

THE

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MAY 24, 2019 •



Pre-register at
briarwood.org/vbs by
May 30!

briarwood
VBS 2019

June 3–7
each day
from
9:00 a.m.–noon

Come for skits, songs, crafts, and tons of fun!

VBS is open to members and visitors of Briarwood who are entering K5–6th grade in the fall. VBS is free and t-shirts will be available for \$10. For more information, contact rmacoy@briarwood.org or 205-776-5251.

Preschool VBS/Nursery

Open to children of VBS volunteers only. Register online for preschool VBS/nursery by using the password provided to volunteers.

VBS Missions Project

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to buy 300 school uniforms for children in India. They will be made by the village ladies and distributed through Briarwood supported missionary Khen Thombing. Bring an offering to VBS!



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Presbyterian Church, PCA

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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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OR CALL 918-7976



There are spiritually needy people all around us. Sometimes people look fine outwardly, they seem successful in life, but underneath the façade, there is emptiness. David Hinshaw, a CMMA Field Staff member, tells a story of how he has seen this recently:

"I began meeting individually with a medical student who is in one of my small groups. He had not been coming consistently to our group for a couple months so I reached out to him and asked him how he was doing. We met for

lunch and he spent the next hour and a half sharing with me how much he has been struggling spiritually in his first year in medical school. He, like so many of the students we work with, has struggled to understand grace because he is a high-achiever who is driven by performance. Towards the end of our first conversation I asked him "Why does God love you?" He looked back at me, started crying and said these sad words: "I don't know." He had completely forgotten grace; he was so broken spiritually and he could not see how God could love him in the midst of his brokenness. We've spent the last several weeks unpacking how God's love is not based on our performance but on His grace and Christ's work. This is an important reminder to all of us that the moment we begin to trust in our own works as the source of our salvation, we have forgotten the gospel. May we always remember that although our works are always a consequence of salvation, they are never the source of it."

We would appreciate your prayers—especially that God will continue to give us openings to minister to needy folks throughout the healthcare community.

Bobby Parks
CMMA Director

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
or in the Membership Office.

Cost is \$15.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

“Peter’s Fear”

Various Texts

Dr. Olan Stubbs

**Sunday Evening
6:00 p.m.**

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Psalm 23

Rev. Phil Reddick

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., May 26

Encounter/Mtn View

PRAYER FOCUS

**Embers to a Flame
South Africa**

Praise the Lord for the first Afrikaans Embers to a Flame Conference, *Vlamvat Konferensie*, held at Sasolburg Reformed Church in South Africa. Pray for those who attended as they apply all they learned. May God bless each one in their efforts to grow strong, healthy churches in South Africa.

May 24	Doug & Pam Nuenke Navigators • Colorado	Emily Bonner New Tribes Mission • Papua New Guinea
May 25	Shane & Vickie O’Hara Team 5:18 • Louisiana	Peter & Janet Boyd Grace Presbyterian Church • New Zealand
May 26	Jack & Diane Parker Cru (Faculty Commons) • Alabama	Christopher & Donnette Brock Mission to the World • France
May 27	Phil & Amy Pippenger Crossroads of East Tenn. • Tennessee	Kisanna Budai CRU • Hungary
May 28	Dave Mace Briarwood Elder	Nate Duncan Briarwood Deacon
May 29	John Malone Briarwood Elder	Phillip Dye Briarwood Deacon
May 30	John Evans Children’s Pastor • Leadership Team	Aspire Movement

Sunday Nights for Children at 6:00 p.m. • Rising K5 and 1st grade meet in M111 for ABC Bible Memory. Rising 2nd–6th graders meet in the Gym with Pastor Evans.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sun., May 26 in the evening service. 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.

Urban Ministry Prayer • Sun., May 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. All are invited to join us to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in the Fairfield/Birmingham area.

The church and school offices will be closed on Mon., May 27 for Memorial Day.

Bluegrass Fellowship • Come Thurs., May 30 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. to play or sing bluegrass, country or mountain music. All levels welcome! Call Jim Blackmon at 205-482-4119.



Officer Nominations

The Bible calls the members of the church to “select from among themselves” those leaders whom God has called, gifted and affirmed. Therefore, each year the Briarwood membership and existing leadership engages in this process of nomination, training, examination, election, ordination and installation.

Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2022 are being accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms are available at the various information stations throughout the church or email Leigh Ann Reese at le Reese@briarwood.org.

The deadline for nominations is Thurs., May 31.

Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer • All are invited to gather for prayer Sun., June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

Trailblazer Luncheon • June 9 in the FH after the late morning service. Hear Todd Gerelds, author of *Woodlawn* and *Always Fall Forward*, while enjoying a delicious barbecue lunch. \$8 tickets now in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

VBS: JUNE 3–7

FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

Pre-registration will close Thurs., May 30.

Go to briarwood.org/vbs.

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.
- 11 rising K5–5th grade VBS shepherds are still needed. Please email Raleigh Macoy to sign up at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Be a VBS Teen Helper! Rising 7th–12th grade teens register at briarwood.org/vbs. Rising 7th and 8th grade teens MUST have a parent volunteering at VBS to be a teen helper. Teen Helper Meeting is Sun., June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in C-200. All teen helpers need to attend.

VBS prayer walk will be Sun., June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We would love everyone to attend and walk the halls to pray for VBS.

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

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.org/summerkids.

Active Duty Military • Help update our list of members and family members on active duty. Contact Lynn McWaters by Fri., June 7 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.

Performers needed! • If you sing, play guitar, or would like to perform for Briarwood's (Still) Got Talent, call the Music office (205-776-5229) or Jim Blackmon (205-482-4119) by June 14. Also make plans to join us, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. for a FREE coffee house sponsored by the Adult Choir.

Artists needed: 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.

Only a few rooms left • Join Pastor Reeder for "Travels of Paul" July 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.

Uncommon Manhood—A Study of the Life of David

David committed terrible sins, yet was uniquely set apart for God. All men are invited to join us Wed. mornings beginning June 12, as we learn how we may also be known as men after God's heart. See details at briarwood.org/men.

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 for further details.

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 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.

Travel with Pastor Reeder • Experience the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum on July 22–24. See details at briarwood.org/travel and register with Sharon Johnston at 205-776-5320 or sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Interested in serving? • Go to briarwood.org/urban for information on volunteering with our local ministry partners.

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

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 with inquiries and résumé.

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.

Briarwood Christian School has several openings, including High School Counselor, Physical Science Teacher, Junior High English Teacher, Library Specialist and more. See complete details online.

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

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Jimmy and Elizabeth Jordan, Catherine Godwin and Susan Maxey** and family on the death of their father and grandfather, **Jim Jordan**, on May 16; to **Jennifer Hodge** and family on the death of her brother, **Joshua Agostino**, on May 17; and to **Adelaide Williams** and family on the death of her husband, **member Laudon Williams**, on May 21.