

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROLINE HOUSE

Nov. 13 · Nov. 14

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Remember to fall back
from Daylight
Saving Time
this Sunday.

Set your clocks
back an hour
before you go to bed
Saturday night.

Sunday, November 4

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A LIFESTYLE OF FAITHFUL GIVING

PLEDGE SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 4
CANVASS SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 11

After 48 years of life, 22 years of marriage, and 21 years of being a Christian, I am most thankful for the times that God has allowed me the ability to see His work in every aspect of my life. From good times to bad, from tragic circumstances to self-inflicted need for discipline, He has always shown me that not only is He with me at all times, but He is actually carrying me the entire time.

One of the best examples I can recall came early in my marriage when I was a very new believer. The lessons I was taught growing up about tithing and giving never really stuck, as I was a typical twenty-something and very selfish and self-serving. My wife, Shelle, had always believed in and practiced tithing and giving. After much debate, she convinced me not only of its importance for God's work, but the impact that it would have in my life. So, reluctantly, I tried it one year. We scraped together everything we could to give as much as we could to the church. Selfishly, with skepticism, I waited for how it was supposed to impact me. To my astonishment, a couple of months later when we got our tax return back from the accountant, our refund literally matched our giving. This has not been the standard every year since, but the fact that I got to see something real like that early on has led us toward making giving a priority instead of an afterthought.

The ability to see the real impact our giving has on the many ministries at Briarwood and knowing that God's kingdom is being expanded in so many ways and so many directions, that is the real blessing.

Paul Henderson
Stewardship Education Committee

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

“Lifestyle of Giving”

Genesis 4:1-7

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

XX. L.E.A.D. in Biblical Perspective

Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship

“From Hindrances to Helps in a Lifestyle of Evangelism”

Acts 2:37-47

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Nov. 4

Inside Out A

PRAYER FOCUS

Cosmo & Suzette
Tomaselli
Church Resource
Ministries

Cosmo and Suzette Tomaselli minister to Romania where there is much unrest. Pray that Cosmo will be empowered to preach and teach boldly in churches, schools and villages near Iasi and for many to come to faith in Jesus. Pray also for the leadership teams to be committed to the Great Commission.

Nov 2	Bailey Marks Sr. CRU • Florida	Jack & Misty Lindsey Navigators • U.S./Intl
Nov 3	Hank & Chrisy Marshman CRU • Tennessee	Samuel & Mildred Ling China Horizon • U.S./ Intl
Nov 4	Jack & Sheri McGill CRU • Florida	Martin & Connie Londono Intl Outreach Ministries • Colombia
Nov 5	Bob & Becky McPherson CRU • Alabama	Eric & Beryl Malgas Word & Life Ministries • South Africa
Nov 6	Sam Mooney Briarwood Elder	Napo Monasterio Briarwood Deacon
Nov 7	Fred Holladay Briarwood Deacon	Nathan Terrell Briarwood Deacon
Nov 8	Fred Morris Director of Accounting • Leadership Team	North Star Youth Ministries Birmingham

The Walk Through Nativity is looking for you—actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene builders and more! We need 900 volunteers to serve Dec. 5, 6, and 7 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Sign up by Nov. 12—call 776-5251; drop by the Membership Office (A101) to fill out a form; visit briarwood.org/nativity; or go to Briarwood App under More/Online Forms. There's a place for everyone.

Briarwood's Trail Life Troop • This 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 now to help in this effort.

Operation Christmas Child • Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life with the love of Jesus! Pick up boxes in the Ministries Lobby on Sun., Nov. 4 and 11 and turn in no later than Sun., Nov. 18 in the Children's Auditorium Hallway.

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.

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

Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins this Sun., 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.

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*.



Christmas Poinsettias

PLACE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OR
IN HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL
FOR THE WORSHIP CENTER AT CHRISTMAS.

Cost is \$20
PER DEDICATION/PLANT.

ORDER AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/POINSETTIA,
USE ENVELOPES AT THE INFO DESK,
VISIT THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE (A101) OR CALL 776-5208.

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.

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.

Persecuted Church Prayer • Sun., Nov. 11 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 for reservations.

The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sun., Dec. 2 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2021 and Sun., Dec. 9 for the purposes of receiving the 2019 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on Dec. 2. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:55 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. in the Worship Center on Dec. 9 to receive the 2019 budget.

Trailblazers Spring Trip • Join us as we travel to Savannah, Georgia and Amelia, St. Simon and Jekyll Islands this coming Apr. 8–13. Email Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org or see the brochure at briarwood.org/trailblazers for details.

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.

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.

Nursery Committee • If you are interested in being a part of the nursery committee, go to Briarwood.org/nursery, follow the link at the bottom and fill out the information.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

- We rejoice with **Brock and Nicki Cochran** on the birth of their son, **Isaac John**, on Oct. 22 and with grandparents **Bobby and Jan Parks** and great grandmother **Ann Parks**.
- Our love and sympathy to **Michael Tilford** and family on the death of his mother, **Henrietta Tilford**, on Oct. 21; and to **Mary Lou Morrison** and family on the death of her mother, **Betty Spann**, on Oct. 27.

BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

November 7 Dinner Menu

Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice,
Chips and Salsa, Dessert

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

“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 365-1800 or see libertychurch.cc/ice.

Job Openings (more at briarwood.org/employment):
Administrative Assistant for Briarwood International Outreach. Seeking a Briarwood member for a part-time position in the Missions office. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is necessary. Please send résumé or email inquiries to Heather McDougall at hmcDougall@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Christian School Director of Special Services. Supervise, coordinate and manage the K4–12th grade student resource program. A minimum of an earned Master’s degree and 5 years experience working within a school resource program required. See briarwoodchristianschool.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.

College Women’s Coordinator. Full-time ministry staff position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. Contact Rachel Laster at rlaster@briarwood.org to submit résumé.

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.

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 or 776-5470.

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