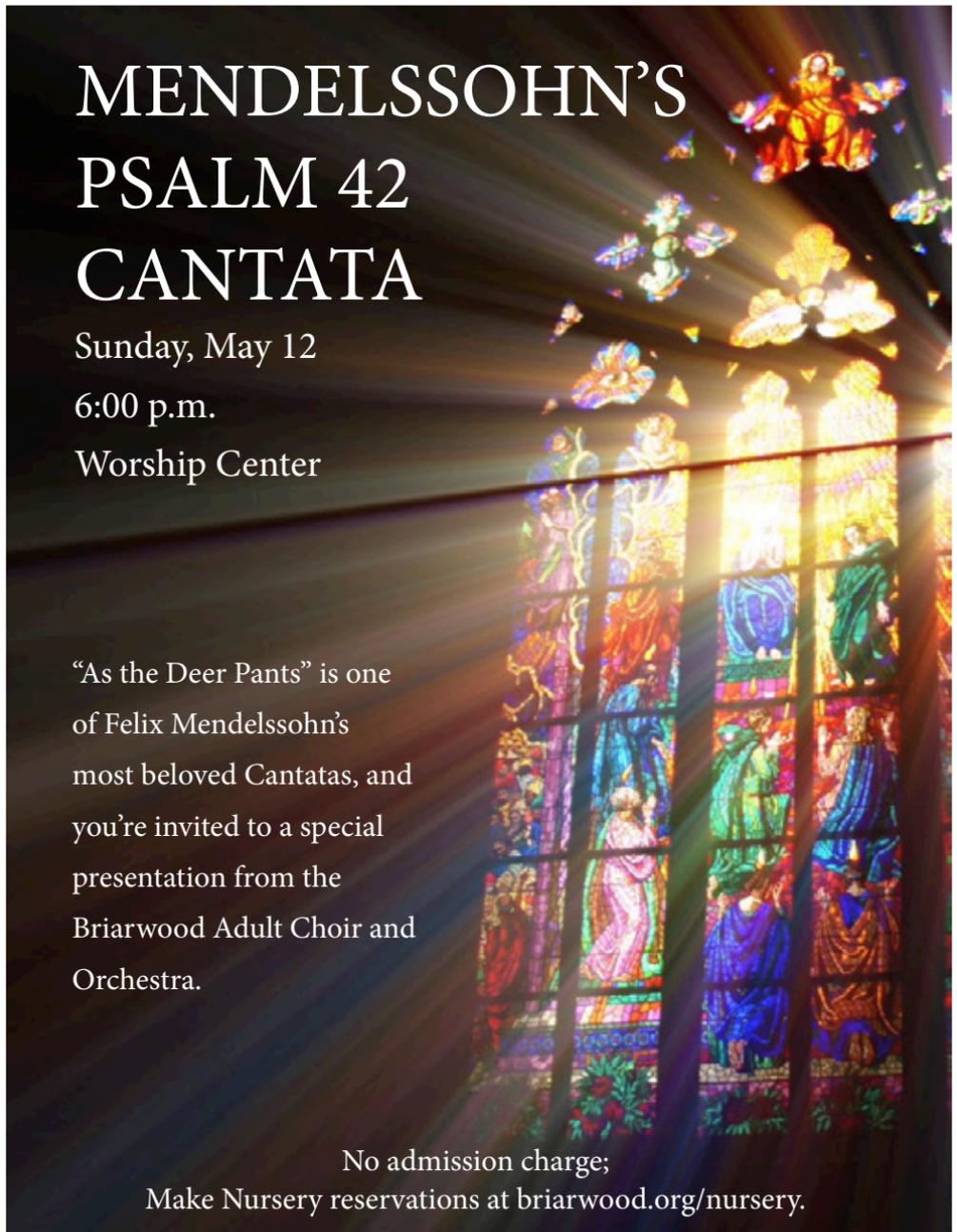




# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 10, 2019 •



## MENDELSSOHN'S PSALM 42 CANTATA

Sunday, May 12

6:00 p.m.

Worship Center

“As the Deer Pants” is one of Felix Mendelssohn’s most beloved Cantatas, and you’re invited to a special presentation from the Briarwood Adult Choir and Orchestra.

No admission charge;  
Make Nursery reservations at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).



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*Memorial Day Dinner*

MAY 30 • 6:00 P.M. • IN THE FH

*-BENEFITING-*

**SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS**

*-FEATURED GUEST-*

**CAPT. GARY MICHAEL ROSE**  
Medal of Honor Recipient

**\$30 INDIVIDUAL OR \$300/TABLE FOR EIGHT**

*-RESERVATIONS REQUIRED-*

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*"Safe...Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you." (Mrs. Beaver, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)*

No matter how many times I read C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, I am still moved to tears by his description of the majestic lion, Aslan. His song generates life; his breath resurrects life; his roar is deafening; his mane is thick and inviting...and he has claws. Aslan's claws are sharp, powerful, and dangerous.

Of course, we are grateful for those claws when Aslan is fighting the White Witch, but somehow we want to imagine those nails could never turn toward us! Truth be told, we'd prefer contact with a de-clawed, toothless lion. And, it seems to me, we've allowed such a notion to infiltrate our faith. Is it possible that we have begun to think of our Savior as safe? Have we mistaken His grace for approval?

In *Voyage of the Dawntrader*, Aslan's claws nearly pierce the heart of Eustace in order to tear away the dragon skin that has taken over the boy's body; and though the pain is excruciating, it is this wound that rescues Eustace. The same is true in my own life. Unless the Great Physician does heart surgery on me, the selfish, dragonish desires of my flesh will take over my life. I am in desperate need of a Savior with claws!

As we enter our 40th year at Briarwood Ballet, it is my prayer that each student who comes through our program will have life-altering contact with the Lion of Judah and will learn to trust His claws, because He is Good.

Please join us as we bring Aslan to the stage in our upcoming production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

*Peggy Townes*

Executive Director Briarwood Ballet

*Briarwood Ballet presents*

THE  
LION THE  
WITCH AND THE  
WARDROBE

May 11 – 2:30 & 7:00 pm • May 12 – 2:30 pm  
Tickets at: [briarwood.org/balletevents](http://briarwood.org/balletevents) • 776-5284

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

XL. I Peter in Biblical Perspective

*The Elect in the Exile*

“Unsurprised”

I Peter 4:12–19

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

## Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Spiritual Gifts in Biblical Perspective

“Understanding Spiritual Gifts and Their Proper Use”

I Corinthians 12

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

*also*

the Adult Choir and Orchestra present:

*Psalm 42: As the Hart Pants* — Mendelssohn

## Serving in the Nursery

Sun., May 12 • Family Life

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Sandra Hardy**

**UHope Success Academy**

**Fairfield, Alabama**

Pray for Sandra Hardy, Director of UHope Success Academy, as she prepares for its summer camp June 3–27. The academy helps at-risk students and families toward long-term, sustainable growth through various educational programs to prevent summer learning loss and to show the love of Christ.

<b>May 10</b>	Leonard & Cecelia Mahoe Cru • Hawaii	Kent & Jo Bailey Campus Outreach • US/Intl
<b>May 11</b>	Bailey Marks Sr. Cru • Florida	Brad & Agi Baker Church Resource Ministries • Hungary
<b>May 12</b>	Hank & Christy Marshman Cru • Tennessee	Mike & Dana Ball Campus Crusade for Christ • Florida/Intl
<b>May 13</b>	Jack & Sheri McGill Cru • Florida	Juan & Eva Barrientos World Reach • Peru
<b>May 14</b>	Tom Jackson Briarwood Elder	Randy DeRieux Briarwood Deacon
<b>May 15</b>	Mike Lanier Briarwood Elder	Jonathan Drescher Briarwood Deacon
<b>May 16</b>	Mark Cushman Pastoral Care Pastor • Leadership Team	Urban Hope Community Church Fairfield

**Persecuted Church Prayer** • We will not be meeting on May 12. Join us next month on June 9 to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**YBL Spring Lunch with Rick Burgess** • Tues., May 14 at The Club, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Rick is an author, speaker and co-host of “The Rick and Bubba Show.” Join us and bring a friend! Tickets: \$25 or \$200/table of eight. Reservations at [rickburgessybl.eventbrite.com](http://rickburgessybl.eventbrite.com) or 205-776-5450.

**Attention Elders** • The Stated meeting of the Session is Tues., May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in FH-E&F.

**Theological Training Begins May 20** • BTS registration for the summer semester is open. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Distance education and video conference options are available. For information, email [btsadmin@briarwood.org](mailto:btsadmin@briarwood.org) or visit [bts.education](http://bts.education).

**Mission trip to Spain** • Team needed to work at L’Arcada Christian sports camp Sept. 24–Oct. 2 and Oct. 1–Oct. 9. Open to men and women of all ages. Contact Dave Wood for further details 205-306-0504.

**Pastor’s vlog** • Watch Pastor Reeder discuss “What is the Key for a Christian to have an Effective Witness for Christ?” now at [briarwood.org/askthepastor](http://briarwood.org/askthepastor).

**Add “The Colors” to the Way of the Flags** • Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone for our Christianity in America Celebration. Make your dedication by Sun., June 9 online at [briarwood.org/flag](http://briarwood.org/flag) or in the Membership Office. Cost is \$15.

**Active Duty Military** • Help update our list of members and family members on active duty. Contact Lynn McWaters with the name, rank, and branch of service in which you or your family member is currently serving, along with their relationship to you at 205-776-5387 or [lmcwaters@briarwood.org](mailto:lmcwaters@briarwood.org).

**Officer Nominations** • Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2022 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

**Summer Fun for K5–12th grade** • Start planning your children’s summer now, and make this a time of spiritual growth while having fun, too! See a listing of all the activities available at Briarwood at [briarwood.org/summerkids](http://briarwood.org/summerkids).

## BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Mary Brennecke** and family on the death of her sister, **Billie Ralph**, on May 1; and to **Barbara Abbott** and **Anne Messer** and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Allene Robertson**, on May 4.

# VBS: JUNE 3–7

## FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

**We need YOU...**to help with VBS.

- Nursery shepherds needed for the 2's, 3's, or 4's. Sign up at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).
- 22 rising K5–6th grade VBS shepherds are still needed. Please email Raleigh Macoy to sign up at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**VBS Shepherd Meetings** are Tues., May 14 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in FH-C&D. All rising K5–6th grade shepherds should make plans to attend one of the meetings. Nursery is available for the morning meeting with a reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Registration is open!** Register your children for Vacation Bible School at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs) by May 30.

**Be a VBS Teen Helper!** Rising 7th–12th grade teens register at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs). Rising 7th and 8th grade teens **MUST** have a parent volunteering at VBS to be a teen helper. Register **EARLY**—only taking 100 teens!

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

**Preschool VBS/Nursery is open to children of VBS volunteers only.** To register for preschool VBS/nursery use the password provided to volunteers online.

**Women's Ministry Summer Fellowship Groups** • Get to know fellow Briarwood members who live in your part of town! Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) if you are interested. Select the location closest to you. You will also have an opportunity to join a second group based on shared interests.

**Women's Ministry Summer Drop-In Studies** • Based on Philippians 4:8, our "*Whatsoever Is True*" series begins in June and meets in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. See [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) for further details.

**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](http://briarwood.org/camp).

**Travel with Pastor Reeder** • Experience the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum on July 22–24. See details at [briarwood.org/travel](http://briarwood.org/travel) and register with Sharon Johnston at 776-5320 or [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Only a few cabins left** • Join Pastor Reeder for "Travels of Paul" Jul. 27–Aug. 6. This is a unique trip to Greece aboard the historic *Sea Cloud* sailing vessel. Call Amy Lattner at 205-776-5364 or see [briarwood.org/travel](http://briarwood.org/travel).

**Briarwood Fine Art Show** • Wed., July 24. Calling adult members to submit art forms in the area of paint (all mediums), drawings, photography, calligraphy and pottery. More details to come. Contact Linda Keffer at 205-969-5535 or kalm2608@gmail.com; Kristie Harrick at kharrick@briarwood.org for information.

**Spring Cleaning? Clothing Only, Please!** • Please do not leave any items at the church besides clothing for your Thrift Store donations. We have limited storage space in our shipping/receiving area.

**Job Openings** (more at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment)):

**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](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**Youth/College Admin Assistant.** Full-time position responsible for office management, event planning, and anticipating/initiating the ministries' needs. Email Max Bunn at [mbunn@briarwood.org](mailto:mbunn@briarwood.org) with inquiries and résumé.

**National Missions Pastor.** Full-time position for an experienced pastoral leader and champion for the revitalization of churches. He will lead Briarwood's National Missions, Church Revitalization, and Church Planting teams and will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Call Heather McDougall at 205-776-5279 for questions or send résumé to [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org).

**Maintenance Department.** Full-time position, with benefits. Requires professional painting experience. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231 or [dkeller@briarwood.org](mailto:dkeller@briarwood.org).

**Foundations Early Learning and Family Center: Full-time 3K Teacher.** Located in Fairfield, serving children and families. Highly competitive salary and benefits. See [FoundationsEarlyLearning.org](http://FoundationsEarlyLearning.org) for application information.

**See details on other positions and how to apply by going online to [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).**



*Mother's Day is May 12.*

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