



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Winter Quarter 2019 • Dec. 2, 2018 – Feb. 24, 2019



*“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous
things out of Your Law.”*

– Psalm 119:18

Sunday School Winter Quarter

December 2, 2018–February 24, 2019

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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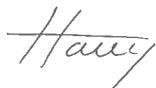
Special Events This Quarter

Walk Through Nativity – December 5–7

Global Ministries Conference – February 24–March 3

A Word to Visitors

Grace and peace and welcome to Briarwood! At Briarwood we have wonderful Sunday School communities where you can find an avenue for studying the Word of God in a small group atmosphere. Our Sunday School communities offer extraordinary opportunities for fellowship and ministry. Dive in and take hold of this vital part of our church by immersing yourself in a community committed to “...equipping Christians to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.”



Harry Reeder, Pastor/Teacher

The Purpose of Sunday School Communities

The purpose of Briarwood’s Sunday School Community Ministry is to teach consistently the whole counsel of God in the context of our congregational communities; to encourage the fellowship of believers; and to build disciples by equipping Christians to make an impact for Jesus Christ, beginning in the home and church and moving to Birmingham and beyond.

Pastor's Inquirers/Membership Class

Church Library

This is a class for newcomers and prospective members taught by Pastor Reeder and other pastors. Attending this class does not obligate you to join the church. We will cover connecting with Christ, with the Church, and with Briarwood. **The Winter Session is scheduled to begin Jan. 13 and will include two Sunday morning sessions, 3 Wednesday night sessions and a luncheon for those planning on joining.** For more information, please call 776-5208 or you may check dates and register online at briarwood.org/pic.

NURSERY

Director: Alison Craig. Ages 2 months through 3 years.

Visitors, to ensure your child is placed in the correct room, please come to the Nursery Registration table located in the Nursery hallway.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Pastor: John Evans. K4 – 6th grade.

In order to best serve you, register your children at the Children's Sunday School Information Station, School wing, second floor (directly over the School lobby).

AGE/GRADE	ROOM
K-4.....	E-207/209/211
K-5.....	E-206/208/210
1st grade.....	N-201/202/203/204
2nd grade.....	N-205/206/208
3rd grade.....	N-207/209; S-202
Catechism class.....	N-211
4th grade girls.....	S-205
4th grade boys.....	S-204
5th grade girls.....	S-207
5th grade boys.....	S-206
6th grade girls.....	S-209
6th grade boys.....	S-208
Communicants class.....	S-203
Special Connections (Children)	N-110
Special Connections (Adults)	N-108

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7-12.

Raiders 7th and 8th grade — E-304/305/306/313

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group) Grades 9-12 — C-200

Taught by parents and Youth staff.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Christian Education Pastor: Ray Tucker.

Let us help you find the right Sunday School Community for you!

Call us at 776-5208 or drop by the Membership Office across
from the Church Receptionist.

COLLEGE

College (A-201)

“John”

College age. We will be studying timeless truths from the Gospel of John, which varies from the other three gospels by focusing more on spiritual themes rather than historical events. Filled with first-hand accounts of experiences with Jesus, John provides us with vivid lessons and instructions from Jesus on how to live according to God’s will. *Teachers: Max Bunn and others. Team Leaders: Carlises, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)

“Ruth and Esther”

A community for graduates to early 30s. We will be studying the books of Ruth and Esther to learn how the Lord used these incredible women to bring about His redemptive purposes. *Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Hulseys. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210)

“Work as Worship”

A community for early 30’s to 45. Have you ever held a seamless garment in your hands? As the word suggests, there are no seams – one aspect of the garment simply moves into the other and as a result each portion of the garment is integrated with the other. The goal of this course is to help us think about our lives as seamless-with love for God and our hope in the Gospel integrated into all our life. Specifically, we will explore the first three chapters of Genesis to learn how to make Christ preeminent in our vocation, family and culture. *Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202)

“Job”

A community for 40’s and up. This deep study of the book of Job will lay out a biblical understanding of the suffering in this life. Through the life of Job, we can grow in our walk with our Savior even in the midst of the most painful suffering. Learn how to suffer well. *Teacher: Chris Thompson. Team Leaders: Hunter Goff, Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (GYM) “A Believer’s Responsibility for a Healthy Church”

A class for the entire family. We will cover selected passages and topics that have been useful in the church revitalization ministry. Beginning with an inductive look at Philemon, we will also study the seven churches in Revelation, Romans 12, and more. Come and discover your role and purpose in the body of Christ. *Teacher: Bobby Wilson. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Maces, Wessons. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Matters (S-201) “Job: When Integrity Meets Adversity”

A class for the entire family. This deep study of the book of Job will lay out a biblical understanding of the suffering in this life. Through the life of Job, we can grow in our walk with our Savior even in the midst of the most painful suffering. Learn how to suffer well. *Teacher: Tom Rivers. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-004) “Romans”

Engaged and newly married couples. In Romans, we encounter Paul’s devastating exposure of universal human sin and guilt followed by the glorious truth that man’s only righteousness is through the mercy of God in Christ offered as a free gift through the gospel and apprehended by faith. Join us this quarter as we study together “the dearest and most comforting word to those who believe.” *Teacher: Todd Carlisle. Team Leaders: Bragans. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-006) “Sins the We Tolerate”

Young married couples. A look at specific sins like pride, jealousy, anger, ungodliness, worldliness, acts of self-control, etc., and how we may try to minimize them or even fail to recognize them as sins. We will look at many examples in both the Old and New Testaments to see how these sins can significantly impact our walk with the Lord and how the Holy Spirit can help us overcome them. *Teacher: Mark Edwards. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Encounter (M-111) “Called to Peace”

Young married couples starting families. Biblical Conflict Resolution in Christian Marriage. When two sinners—even redeemed sinners—marry, relationship conflict is inevitable. But God has provided the power of His Spirit and the process in His Word to address and resolve marital conflict and to reconcile and restore broken relationships for His glory. This course will present the critical biblical instruction on the topic and provide opportunities to develop relevant problem-solving skills. *Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Crawford, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“4 Faces of Christ”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. Although we have no idea what Jesus physically looked like (other than Isaiah saying The Anointed One would not stand out in a crowd), we do have 4 separate paintings of the same Savior and His message as given by 4 different men; one of whom never physically saw Christ, another likely only saw Him from a distance. As we work through each of the “faces” presented, the hope is to see the King and His Kingdom in a much clearer light. *Teacher: George Shamblin. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)

“Dawning Grace”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. Join us for a 13-week walk through the Old Testament. The class goal is to build understanding of the cohesive message of the Old Testament Scriptures and how they foretell the coming of a Savior in Jesus Christ. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)

“The Gospel in the Trenches”

Families with infants to elementary age children. Join us for a practical look at the Gospel in everyday life as the power of a Triune God completes what He has begun in the life of those in Christ. *Teacher: Stephen Bunn. Team Leaders: Abernathy, Bartons, Bragans, Brogans, Hills, Joneses, Lotts, Tuckers, Wadsworths. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

SoJourners (E-007)

“II Timothy”

Families with infants to middle school age children. Paul’s swan song and passionate plea to his beloved son in the faith: Timothy, do not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord. He pleads with him to join in suffering for the gospel. This final will and testament applies not only to Timothy but to all who profess Christ and will help us examine ourselves. *Teacher: Glenn Draper. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morris’, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)

“Dawning Grace”

Families with preschool to high school age children. Join us for a 13-week walk through the Old Testament. The class goal is to build understanding of the cohesive message of the Old Testament Scriptures and how they foretell the coming of a Savior in Jesus Christ. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Clarks, Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103)

“Hebrews”

Families with preschool to high school age children. It's been said that no other book in the New Testament explains the Old Testament better than the book of Hebrews. The letter to the Hebrews shows that Jesus Christ is the Prophet, the Priest and the King; worthy of all glory, honor and praise! *Teacher: Eric Reebals. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010)

“II Samuel”

Families with elementary to college age children. We will explore the triumphs, transgressions and troubles of David in order to more clearly see the glory of our Triumphant King Jesus. *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C)

“Preparing the Way for Jesus”

Families with children in high school or older. This is a study of the Old Testament Prophets and how their faithfulness prepared the way for Jesus' advent. The focus will continue to examine how we can follow their lead to faithfully prepare the way for Jesus in today's world. *Teacher: David Wells. Team Leaders: Harrises, Jacksons, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203)

“Nehemiah”

Families with children in high school or older. The Lord called Nehemiah to lead in rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem and in rebuilding the people for God's Glory. This quarter we will follow the steps of Nehemiah to learn how God is rebuilding us and how we can be used by Him to rebuild others. *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Chris Blazer, Harrises. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200)

“What in the World Is Going On?”

Families with children in high school or older. We will be looking at the issues in world missions today, our history of missions in the Church and at Briarwood and what is God's calling for us today to take the gospel to the nations. There are unique challenges and opportunities in the world and those will be studied and engaged with a view to taking action. *Teacher: Kent Bailey. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, McCrorys, Oswells, Snoddys, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204)

“The Gospel of Mark”

Families with children in high school or older. Jesus' Call to Authentic Discipleship. The opening of Mark's Gospel, says, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Authentic discipleship involves a radical commitment to both receive the “Good News” that Jesus Christ is Lord and the urgent task to retell this “Good News” to those around us. Join us as we unpack Mark's Gospel and what it means to be a disciple and to go and make new disciples that long to follow Him. *Teacher: Michael Wichlan. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)**“Ephesians”**

Families with children in college or older. One theologian calls the book of Ephesians “The crown and climax of Pauline theology.” Another describes it as the “believers bank and the treasure house of the Bible.” This in-depth study of Ephesians will remind us who we are in Christ and instruct us in how to live for Christ. *Teachers: John Evans and Jay Shaw. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)**“Timeless Truths from God’s Word”**

Families with children in college or older. This winter we will learn timeless instructions and applications from the Scriptures that will help guide us as we grow in our walk with the Lord. *Teacher: Dave Lewis. Team Leaders: McRaes, Smiths, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Mountain View (A-209)**“The Inner Life of King David”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. We will examine the thoughts, prayers and meditations of David from the Psalms as well as the historical books. *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Goulds, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Discovery (FH-A)**“Various”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. We will have various teachers teaching on various topics. *Teachers: Jim Alexander, Jim Carlson, Paul House. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)**“Psalms”**

Empty nesters and grandparents. Most of the time when we are dealing with issues that we don’t understand, we go to the Psalms in Scripture. There we find sorrow, joy, victory, defeat and heart-felt emotions as David and others share their hurts and their questions in these 150 chapters. Journey with us this winter as we unpack a few of these treasures. *Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

Deeper Life (Chapel)**“The Geography of Salvation”**

Empty nesters and grandparents. This visual course is designed to show the relationship between the geographical locations and the great biblical events and teachings associated with them. The goal is to 1) strengthen trust in the Scriptures; and 2) provide a better understanding of Scriptural passages whose meaning depends on their historical geographical and cultural background. We’ll focus on the travels of Paul to Corinth and Ephesus. *Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Charles Atwater, Al Black, Jim Dewberry, Bill Fox, Rick Lathem, Lee McCarty, Bill Moulton, Bill Rudd, Charlie Woodall. CP: Chuck Morgan. SP: Dave Matthews.*

Homestead (FH-E&F)

“Jeremiah”

Empty nesters and grandparents. We will be studying timeless truths in Jeremiah. *Teacher: Dave Johnson. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whaleys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“Jeremiah”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. Jeremiah was a man of exceptional courage, unwavering commitment to the truth, and a message for his nation in decline and to the nations in mercy. Learn how the prophet’s undying confidence in God and His promises sustained him and provided real hope for the nation in crisis. *Teacher: Don Furuto. Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Heads. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205)

“Galatians”

Women of all walks and stages of life. Paul wrote Galatians to counter Judaizing false teachers who were undermining the central New Testament doctrine of justification by faith. This study will look at the defense Paul offers and the consequences for abandoning this essential doctrine of salvation. *Teacher: Walter Leveille. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)

“Ecclesiastes”

Women of all walks and stages of life. Is the Book of Ecclesiastes simply the reasoning of a skeptic or the resignation of a godly man? This study will show – rather – that the book is an honest, fascinating and poignant search for the key to life which ultimately is found in Jesus Christ. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Campbell, Susan McCollum. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Dave Matthews.*

INTERNATIONAL

International (E-218, School Library)

“Beholding God’s Plan”

English-speaking internationals. True peace is to have peace with God. Join us as we read through stories of the Bible. We will learn about God’s character as well as take an honest look at our human nature, all while discovering how to have peace with God. *Teacher: Taylor Barnes. Team Leaders: Chans, Kelsos, Ann Lindsey, David Morgan, Neills, Miriam Rueger. CP: Taylor Barnes. & SP: Bryan Wintersteen.*

International Sunday Services

Japanese Worship Service: 1:30 p.m., G-101, *CP: Kotaro Hamamatsu.*

Korean Worship Service: 11:20 a.m., 2209 Rocky Ridge Road, *CP: Seongmin Im.*

Hispanic Worship Service and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m., 5521 Double Oak Lane (Highway 119), *CP: Joel Acevedo.*

Abbreviations Used

CP: Community Pastor

Serves alongside a Shepherding Team to provide shepherding care, class leadership, and biblical training for a Sunday School Community.

SP: Shepherding Pastor

Serves as a Community Pastor in one or more Sunday School Communities and coordinates the work of other Community Pastors within his group of Communities.

Building:

A: Administration

C: Children's Wing

E: Educational Building

FH: Fellowship Hall

G: Gym Wing

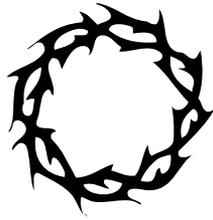
Mtn. View: Mountain View Building

M: Ministry Wing

N: Nursery Wing

S: School Wing

W: Worship Center



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