

THE

# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• JULY 5, 2019 •

BRIARWOOD BALLET PRESENTS

## YOU ALONE

CONTEMPORARY SUMMER DANCE SHOWCASE



FRIDAY, JULY 12 | 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 13 | 2:30 P.M.

BARBARA B. BARKER FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM  
BRIARWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - 6255 CAHABA VALLEY RD

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**IMPACT  
WEEKEND**  
**AUGUST 2-4**  
for High School Students

**Cost: \$75**

**Register by July 24  
at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact)**

**Contact: Student Ministries  
at 205-776-5269 or  
[youth@briarwood.org](mailto:youth@briarwood.org).**



The 47th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America was held in Dallas, Texas, from June 26 through June 28, 2019. During this time 1,616 commissioners (including 1,209 Teaching Elders and 407 Ruling Elders from 892 churches) met to conduct the business of our denomination.

At the end of 2018, the PCA has 1,927 churches and missions with 384,793 members. We have 4,951 ministers or Teaching Elders serving in 88 Presbyteries.

The General Assembly officially opened on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Here are a few highlights from the various reports from our committees and agencies:

- **Mission to North America** has 50 church planters in the field and has 209 military and civilian chaplains serving in a variety of settings.
- **Mission to the World** has 630 long term missionaries in 95 countries.
- **Reformed University Fellowship** is on 163 campuses in 38 states.
- **Covenant College** had an incoming freshman class of 296 students from 36 states and 11 countries.
- **Covenant Theological Seminary** is now reaching the final stage in its \$40 million-dollar capital campaign and has achieved greater financial stability this year. It continues to be a significant source of theological training for the PCA as is our own Birmingham Theological Seminary.
- Our **PCA Retirement and Benefits** has over \$556 million of retirement plan assets under management.
- **Ridge Haven** has had another growth-filled year of ministry to over 100 churches and 30 college ministries. They have plans for a new indoor multipurpose building for use as a gym and for large meeting spaces.

Our denomination, while relatively small, is healthy, theologically sound, and has a significant impact on fulfilling the great commission.

A more detailed report of this year's General Assembly will be given this Sun., July 7 during the evening service.

All the Briarwood Commissioners who attended this year thank you for the privilege to have represented our church. Next year the General Assembly will meet in Birmingham.

*Walter Leveille*

Ruling Elder

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

“While It Is Still Today, Rest”

Hebrews 4:1–13

Dr. Stephen Cloud

## Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

“Our Need to Need Jesus”

Mark 7:24–30

Rev. Seth Richardson

## Serving in the Nursery

Sun., July 7

Discovery

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Sedrick & Ann Elizabeth  
Moore  
Urban Young Life  
Birmingham**

Pray for Sedrick and Ann Elizabeth Moore as he serves with Birmingham Urban Young Life. This multicultural ministry focuses on kids in diverse and economically-depressed areas. Pray for Sedrick and the staff as they share the Gospel and disciple middle and high school students through club meetings, school activities and summer camps.

**July 5**

Matthew & Megan Terrell  
RUF • New York

John & Tathiana Elam  
Campus Outreach • Brazil

**July 6**

Seth & Bethany Terrell  
Campus Outreach • Alabama

Anthony & Amber Elswick  
Mission to the World • Nicaragua

**July 7**

Mark & Darby Travers  
Turning Hearts Ministry • Alabama

Ed & Silvia Emsheimer  
Ethnos 360 • Brazil

**July 8**

Gene & Laura Twilley  
Coalition Christian Outreach • Penn.

Jeff Hawk  
Briarwood Deacon

**July 9**

Mike Mungenast  
Briarwood Elder

Matt Heard  
Briarwood Deacon

**July 10**

Paul Henderson  
Briarwood Elder

Carl Wiggins  
Briarwood Deacon

**July 11**

Seongmin Im  
Korean Pastor • Leadership Team

Urban Hope Community Church  
Fairfield

**Summer Choir Returns!** • Last year's popular Summer Choir begins again this Sun., July 7. Come to the choir loft 10 minutes prior to the service and prepare a familiar hymn to present to the congregation in that morning's service. Then rejoin your family during the greeting time.

**Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer** • All are welcome to gather for prayer this Sun., July 7 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** • Will be observed this Sun., July 7 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.

**Smiling faces needed!** • Help us welcome our visitors by coming to summer visitation July 10, 24; Aug 7 and 21. Meet in FH-A at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, then go out to visit. Contact 205-776-5301 or [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**BYG/Raiders: Wed., July 10** • BYG~Night of the Interns at The Barn from 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Raiders~Nerd Night Bowling at Vestavia Bowl from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Bring \$10 to bowl and extra for snacks, drinks, and arcade games.

**Summer Soccer Camp** • July 8–12 Ambassadors (ages 7–14). Register at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com) for information.

**Persecuted Church Prayer** • Sun., July 14 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Briarwood Art Show** • July 24 at 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the FH. Mark your calendars to join us for an evening of art and fellowship.

## SUPER SUMMER: WEEK FOUR

1st & 2nd Grd Catechism Camp  
July 8–12  
from 9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

- Register Mon., July 8 from 9:15–9:30 a.m. Cost is \$40.
- Bring lunch, swimsuit, towel, and swimming gear each day.
- Call Page Dollar at 776-5526 with questions.

Parent Program Friday ~1:30 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium

## Super Summer Extreme

Thurs., Aug. 1  
9:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Fun-filled days focused on growing in relationship with Christ through playing games for 1st–6th graders!  
Also prizes to win!

Registration required at [briarwood.org/supersummer](http://briarwood.org/supersummer).

**Briarwood Night at Bham Legion FC Pro Soccer** • Sat., July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at UAB's BBVA Stadium. For tickets or more information, email [soccer@briarwood.org](mailto:soccer@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5114.

**It's not too late to join a men's or women's summer Bible study.** The men's study on Uncommon Manhood—*A Study of the Life of David* meets Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. The women's Drop-In Study, "*Whatever Is True*" based on Philippians 4:8, meets July 9 and 16 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Nursery is available in the morning by reservation. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) and [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men) for information.

**Dementia Caregivers Support Group** • Join us Tues., July 16 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 to share concerns and practical strategies for dealing with the behaviors and communication difficulties of dementia patients. Call the Pastoral Care office at 205-776-5227 with questions.

**ESL teachers needed** • Two teachers for Wednesday night classes (Sept. to Nov.). We will train you. Contact Laura at [ldanner@briarwood.org](mailto:ldanner@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5343.

**ESL Teacher Training** • Briarwood is offering ESL teacher training on Tues., July 16. If you or someone you know would like to attend, contact Laura at 205-776-5343 or [ldanner@briarwood.org](mailto:ldanner@briarwood.org).

**Greece Missions Trip Report** • Ladies, join us July 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel as the Short Term Missions Team to Greece shares about their recent trip and ways we can continue to pray for the work in that country.

**Befriend an international student or scholar** • Friendship Partner applications are available. If interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Laura Danner at 205-776-5343 or [ldanner@briarwood.org](mailto:ldanner@briarwood.org).

**2019–20 School Year** • Are you planning to hold your child back? Please let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him or her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Catechism Sunday School class** • This nine-month class for 3rd–6th graders requires outside work for the student and parents. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) if your child is interested. Register early—it fills up fast!

**K.I.D.S. Summer Music Camp** • Birmingham, July 8–21. Your financial gift will help Daniel Cason's ministry tell 500 inner-city kids about the love of Jesus. Make a donation online at [danielcason.org](http://danielcason.org) or call 205-365-1800.

**Learning the Bible in the Land of the Bible** • Join Pastor Reeder on a tour of Israel, May 18–29, 2020. Attend the informational meeting in the Chapel, Aug. 18 following the evening service. Reserve your spot now at 205-776-5364 or email Amy Lattner at [alattner@briarwood.org](mailto:alattner@briarwood.org).

# BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

We rejoice with **Matt and Shelbi Wambles** on the birth of their son, **Elliott**, on June 25; with **Daniel and Marianna Friday** on the birth of their son, **Callahan**, on July 1, and with grandparents **Ken and Carolyn Friday**.

Our love and sympathy to **Jason Holley and family** on the death of his father, **James Holley**, on July 1.

**Summer activities for K5–12th grade** • See all the opportunities now at [briarwood.org/summerkids](http://briarwood.org/summerkids).

**Job Openings** (*more at [briarwood.org/employment](http://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](mailto:mbunn@briarwood.org) with inquiries and résumé.

**Briarwood Christian School:**

**Junior High Choir Teacher.** Part-time position requiring a music degree and choreography experience for a few show choir classes. Submit cover letter and résumé to [bcsemployment@bcsk12.org](mailto:bcsemployment@bcsk12.org).

There are several other BCS openings, including **High School Counselor**, **Academic Support Services Instructor** and more. See complete details online.

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



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