

# THE **BRIARWOOD WEEKLY**

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## A LIFESTYLE OF FAITHFUL GIVING

2019

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

CHURCH-WIDE CONVOCATION

OCTOBER 28

9:30 A.M. • WORSHIP CENTER

PLEDGE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES

CANVASS SUNDAY

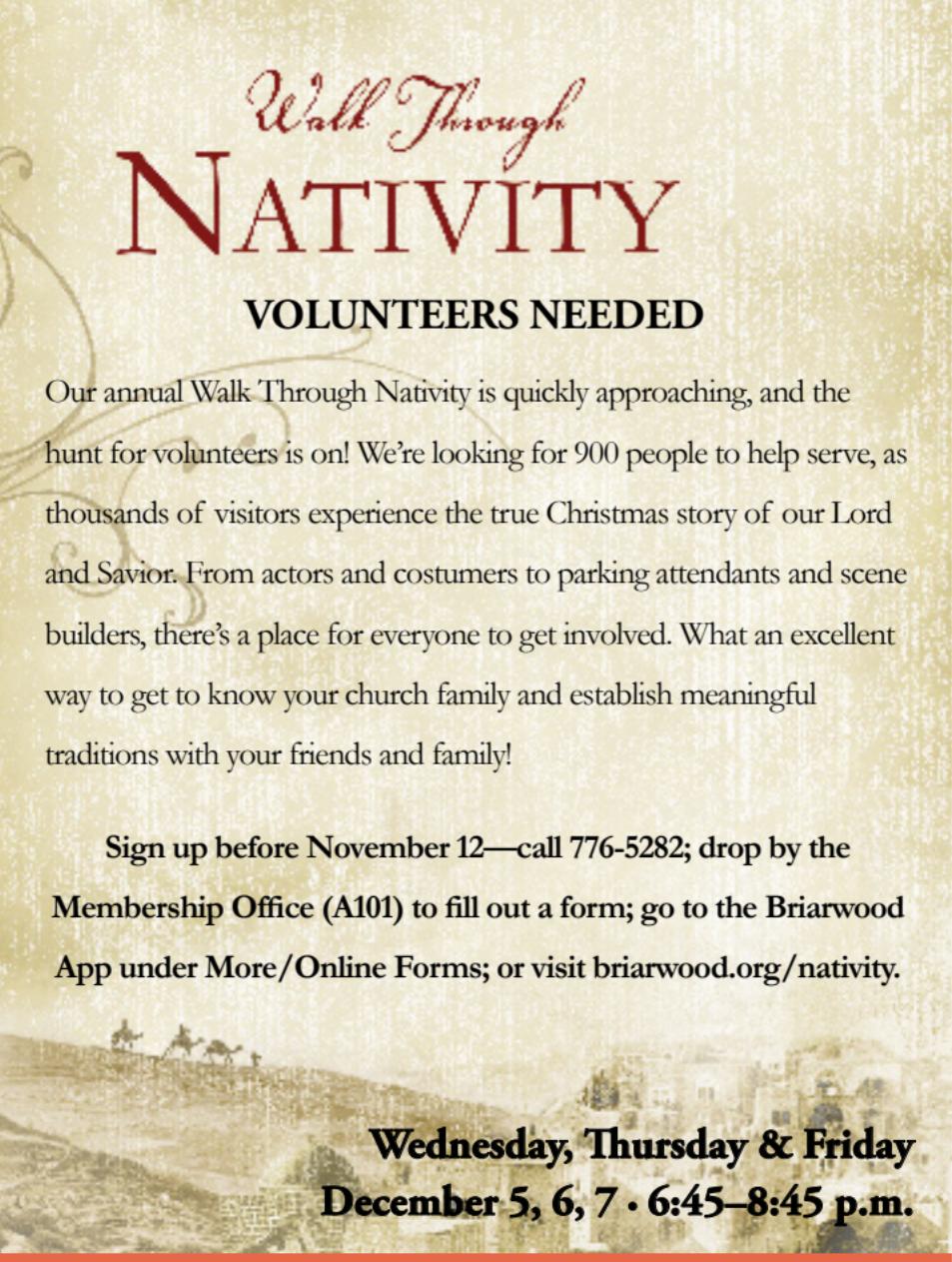
NOVEMBER 11

*“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much...” Luke 16:10*



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# *Walk Through* **NATIVITY**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our annual Walk Through Nativity is quickly approaching, and the hunt for volunteers is on! We're looking for 900 people to help serve, as thousands of visitors experience the true Christmas story of our Lord and Savior. From actors and costumers to parking attendants and scene builders, there's a place for everyone to get involved. What an excellent way to get to know your church family and establish meaningful traditions with your friends and family!

**Sign up before November 12—call 776-5282; drop by the Membership Office (A101) to fill out a form; go to the Briarwood App under More/Online Forms; or visit [briarwood.org/nativity](http://briarwood.org/nativity).**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
December 5, 6, 7 • 6:45–8:45 p.m.**

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# A LIFESTYLE OF FAITHFUL GIVING

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“Nothing is certain except for death and taxes” is a familiar quote to many of us. While there are other certainties in this life that we, as Christians, believe and know to be true, I mention this quote because many within our church may be thinking about taxes as we approach the end of the year and this EMC season. This especially may be the case given the change to the tax code through “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.” Since the passing of the new tax law, I have read that some accountants recommend saving up charitable giving so you would only give every other year in order to maximize your potential tax refund due to the increase in the standard deduction. While Jesus commended the shrewd manager in Luke 16:1–9, I don’t think that our giving to God’s Church should revolve around ways to shrewdly “put it to Uncle Sam.” Instead, in Luke 16:10–12, we see Jesus calling us to be faithful stewards of all that God has richly blessed us with. This will result in living a countercultural Kingdom of God lifestyle maximizing the use of the material wealth to expand the Kingdom of God through His Church rather than the accumulation of material wealth in this life.

I confess, the end of that last sentence is difficult with the “old man” inside of me, but I’ll close with the end of the Luke 16 passage, verse 13. This is a familiar verse to challenge my soul and respond to the accountants’ advice: *“No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”*

*Chase Crawford*  
Stewardship Education Committee

## SEA CLOUD *Sailing the Aegean*



## Travel with Pastor Reeder

Come to the Chapel Sun., Oct. 28 after the evening service to learn about next year’s Christian Discipleship tour, July 27-Aug. 6. Pastor Reeder, along with Peter Lillback (President of WTS), will lead a cruise tour of the churches planted by the Apostle Paul throughout Greece and a unique visit to the Isle of Patmos, where John wrote the book of Revelation.

Contact Amy Lattner at 776-5364 for details or see [briarwood.org/travel](http://briarwood.org/travel).

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

## XIX. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

## *The Elect in the Exile*

## “Christian Suffering and the Suffering of Christ—Part 1”

I Peter 3:18–22

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

## **Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.**

## The Lord's Supper in Biblical Perspective

## “The Reformation and the Lord’s Supper”

I Corinthians 11:17–34

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

# Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Oct. 21

# Firm Foundations, Faithful Followers

# PRAYER FOCUS

**Birmingham  
International  
Outreach**

Praise God for the new relationships formed with the international students and scholars at the Friendship Partner Picnic. And praise Him for the unity between multiple churches as we serve the international community side-by-side with one heart and one mind.

<b>Oct 26</b>	Alonza & Vanessa Jones Biblical Marriage Institute • Alabama	Reid & Carolyn Lamphere CRU • U.S./Intl
<b>Oct 27</b>	Fred & Jean Klett Jewish Outreach • Pennsylvania	Jean Legters National Presby. Church • Mexico
<b>Oct 28</b>	Stephen & Eva Long Sports Outreach • Texas	Steve & Sherri Letchford SIM • Kenya
<b>Oct 29</b>	Leonard & Cecelia Mahoe CRU • Hawaii	Russell & Wendy Long Campus Outreach • U.S./Intl
<b>Oct 30</b>	Andy McGehee Briarwood Elder	Joe Medlock Briarwood Deacon
<b>Oct 31</b>	Robert Holder Briarwood Deacon	Barry Shirley Briarwood Deacon
<b>Nov 1</b>	Dave Matthews Shepherding Pastorr • Leadership Team	Hope Health Center Fairfield

**WOC Worship Night** • Fri., Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Ladies, make plans to join us for this evening of worship through music and the Word.

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** • Oct. 28 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.

**Single Ladies** • Our next WOC Titus 2 Night, for single ladies 20 years old and up, is Mon., Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in G101. We'll focus on ministering to our single women of all ages. See [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) for information.

**Let's Go Fishing!** • The pond located across from the Youth Barn is overstocked, and Briarwood members are invited to come fish during a special open fishing season through Oct. 31. Get details at [briarwood.org/pond](http://briarwood.org/pond).

**BTS Intensive Course** • It's not too late to take a fall semester class at BTS! Reformation and Modern History is offered Nov. 1–Nov. 3. For more information, go online to [bts.education](http://bts.education) or call 776-5356.

**Briarwood's Trail Life Troop** • On Sat., Nov. 3 our Trailmen will pack and box 10,000 nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals for distribution to the hungry, here locally and in Haiti. Go to [briarwood.org/traillife](http://briarwood.org/traillife) now to help in this effort.

**Angel Trees** • Pick out your "angel" from trees in the Ministries and Chapel Lobbies on Nov. 4 or 11. Buy gifts for these children of prisoners and return by Sun., Nov. 18.

**Briarwood Christmas Shop** • Thurs., Nov. 8 from noon–6:00 p.m. and Fri., Nov. 9 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the FH. Admission is free and there will be door prizes. Come find the perfect gift! Sponsored by Briarwood Christian School.

**Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer** • You are invited to gather for prayer Sun., Nov. 4 at 5:00 p.m. in W202. All are welcome.

**Pastor's Inquirers' Class** for newcomers and prospective members begins Nov. 4. It includes two Sunday morning classes (Nov. 4 and 11), three Wed. night classes (Nov. 7, 14, 28) and a Nov. 18 luncheon for those who are joining. By attending, you are not obligated to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 776-5208 or email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

## BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Chris Reebals, Eric Reebals** and family on the death of their mother, member **Pauline Reebals**, on Oct. 21; and to **Dave Wood** and family on the death of his mother, **Elizabeth Wood**, on Oct. 23.

**WOC Book Club** • Join us Tues., Nov. 6 in the Caroline House from 6:30–8:00 p.m. as we discuss Jared C. Wilson's book, *The Imperfect Disciple*.

**Foundations Early Learning** • Carpool from Briarwood to a Lunch and Learn from noon–1:00 p.m. in Fairfield, Thurs., Nov. 8. Contact Pat for details, 730-6333..

**Nursery Committee** • If you are interested in being a part of the nursery committee, go to [Briarwood.org/nursery](http://Briarwood.org/nursery) and follow the link at the bottom to fill out an information form.

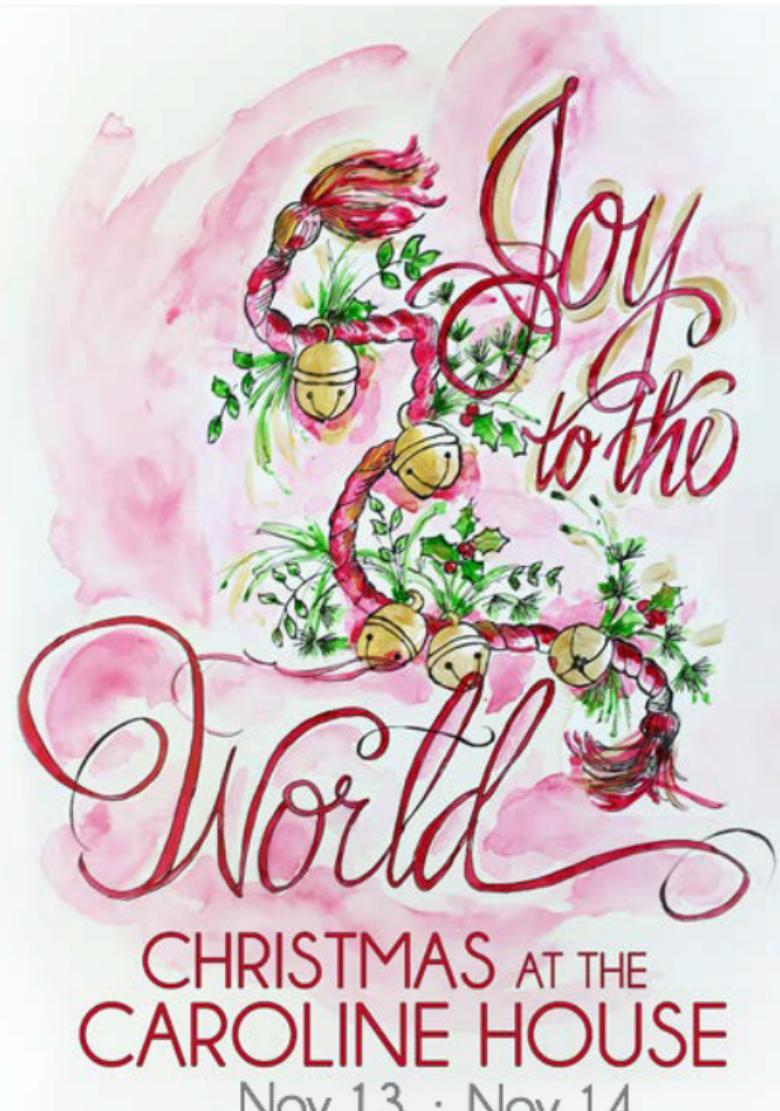
**"I Cared Enough"** • Daniel Cason Ministry's annual event at the Bill Harris Arena@Crossplex is Tues., Nov. 20. Volunteers and donations are needed to provide hot Thanksgiving meals, groceries, clothing, medical screenings and more for those in need. Call 320-2111 or see [libertychurch.cc/ice](http://libertychurch.cc/ice).

**Ask Pastor** • See the Pastor's new post on The Trinity. Have a question for Pastor Reeder? Submit your question to [briarwood.org/askthepastor](http://briarwood.org/askthepastor), and while there watch his video blog to hear answers to past questions.

**Flower Guild needs you!** • If you like to arrange flowers, we would love to have you be a part of the Flower Guild. Call or text Dean Hodge for information at 205-919-2723.

**Shoebox Ministry Opportunity** • Travel Mon., Nov. 26 by bus to Operation Christmas Child in Atlanta to assist in preparing shoeboxes for needy children. Cost \$40/person. Email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for reservations.

**24th Annual Meadow Brook Runs** • Sat., Dec. 15 to benefit the Jesus Video Project of Alabama. Start times: 5K at 9:00 a.m. and 1-mile Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. Walkers and pets on leash welcome. Go to [meadowbrookruns.org](http://meadowbrookruns.org).



\$12 tickets on sale in the Bookstore  
or at [briarwood.org/cch](http://briarwood.org/cch).

# BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

## October 31 Dinner Menu

Chicken Tetrazzini, Roast Beef Casserole,  
Vegetables, Green Salad, Roll, Dessert

For reservations, visit [briarwood.org/dinner](http://briarwood.org/dinner)  
or call 776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.

**Updates from Around the World** • Check out the missions blog at [theworldforhim.org](http://theworldforhim.org) for urban, national and global updates from our partner missionaries.

**Interested in serving in the Birmingham area?** • Go to [briarwood.org/urban](http://briarwood.org/urban) for information on volunteering with our local ministry partners.

**Job Openings** (more at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment)):

**Jr. High Ministry Staff.** Seeking a female to shepherd and disciple our Junior High school girls through personal ministry and recruiting and training volunteers. Will work under the Junior High Director and with other youth staff. Call the Briarwood Student Ministry at 776-5269, or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**College Women's Coordinator.** Full-time ministry staff position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. Please submit résumé to Rachel Laster at [rlaster@briarwood.org](mailto:rлаster@briarwood.org) or contact her for more information.

**National and Urban Ministries.** Seeking a Briarwood member for a part-time admin assistant position. Knowledge of MS Office is necessary. Email Heather McDougall at [hmc dougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmc dougall@briarwood.org) with résumé or inquiries.

**National Missions Pastor.** Seeking an experienced pastoral leader for the revitalization of churches. He will lead Briarwood's National Missions, Church Revitalization, and Church Planting teams and will be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Inquire with résumé to Heather McDougall at [hmc dougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmc dougall@briarwood.org) or 776-5279.

**Manager of New Direction Ministry Thrift Store.** The Mercy Ministry seeks a Briarwood member to serve in this part-time position in Fairfield. Candidates should have a heart for gospel ministry, an aptitude for retail management, and an ability to recruit volunteers. Email résumé to Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org).

**Extension Campus Dir. for Christian Medical Ministry.** Full-time position working under Exec. Dir. of CMMA to direct expansion of the ministry to other campuses in Ala., as well as participate in the ministry at UAB. Seeking a self-starter with prior ministry experience and know-how to develop/lead teams and disciple others. Contact Bobby Parks at [bjparks@briarwood.org](mailto:bjparks@briarwood.org) or 776-5470.

**See details on other positions and how to apply by going online to [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).**