

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• APRIL 19, 2019 •



MEANING OF THE CROSSES

THREE CROSSES have been placed in front of the church with appropriate draping on the Christ cross.

THE PURPLE drape, leading up to Good Friday, represents the royalty of Christ.

THE BLACK drape, used on Good Friday and Saturday, represents the death and burial of Christ.

THE WHITE drape of Easter Sunday will declare the triumph of the resurrected Lord.

THE WHITE DRAPE AND THE CROSSES will remain in place until Ascension Sunday, marking the end of Christ's 40-day post-resurrection ministry.



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RETHINK HOW YOU SEE THE BIBLE

STAND TO REASON
PRESENTS



HAS GOD SPOKEN?



April 26-27, 2019 • Worship Center

Register \$45 online & \$55 at the door

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Holy Week is by far my favorite week of the year. I am drawn to the Scriptures each year to learn more and more about the events and perspectives that preceded the death and resurrection of our Lord. I love using the devotional that Pastor Reeder prepared for us and then reading each day the interactions and the teaching that took place on that day so many years ago.

How could the disciples been so caught off guard by His death and resurrection? He told them, *“the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified and He will be raised on the third day”* (Mark 10:33–34). How could one possibly not understand that? Then the Spirit graciously reminds me of how much I miss even when reminded time and time again from the preaching and teaching and study of God’s Word.

My prayer for myself and for all of us this Easter is that The Holy Spirit will open our hearts and minds and allow each of us to *“reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”* (Col. 2:2–3). And may our daily lives reflect that we serve a risen Savior!

Bruce Stallings

Executive Pastor



*Table for
Five ...
Thousand!*

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning

6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service • Parking Lot A

8:00 and 10:55 a.m.

Holy Week in Biblical Perspective

Resurrection Sabbath

“Three Responses to the Resurrection Proclamation”

Acts 17

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Resurrection Worship Celebration

featuring

Music Staff and Professional Musicians of the Church

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Apr. 21 - Heritage Builders

PRAYER FOCUS

Phil & Amy Pippenger

Crossroads

East Tennessee

Pray for Phil and Amy Pippenger as they serve with Crossroads. This campus ministry reaches students in the local schools in East Tennessee to help them grow in their Christian faith and prepare them to share their faith in Christ among their peers.

Apr 19 Andrew Holbrook
Church Planter • Connecticut

Levente & Andrea Albu
CRU • Romania

Apr 20 Scotty & Sylvia Hollins
Blueprint • Alabama

Pedro & Priscila Albuquerque
Campus Outreach • Brazil

Apr 21 Buster & Gina Holmes
Cru (Media) • California

Kristin Aldridge
Campus Outreach • New Zealand

Apr 22 Kyle & Maggie Hooper
Navigators (Military) • Virginia

Bethany Joy Alms
Mission to the World • Nicaragua

Apr 23 Greg Harris
Briarwood Elder

Ed Corcoran
Briarwood Deacon

Apr 24 Carter Harsh
Briarwood Elder

Tom Cordell
Briarwood Deacon

Apr 25 Frank Barker
Pastor Emeritus • Leadership Team

Hope Health Center
Fairfield

Trailblazer Movie • Come Mon., Apr. 22 at 1:00 p.m. to see a free showing of *Paul, Apostle of Christ* at Cahaba Ridge Retirement Center. Contact Sharon Johnson at sjohnston@briarwood.org or 205-776-5320.

Urban Ministry Prayer • Sun., Apr. 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Join us to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and other urban ministries in Birmingham.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper • Apr. 28 in the morning services. 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.

Hearing Loop System • Briarwood has installed a hearing loop in the Worship Center to work with hearing aids equipped with a T-Coil. Visit the Information Desk to see the areas served or go to briarwood.org/hearingloop.

Bluegrass Fellowship • Thurs., Apr. 25 in the Choir Room from 7:00–9:00 p.m. If you like to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music, come join us. All levels welcome! Call Jim Blackmon at 205-482-4119.

Are you Graduating?
We want to celebrate you!
Info needed by May 5.

12th grade Church Members—

Contact us with your full name, high school, and plans following graduation.

College and Graduate School Members—

If you will be graduating this spring/summer or know a Briarwood member who is, send us your full name, school and degree.

Contact Devin Pond by May 5 at
205-776-5269 or dpond@briarwood.org.

Service Project Opportunity • Join our team Apr. 26–27 as we help prepare Camp Maranook for summer camp. Contact Jason Ellerbee at jellerbee@briarwood.org or 205-776-5335.

“Understanding the Screen Age Culture” • Come hear our Youth Pastor Jay Shaw at this Breakfast Seminar on Tues., Apr. 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the FH sponsored by the Trailblazer Ministry. Buy your tickets in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

National Day of Prayer • Thurs., May 2. The Chapel and Prayer Room will be open all day. Drs. Frank Barker and John Haines will lead a prayer service at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Prayer brochures will be available.

Annual Church Picnic • Come Sun., May 5 from 3:00–7:00 p.m. for kids activities, live music and a Full Moon barbeque dinner. Dinner tickets \$7 a plate or \$25 per family maximum. No reservation required!

3D Leadership • Read Pastor Reeder's latest blog all about his recent book at briarwood.org/pastorsblog.

Irish Republic Mission Trip • June 28–July 14. This short term trip (open to ages 16 and above) will involve VBS type ministry during the day and teen/family outreach at night. For more information email Jennifer Johnston at jenfjohnston@aol.com or go to irelandmission.org.

Travel with Pastor Reeder • Christian Discipleship Tour, Jul. 27–Aug. 6. "Travels of Paul" will be a unique trip aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* sailing vessel, visiting islands of Greece, including Patmos. Call Amy Lattner at 205-776-5364 or see briarwood.org/travel.

Does your daughter love to cheer? • Send her to summer Cheer Camp June 10–14 from 9:00 a.m.–noon at Briarwood. Open to rising K5–3rd graders. Registration is now open at questrecreation.org.

Camp Briarwood • Give your child or grandchild the gift of a lifetime of memories that only summer camp can give! June–July camp registration is open at briarwood.org/camp.

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

Admin Assistant for Women's Ministry. Part-time position for a Briarwood Church member working with the Women's Ministry Director. Proficiency in Microsoft Office required. Send résumé to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

Worship/Music Ministry Associate. The Worship and Music Ministry is currently receiving applications for this full-time position. Individuals who believe they are musically gifted and called to engage younger generations in multi-generational worship are encouraged to apply. Contact Penny Philley at 205-776-5229 or email pphilley@briarwood.org.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

- We rejoice with **Zeke and Felicia Owens** on the birth of their son, **Isaiah Owens III**, on Apr. 12.
- Our love and sympathy to **Wayne Dutt** and family on the death of his wife, **member Billye Dutt**, on Apr. 12; to **Jan Morson** and family on the death of her father, **Dave Upton**, on Apr. 13; to **Alice Kieran** and family on the death of her husband, **member Bob Kieran**, on on Apr. 14; to **Regina, Olivia, Laura, and Susanna Sims** and family on the death of their father and grandfather, **Hoyt Neal**, on Apr. 15; and to the family of **member DeVan Ard** who died on Apr. 15.

VBS: JUNE 3–7

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

We want YOU...to help with VBS. Rising K5–6th grades still need 30 shepherds. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to sign up or see a volunteer list at briarwood.org/vbs under staff needs.

Registration is open! Register your children for Vacation Bible School at briarwood.org/vbs by May 30.

Be a VBS Teen Helper! Rising 7th–12th grade teens register at briarwood.org/vbsteen on May 1. Rising 7th and 8th grade teens **MUST** have a parent volunteering at VBS to be a teen helper. Register **EARLY**—we are only taking 100 teens!

Save your empty Crystal Light containers! We need 1,000 to use during VBS! Leave in to the VBS mailbox.

Recommended by Pastor Reeder

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MIKE
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MARCEL
RUIZ

DENNIS
HAYSBERT



IN THEATERS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Maintenance Department. Full-time position, with benefits. Requires professional painting experience. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231 or dkeller@briarwood.org.

Membership Assimilation Coordinator. Part-time morning position for a Briarwood Church member interacting with a wide range of personalities and possessing administrative computer skills. Limited evening and weekend work. For questions or to apply, please send résumé to Wendy Long at wlong@briarwood.org.

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