

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JANUARY 11, 2019 •

SPORTSMAN'S BLAST 2019

REAL MEN SHARE THE GOSPEL

Friday, February 15
With Speaker: Dr. John D. Morgan

Over 20 exhibitors & interactive displays!
Doors open 4:30 p.m. • Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$12 tickets at briarwood.org/blast
Dinner provided with purchase of ticket



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MERCY MINISTRY
*Diaper & Wipe
Drive*



Sun., Jan. 20

Support Fostering Hope Ministry
Leave diapers and wipes behind your vehicle for
the Mercy Ministry to collect while you are in church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Cindy and I are praying that our Lord will grant to you a blessed New Year. May I take a moment to publically thank all of the folks who made our Advent Season so memorable? From the Facilities department's set up and take downs to the Walk Through Nativity, Ballet, Children's ministry and our magnificent Music Ministry, it was a wonderful time of praise and honor to our Lord and Savior as well as a marvelous outreach to the community. Please pray for our follow-up with those who attended. It is an unspeakable joy to serve Christ with you.

Our Session has determined that in 2019 we are going to maintain our ministry theme, *L.E.A.D.—Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship*. This past year we focused on Evangelism. This coming year, while still leaning on evangelism, we will incorporate and emphasize discipleship as a lifestyle. Our Lord obviously would include both with His evangelistic invitation, "Come," followed by His discipleship invitation, "Follow me." I am looking forward to our commitment to further nurture a Briarwood culture of evangelism and discipleship as a lifestyle. In light of the fact that discipleship is committed to addressing life through a Christ-centered and biblically-informed world and life view, I am very excited about the new Sunday p.m. series, *Ecclesiastes in Biblical Perspective: From Vanity to Vitality*. Join us each Lord's Day morning and evening that we might grow by the Spirit of God through the Word of God to know, love and follow the God of the Word.

Brothers and Sisters, there are crucial issues of theology and life under assault by Satan within the church and from the world against the church. But our Savior's call is clear: We are to contend for the faith, yet not contentiously, but convincingly as instruments of redeeming and common grace through evangelism and discipleship; and through redeeming as well as common grace we are to be "salt and light" in the world. May our Lord equip us in a special way this year to live and speak truth to this world with the permeating, sacrificial love of Christ and for Christ. Please join me in prayer that our Lord would grant to us a Gospel saturated, Holy Spirit empowered revival in His church beginning with us and multiplying into a Gospel awakening throughout our country and even to the far flung corners of this world, so that the praise of our God "would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

For Christ, the Gospel and His Church,



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

XXIII. L.E.A.D. in Biblical Perspective
Lifestyle of Evangelism and Discipleship
"Discipleship 101 – Part 2"
Matthew 28:16–20
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening

Leadership in Biblical Perspective
Officer Ordination
"Leadership as Worship"
II Samuel 23:8–17
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Jan. 13 – Homefront, Leveraging Life

PRAYER FOCUS

Embers to a Flame Conference Briarwood

Pastors and church leaders will attend the Embers to a Flame Conference at Briarwood January 17–20. Pray these leaders will have safe travels and the support of their congregations. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts to learn and embrace, from God's word, the strategies for church health.

Jan 11	Jamie & Rebecca Strange FCA • Alabama	Alan & Dorys Perdomo World Reach • Honduras
Jan 12	Olan & Lynna Stubbs Campus Outreach • Alabama	Carlos & Ruth Perdomo Impact International • Aruba
Jan 13	Stewart & Mary Swain RUF • Alabama	Argyris & Dina Petrou AMG International • Greece
Jan 14	Matthew & Megan Terrell RUF • Alabama	Brian & Jennifer Phillips Campus Outreach • US/ Intl
Jan 15	Steve Abernathy Briarwood Elder	Matt Abernathy Briarwood Deacon
Jan 16	Steve Adams Briarwood Elder	Doug Adair Briarwood Deacon
Jan 17	Seth Richardson Dir. of Briarwood Fellows • Leadership Team	Christian Service Mission

WOC Retreat registration extended • Through midnight this Sun., Jan. 13. Don't miss this year's women's retreat Feb. 1–3 in Huntsville. Go to briarwood.org/wocretreat.

Birmingham Rally and March for Life • Join Dr. Frank Barker Sat., Jan. 12 at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park (22nd St. S. at 10th Ave). Rain or shine; families welcome!

Persecuted Church Prayer • Sun., Jan. 13 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class for newcomers and prospective members begins Jan 13. It includes two Sunday morning classes (Jan. 13 and 20), one Wed. night class (Jan. 16) and a luncheon on Jan. 27 for those joining. Attending does not obligate you to join. For information or to sign up, call 776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Dementia Patient Caregivers Support Group • Come Tues., Jan. 15 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 to share concerns and practical strategies for dealing with the behaviors and communication difficulties of dementia patients. Call Pastoral Care at 776-5227 with questions.

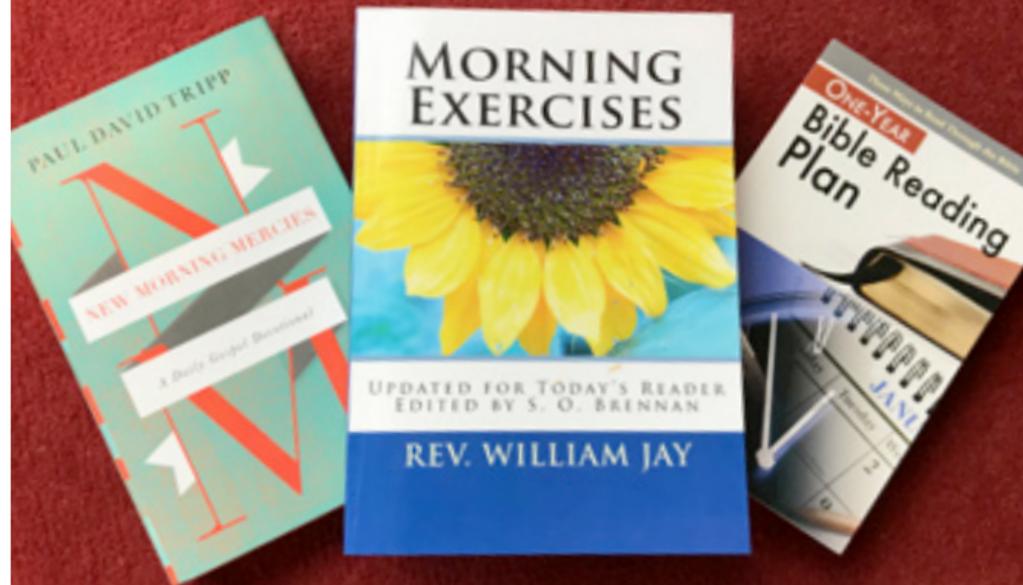
Embers to a Flame Conference • Jan. 17–20. Hospitality volunteers needed to provide housing and/or transportation to attendees and seminary students. Also, volunteers needed for assembly of workbooks and the prayer team. Contact Kim at 776-5399 or kvice@briarwood.org.

Spring Friendship Partners Info/Orientation • Thurs., Jan. 17. Deadline for applications is Fri., Jan. 18. For information, contact Laura at ldanner@briarwood.org.



BRIARWOOD CHRISTIAN
BOOKSTORE

Begin 2019 with Pastor Reeder's
recommendations to study the Bible!



Also go online to get *Tabletalk* at ligonier.org/tabletalk.

EXTENDED HOURS

on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. during MidWeek.

776-5210 • briarwood.org/bookstore

Trailblazers Breakfast • Tues. Feb. 5 at 9:00 a.m. Hear Brain Health Institute's Dr. Kristine Lokken share the latest on cognitive decline and the brain intervention aimed at improving thinking, memory, mood and well-being. Tickets \$6 in the Bookstore or at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

See what's coming to Briarwood at a glance. Signup for once-a-week emails at briarwood.org/b-mailsignup.

Mongolia ESL Mission Trip for May 2019 • Are you interested? Join us for an information meeting over dinner Wed., Jan. 16 at 5:30 in the FH. EE, medical, and military conversation partners also needed for this trip. Contact Laura Danner at ldanner@briarwood.org for details.

Travel with Pastor Reeder • July 27–Aug. 6. Join the next Christian Discipleship Tour, "The Travels of Paul," aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* sailing vessel. Come to the Chapel after the evening service on Jan. 20 to hear more about this unique and exciting trip! Contact Amy Lattner 776-5364 for more information.

Yucatan Spring Break Trip • Join Olan and Lynna Stubbs, Mar. 25–30, to serve on this short-term mission trip. Construction projects, visiting homes and hosting a VBS are some of the areas to be served. Families with children 6 and up are welcome. Go to reel-life.org/trips/yucatan for details.

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

Do you have a child who loves to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions is an auditioned summer musical theatre camp for current 3rd–11th graders. Auditions are Feb. 23, with a new, more streamlined process. For details, go to motowneproductions.com.

VBS 2019 • June 3–7. We are busy making plans so mark your calendar to attend. Registration opens in April. Interested in volunteering at VBS? To sign up, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Job Openings (more at briarwood.org/employment):

Power Point Operator. College age and up. Needed for Sun. services and Wed. rehearsals. Music reading a plus. Contact Frank Barker III at fb3@briarwood.org.

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

BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

January 16 Dinner Menu

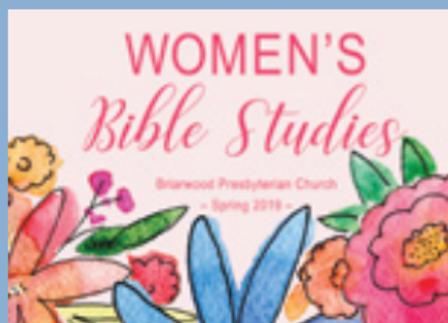
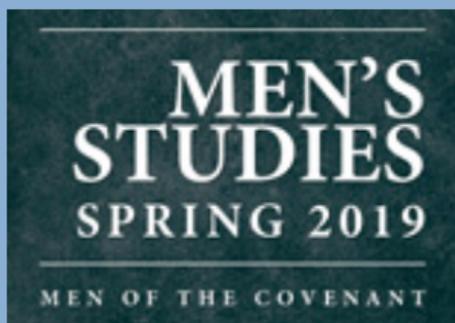
Pork Loin, Chicken Tenders, Black-eyed Peas,
Sweet Potato Casserole, Fried Okra, Biscuits

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



**BRIARWOOD
MIDWEEK**
JANUARY 9 – APRIL 10, 2019

Sign up for dinners, classes and nursery at:
briarwood.org/midweek



Spring Studies

See days and times on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/women or briarwood.org/men.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Ginny Catalano** on the death of her sister, **Mary Frahm-Kremer**, on Dec. 25; to **Jane Boyd** and family on the death of her father, **Bob McConnell**, on Dec. 28; to **Mike Tedesco** and family on the death of his brother, **Larry Tedesco**, on Dec. 31; to **Darlene Kerr** and family on the death of her brother, **Ralph Saunders**, on Jan. 2; and to **George McDougall** and **Heather McDougall** and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Hattie McDougall**, on Jan. 4.