



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Spring Quarter 2019 • March 3 – May 26



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

– Psalm 119:18

Sunday School Spring Quarter

March 3–May 26, 2019

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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Special Events This Quarter

Maundy Thursday – April 18

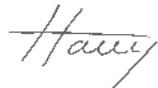
Good Friday – April 19

Easter Sunday – April 21

Church Picnic – May 5

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 Briarwood. We will cover how to connect with Christ, with the Church, and with Briarwood. The spring sessions are scheduled to begin **March 3** and **April 7** and will include two Sunday morning sessions, two Wednesday night sessions and a luncheon for those planning to join. 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
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) “One Another Passages: Living as One in Christ”

College age. We are called to love one another, honor one another, encourage one another, serve one another and pray for one another—all for His Glory and that the world may believe that Jesus is the Christ and Lord of all. We will study the “one another” passages in order to learn how to live as one in Christ and to bear His fruit in our lives. *Teacher: Benny Youngblood. Team Leaders: Carlises, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202) “The Practice of Godliness”

A community for graduates to early 30s. Scripture tells us that God has given us “everything we need for life and godliness.” But what makes a Christian godly? In *The Practice of Godliness*, Jerry Bridges examines what it means to grow in Christian character and helps us establish the foundation upon which that character is built. Bridges opens our eyes to see how character formation affects the way we relate to God, to ourselves, and to others. *Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Wiersmas. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210) “The Enemy Within”

A community for early 30’s to 45. This is a study about overcoming sin and temptation by understanding the nature and power of indwelling sin that remains in the life of a believer for the remainder of our lives. *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202) “Warrior”

A community for 40’s and up. Warrior is a study of the Christian life viewed through the metaphorical lens of WWII. Scripture tells us that our enemy is threefold: the world, the flesh and the devil. We will use anecdotal stories from WWII to illustrate principles of the spiritual battle we call the Christian life. *Teacher: Mike Wheeler. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (GYM)

“4 Faces of Christ”

A class for the entire family. 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: Belyeus, Maces, Wessons. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Matters (S-201)

“The Gospel of John”

A class for the entire family. Here is a chance to dig a little deeper into the Gospel of John. This is a verse-by-verse study with a visual twist. *Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006)

“James”

Engaged and newly married couples. Martin Luther wasn’t impressed with the book of James, calling it a “right strawy epistle!” And since then, James has often been a book of great interpretative difficulty for the Christian. Is it about our works? Where is the Holy Spirit? Why doesn’t it speak more of the church? Join us as we explore the book of James and look at the practical realities of our faith and their ethical implications! *Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-004)

“Psalms”

Young married couples starting families. 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 spring as we unpack a few of these treasures. *Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Encounter (M-111)

“Minor Prophets: Eternal Hope”

Young married couples starting families. The books of the minor prophets are eternal reminders of God’s holiness and sovereignty. In them we see God’s law, wrath, judgment and abundant mercy which points to Christ and salvation. This study will go verse-by-verse and chapter-by-chapter through a sample of these books, including Amos and Habakkuk, to examine their messages in the greater context of Scripture and history. *Teacher: Stephen Wadsworth. Team Leaders: Carlises, Crawford, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“Thriving Marriage”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. The world attempts to tear our marriages asunder, but God’s plan for marriage is unique, intended for our holiness and joy. *Teacher: Joby O’Brien. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)

“Sins We Tolerate”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. 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: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)

“Joshua”

Families with infants to middle school age children. God called Joshua to lead His children into the Promised Land. We will look at how God accomplished this that we may learn from Scripture what we need to apply to our lives as we take our journey to God’s Promised Land. *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Abernathy, Bartons, Bragans, Brogans, Hills, Joneses, Lotts, Tuckers, Wadsworths. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

SoJourners (E-007)

“Colossians”

Families with infants to middle school age children. Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ. In Colossians we learn of the preeminence of Christ and the complete salvation He provides. Christ is completely sufficient for every spiritual and practical need of the believer. Please join us as we explore the beauties of Christ’s supremacy and the adventure of a life submitted to Him. *Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morris’, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)

“Various”

Families with preschool to high school age children. We will have two short courses taught: Paradoxical Life and Walking with God When Life is Hard. *Teachers: Ty Dodge & Chuck Powell. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103)

“Philippians”

Families with preschool to high school age children. Philippians gives us a glimpse into the life of Paul sitting under house arrest in Rome, waiting to learn his fate. In this brief letter, he holds up Christ as our model for humility, reveals the key to experiencing joy is found in valuing others higher than we view ourselves, and reminds us of the great privilege God gives as He invites us to participate with Him in ministry. *Teacher: Jim Alexander. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010)

“The 13”

Families with elementary to college age children. Join us as we look at the Apostles who are the “foundation of the Household of God” (Ephesians 2:19–20). We will endeavor to explore how these ordinary men became extraordinary men who were empowered by the Holy Spirit to change the world for Christ. *Teacher: Ray Tucker. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C)

“II Timothy”

Families with children in high school or older. 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: Harrises, Jacksons, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203)

“Ruth and Jonah”

Families with children in high school or older. Join us to study the books of Ruth and Jonah, two classically similar but different narratives in the Old Testament which point to the redemptive work of Christ. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Chris Blazer, Harrises. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200)

“The Source of Joy”

Families with children in high school or older. In four short chapters, Paul speaks of joy and the inner happiness of faith in Christ which can lead us to cry out as Paul did, “For I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content...I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11–13. *Teacher: Don Wahlman. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, McCrorys, Oswells, Snoddys, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204)

“I Corinthians”

Families with children in high school or older. It has been said that this book addresses the moral problems of that age and ours better than any other in the New Testament. Here we see the extremes of asceticism and Christian liberty. We also see God’s view of sexuality and a proper understanding of spiritual gifts, and many other subjects. *Teacher: Bobby Parks. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)

“Christian Living and Ministry”

Families with children in college or older. Following the spiritual disciplines in order to enhance your personal ministry in Christian living. *Teachers: Dave Lewis & Steve Adams. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)

“Hosea”

Families with children in college or older. When God looks at me, does He find faithfulness, steadfast love and knowledge of Him?” Hosea 4:1. *Teacher: Jim Carlson. Team Leaders: McRaes, Smiths, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Discovery (FH-A)

“Jesus’ Early Teaching”

A class for all ages and stages in life. The class will focus on Luke’s presentation of Jesus the teacher, healer, and kingdom preacher. We will pay special attention to how Jesus teaches us to be members and witnesses of His kingdom in today’s world. *Teacher: Paul House. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Mountain View (A-209)

“Developing Godly Men and Women”

A class for all ages and stages in life. Changes and challenges are occurring at an unprecedented rate in our culture and world. How do we understand them, address them from His Word and equip our children to do the same? Join us as we learn together how to be Godly leaders in this time and help others to be the same. *Teacher: Kent Bailey. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Goulds, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Deeper Life (Chapel)

“Dawning Grace”

Empty nesters and grandparents. 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: Charles Atwater, Al Black, Jim Dewberry, Bill Fox, Rick Lathem, Lee McCarty, Bill Moulton, Bill Rudd, Charlie Woodall. CP: Chuck Morgan. SP: Dave Matthews.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“I Thessalonians”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. We will explore what it means to live in a broken world while looking towards the coming of the Kingdom and the Day of the Lord. We will look to apply the practical and transforming power of the gospel to serve a God who has “not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Heads, Hulls, Mujumdars. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

Abundant Life (G-101)

“God’s Law”

Empty nesters and grandparents. What is God’s Law? What part does it play in our salvation? What part should it play in a Christian’s day to day life? *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

Homestead (FH-E&F)

“Jeremiah”

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

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205) “Lessons from the Matriarchs”

Women of all walks and stages of life. A study of the Old Testament mothers and fathers of our faith. *Teacher: Larry Childs. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)

“Esther”

Women of all walks and stages of life. The book of Esther unpacks the intriguing narrative of a Jewish woman and her cousin, Mordecai, who stayed behind in Persia following the exile—and how they were instrumental in saving God’s people in that place. The story of Esther is perfect guidance for us when we find ourselves in a situation where right and wrong are not so clearly defined and every choice we have seems to be a troubling mixture of good and bad. *Teacher: Kristie Harrick. Team Leaders: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Campbell, Susan McCollum. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Dave Matthews.*

INTERNATIONAL

International (E-218, School Library)

“Galatians, Pt. 2”

English-speaking internationals. The book of Galatians was written to combat heresies in the early church and to provide a defense of the doctrine of justification by faith alone. This study will continue in chapters 4–6 which explain the practical application of this truth that naturally leads to godly living. *Teacher: Walter Leveille. 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