



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Summer Quarter 2019 • June 2 – August 25, 2019



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

– Psalm 119:18

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9:30–10:30 a.m.

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Special Events This Quarter

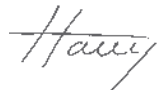
Vacation Bible School – June 3–7

Super Summer – June 10–August 1

Christianity in America Celebration – June 30

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 the church. We will cover connecting with Christ, with the Church, and with Briarwood. **The summer session will consist of a special consolidated weekend class scheduled to begin June 21 and will include one Friday evening, one Saturday morning and one Sunday morning session and a luncheon for those planning to join.** For more information please call 776-5208, email wlong@briarwood.org, or 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
Completed K-4.....	E-207/209/211
Completed K-5.....	E-206/208/210
Completed 1st grade.....	N-201/202/203/204
Completed 2nd grade.....	N-205/206/208
Completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.....	Children's Auditorium
Completed 6th grade.....	Promoted to Raiders – E311
Special Connections (Children)	N-110
Special Connections (Adults)	N-108

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7–12.

Raiders — E-304/305/306/313

7th and 8th grade — Taught by parents and Youth staff.

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group) — C-200

Grades 9–12 — 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)

“John”

College age. We will be studying timeless truth in the Gospel of John. *Teacher: Max Bunn. Team Leaders: Carlises, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)

“James”

A community for graduates to early 30s. Wisely and winsomely engaging with the modern world is both a challenge and an opportunity for Christians. The book of James teaches us how to put our faith into action in practical ways in various contexts. Join us this summer as we together seek to be doers and not just hearers of God's word by studying the Book of James. *Teachers: Todd Carlisle & Larry Logsdon. Team Leaders: Wiersmas. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210)

“Ruth and Esther”

A community for early 30's to 45. We will be studying the books of Ruth and Esther to learn how the Lord used these incredible women to bring about His redemptive purposes. *Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202)

“The Enemy Within”

A community for 40's and up. This is a study about overcoming sin and temptation by understanding the nature and power of indwelling sin remaining in the lives of believers for the remainder of our lives. *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (Gym)

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”

A class for the entire family. We will learn what a radical prayer this is as we examine each petition and its impact on our lives. *Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Maces, Wessons. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Matters (S-201)

“Westminster Confession”

A class for the entire family. We'll study this 372-year-old document that serves as the doctrinal foundation for Reformed churches. *Teacher: Dave Matthews. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006)

“I Thessalonians”

Engaged and newly married couples. 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: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-004)

“Nehemiah”

Young married couples starting families. The Lord called Nehemiah to lead in rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem and in rebuilding the people for God's Glory. This quarter we will follow the steps of Nehemiah to learn how God is rebuilding us and how we can be used by Him to rebuild others. *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Encounter (M-111)

“Revelation”

Young married couples starting families. Come join us as we study the letters to the churches and the three main eschatological views. *Teachers: Chase Crawford & Nathan Sasse. Team Leaders: Carlises, Crawfords, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“Hebrews”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. It's been said that “no other book in the New Testament explains the Old Testament better than the book of Hebrews. The letter to the Hebrews shows that Jesus Christ is the Prophet, the Priest and the King; worthy of all glory, honor and praise!” *Teacher: Eric Reebals. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)

“At the Feet of Jesus”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. Over 2000 years ago Jesus shared parables, predictions and principles that changed the world. Join us as we study these timeless lessons and see how they apply to our lives today. *Teacher: Ray Tucker. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)**“Dawning Grace”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. A 13-week walk through the Old Testament. The class goal is to build understanding of the cohesive message of the O.T. Scriptures and how they foretell the coming of a savior in Jesus Christ. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Abernathy, Bartons, Bragans, Brogans, Hills, Joneses, Lotts, Tuckers, Wadsworths. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

SoJourners (E-007)**“Galatians”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. Galatians is the Magna Carta of spiritual liberty, the battle cry of the Reformation and the Christian’s Declaration of Independence. Join with us as we explore this marvelous letter. *Teacher: Mike Russell. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morrises, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)**“Risky Intimacy”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. A study of the Exodus and journey into the Promised Land and the intimacy we can have with God. *Teacher: Chris Thompson. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103)**“James”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. 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: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010)**“Foundations from the Pentateuch”**

Families with elementary to college age children. The first five books of the Bible reveal foundational truth about God, His creation, and His people. We will journey from Genesis to Deuteronomy, Eden to the wilderness, Adam to Joshua, stopping along the way to examine key waypoints that further reveal our Creator and Redeemer. *Teacher: Westby Anderson. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C)**“Comfort in Trouble”**

Families with children in high school or older. How God uses trials, suffering and persecution in the life of a believer taken from Paul and other Biblical characters. *Teacher: Glenn Draper. Team Leaders: Harrises, Jacksons, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203)**“Psalms of Lament”**

Families with children in high school or older. We will be studying the Psalms of Lament and the book of Lamentations with an eye towards how these scriptures teach us how to pray biblically. *Teacher: Stephen Cloud. Team Leaders: Harrises. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200)**“God’s Truth”**

Families with children in high school or older. We will study timeless truth from God’s Word. *Teacher: TBA. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, McCrorys, Oswells, Snoddys, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204)**“The Attributes of God”**

Families with children in high school or older. To know God deeply and personally is essential for every Christian. God has revealed His attributes in His Word. We will study these attributes of God in order to grow in our relationship with Him and to better equip us to life a life of worship before Him. *Teacher: Benny Youngblood. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)**“The Disciplines of Grace”**

Families with children in college or older. This class will explore how the gospel renews us as we apply biblical truths to the realities of life. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)**“Encounters with the Master”**

Families with children in college or older. Encounters with the Master – a series of lessons about people who interacted with Jesus during his earthly ministry. *Teacher: Larry Childs. Team Leaders: McRaes, Smiths, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Discovery (FH-A)**“The Life of Joseph”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. The life of Joseph is significant not only in Genesis but in the redemptive storyline of Scripture as a whole. His life demonstrates how God’s sovereignty and human responsibility intersect. It illustrates the power of the Gospel to overcome generational sin. And Joseph, as a type of Christ, shows us how God’s providence secures for us God’s promises, enabling us to trust Him in every situation of life. *Teacher: Jim Alexander. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Mountain View (A-209)**“What in the World Is Going On?”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. What is God’s heart, design, and plan for the Nations? We will search the scriptures together to learn more about God’s love for the Nations, His strategy to reach the Nations, and Briarwood’s specific engagement with the Nations through our global missions team and our international supported missionaries around the globe. *Teacher: Bryan Wintersteen. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Goulds, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)

“Psalms”

Empty nesters and grandparents. We learn so much about God’s attributes and the intimate relationship we can have with our Father in the Psalms. In the process we learn a lot about ourselves and our struggles in a fallen world dealing with broken people. Join us as we continue applying the psalms to our lives, as we gain insight and God’s perspective. *Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

Deeper Life (Chapel)

“Proverbs”

Empty nesters and grandparents. This study will focus on how to honor God by adhering to the principles of Scripture applied to daily life. There is advice for parenting and grand-parenting, warnings against following the ways of the world, and an encouragement to depend on the Lord for every decision and need in your life. *Teacher: Walter Leveille. 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.*

Homestead (FH-E&F)

“Hebrews”

Empty nesters and grandparents. We will be studying timeless truth in Hebrews this summer. *Teacher: Dave Lewis. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whales, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“Hebrews”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. We will be studying the sufficiency of Christ. *Teacher: Frank Wright. Team Leaders: Heads, Hulls, Mujumdars. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

WOMEN

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)

“4 Faces of Christ”

Women of all walks and stages of life. 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 four 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: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Campbell, Susan McCollum. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Dave Matthews.*

Women Impacting the World (A-205)

“Do Not Worry”

Women of all walks and stages of life. The Bible speaks often and clearly about worry, fear, anxiety and fretting. Don't do it. That's easier said than done. What resources does the Bible offer to help us practically obey? What's at stake in the battle with worry? Why should we take it so seriously? *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

INTERNATIONAL

International (E-218, School Library)

“Knowing God”

English-speaking Internationals. True peace is to have peace with God. Join us as we read through stories of the Bible. We will learn about God's character, as well as take an honest look at our human nature—all while discovering how to have peace and relationship with God. *Teacher: Taylor Barnes. 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.

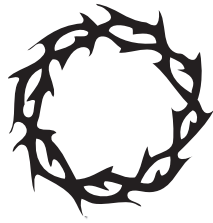
SP: Shepherding Pastor

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
S: School Wing
W: Worship Center*



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