with 5 years experience in a school resource program. Full description at briarwoodchristianschool.org/employment.

Superintendent.

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

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.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Steve Adams, Philip and Mark Adams** and family on the death of their step-mother and step-grandmother, **member Sherle Adams**, on May 9; to the family of **member Barbara Curtis**, on her death on May 11; to **Mary Brackin** and family on the death of her husband, **Kenneth Brackin**, on May 11; and **Lou Isaacson, Kelly Buck** and family on the death of their wife and mother, **member Harriett Isaacson**, on May 13.