



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Fall Quarter 2019 • Sept. 1 – Nov. 24, 2019



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

– Psalm 119:18

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September 1–November 24, 2019

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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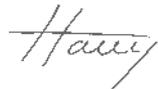
Special Events This Quarter

National Ministries Conference – October 19–20

Reformation Sunday/EMC Convocation – October 27

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 Briarwood. We will cover how to connect with Christ, with the Church, and with Briarwood. Classes are scheduled to begin September 15 and November 3, and will include two Sunday morning sessions, two Wednesday night sessions and a luncheon for those planning to join. For more information, please call 776-5208 or you may check dates and 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
K-4.....	E-207/209
K-5.....	E-208/210/211
1st grade.....	N-203/205
2nd grade.....	N-204/206/208
3rd grade.....	N-207/209
Catechism class.....	N-211
4th–6th grade Ignite.....	Children's Auditorium
Communicants class.....	S-203
Special Connections (Children)	N-110
Special Connections (Adults)	N-108

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7–12.

Raiders (7th and 8th grades)—E-304/305/306/313

Taught by parents and Youth staff.

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group, Grades 9–12)—C-200

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)

“The Covenant Kingdom”

College age. The Bible is The Story of all stories and unless we place the story of our lives into the story of the Bible, our lives will lack meaning and direction. This course is about the grand narrative of the Bible and the drama of Redemption that God is carrying out in the world through Jesus, our Covenant King. *Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)

“Romans”

A community for graduates to early 30s. In Romans, we encounter Paul’s devastating exposure of universal human sin and guilt followed by the glorious truth that man’s only righteousness is through the mercy of God in Christ offered as a free gift and apprehended by faith. Join us as we study “the dearest and most comforting word to those who believe.” *Teachers: Todd Carlisle, J.D. Bragan, Thomas Garner. Team Leaders: Wiersmas. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210)

“The Mobilization of the Church”

A community for early 30’s to 45. When Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” did He really mean that for me personally? Over the next 13 weeks, we will study how Jesus has mobilized the church, as well as being on a journey together to discover our most strategic roles in the Great Commission. *Teacher: Ryan Akers. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202)

“Prayer and the Word”

A community for 40’s and up. Prayer encompasses all the ways we communicate and commune with God. Different forms and means of prayer facilitate different facets of the communication process and deepen our relationship with God. We will study, practice and encourage each other using the means of praying Scripture as a basis for our prayers to be revived and transformed to make an impact for Jesus Christ. *Teacher: Roger Butts. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (GYM)

“Comfort in Trouble”

A class for the entire family. 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: Belyeus, Maces, Wessons. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Matters (S-201)

“I & II Kings”

A class for the entire family. This course is a study of how Israel could go from God’s richest blessing to His judgement and dispersion in less than 400 years. And how does this apply and impact us today? *Teacher: Joby O’Brien. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006)

“Honor, Shame, and the Gospel”

Engaged and newly married couples. This quarter we will be gaining insight into the Honor and Shame worldview, how this view affects our culture and how the Gospel of Christ is the answer. *Teacher: Andy Cheely. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-004)

“God Space”

Young married couples starting families. Increasingly in our culture there is no place for God in conversations. This course will teach you how to make space for God in a conversation in a natural way that is not offensive but instead draws people into conversations with you that lead to talking about God and the gospel. *Teacher: Bobby Parks. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Encounter (M-111)

“Galatians”

Young married couples starting families. Galatians has been called the Christian’s Declaration of Independence and as such is the Charter of Christian Liberty. Come join us this quarter as we learn about the saving and sanctifying power of the Gospel of God’s grace and the glorious freedom that is ours in Christ. *Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Crawfordds, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“Survey of the New Testament”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. Grace and Glory Revealed. This quarter-long study looks at the historical environment of the New Testament, explains the arrangement and major themes of the books so that a Christian is equipped to understand and apply their meaning. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)

“Christ and Culture”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. In society today the number of voices and the pull of agendas are overwhelming. Cultures and micro cultures are all demanding our support and approval. How is the Christian to engage in this environment? What does the Bible mean when it calls us to “be in the world but not of it?” *Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)

“Temptation”

Families with infants to middle school age children. Since the garden we have all struggled with temptation. How can I know when Satan is tempting me and when temptation comes from my indwelling sin? Is it even important to discern the difference? How can I fight against temptation successfully? *Teachers: Olan Stubbs/others. Team Leaders: Abernathy, Bartons, Bentleys, Bragans, Hills, Joneses, Laniers, Lotts. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

SoJourners (E-007)

“Designed by God”

Families with infants to middle school age children. God has personally, intentionally and intricately designed each person for His Glory. In this very practical and insightful study, we will consider our design by God in including a study of our spiritual gifts, our talents, our God given passions and much more in order to use these for the Glory of God with the people of God. *Teacher: Benny Youngblood. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morrises, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)

“I John”

Families with preschool to high school age children. Our study of this book will focus on the basics of the Christian life: doctrine, obedience and zealous commitment to the truth of God’s Word lived out in the life of the believer. It will encourage us to sharpen our theological beliefs, refine our moral absolutes, and increase our passion to love God supremely. *Teacher: Walter Leveille. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103)

“Beautiful Truth in Isaiah”

Families with preschool to high school age children. The very name of Isaiah means “The Lord Saves” and this extraordinary prophet uses beautiful literary techniques to present the clear differences between the Covenant—keeping God of Israel and the empty promises of idolatry. This book proclaims God’s grace over human failure and offers real hope for change and revival. *Teacher: Jay Mathews. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010)**“Ephesians”**

Families with elementary to college age children. A new creation - a look into how we live and respond to life in light of our new identity as adopted children into the family of God. *Teacher: Stephen Bunn. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C)**“The Gospel of Mark”**

Families with children in high school or older. Jesus’ Call to Authentic Discipleship; a radical commitment to both receive the “Good News” that Jesus Christ is Lord and the urgent task to retell this “Good News” to those around us. Join us as we unpack Mark’s Gospel and what it means to be a disciple and to go and make new disciples that long to follow Him. *Teacher: Michael Wichlan. Team Leaders: Harris, Jacksons, Mungenast, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203)**“Christian Love”**

Families with children in high school or older. In the book, *Charity and Its Fruits*, Jonathan Edwards states, “All virtue that is saving and that distinguishes true Christians from others is summed up in Christian Love,” This will become clear from our study of I Corinthians 13. *Teachers: Benny Parks/Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Harris. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200)**“Four Faces of Christ”**

Families with children in high school or older. Although we have no idea what Jesus physically looked like, we do have four 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: Carters, Chappells, McCrorys, Oswells, Snoddys, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204)**“Developing Godly Men and Women”**

Families with children in high school or older. Changes and challenges are occurring at an unprecedented rate in our culture and world. How do we understand them, address them from His Word and equip our children to do the same? Join us as we learn together how to be Godly leaders in this time and help others to be the same. *Teacher: Kent Bailey. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)**“Sins We Tolerate”**

Families with children in college or older. A look at specific sins like pride, jealousy, anger, ungodliness, worldliness, etc., and how we may try to minimize them or even fail to recognize them as sins. We will look at many examples in both the Old and New Testaments to see how these sins can significantly impact our walk with the Lord and how the Holy Spirit can help us overcome them. *Teacher: Mark Edwards. Team Leaders: Keffer. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)

“Psalms”

Families with children in college or older. Most of the time when we are dealing with issues that we don't understand, we go to the Psalms in Scripture. There we find sorrow, joy, victory, defeat and heart-felt emotions as David and others share their hurts and their questions in these 150 chapters. Journey with us this fall as we unpack a few of these treasures. *Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: McRaes, Smiths, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Discovery (FH-A)

“Anger”

A class for all ages and stages in life. There is such a thing as righteous anger but most of us rarely experience it. Most of our anger is sinful and leads to more sin. How can we identify it and stop it. *Teachers: Olan Stubbs/Jim Carlson. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Mountain View (A-209)

“Ephesians”

A class for all ages and stages in life. In a similar fashion to Peter's first letter to Asia minor, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul had an extended ministry there leading many to Christ and founding that church. His intention to cement the gospel message of salvation by God's grace. In this study, we will explore the background and message of his letter. *Teacher: Paul Cleveland. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Goulds, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)

“The Judges – Saviors, Saints or Sinners?”

Empty nesters and grandparents. The Book of Judges presents a series of strange stories and colorful personalities during cycles of decline. Judges cries out to us to seek the true hero, Savior King, who rescues us from a culture of declining leadership, rampant idolatry, and individual lawlessness. *Teacher: Don Furuto. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

Deeper Life (Chapel)

“Following Jesus to the Cross: Luke”

Empty nesters and grandparents. Beginning with Luke 6, this class focuses on how Jesus teaches his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. Studying Luke will encourage us to help hurting, lost and untaught people. *Teacher: Paul House. 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)

“Selected Psalms”

Empty nesters through great grandparents. Experiencing God Through the Psalms. We will trust the Holy Spirit to encourage, convict, inspire, console, instruct and admonish us as we experience our God through His Psalms. *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whalesys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“Ruth and Jonah”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. Join us to study the books of Ruth and Jonah, two classically similar but different narratives in the Old Testament which point to the redemptive work of Christ. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Heads, Hulls, Mujumdars. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205)

“Esther”

Women of all walks and stages of life. The book of Esther unpacks the intriguing narrative of a Jewish woman and her cousin, Mordecai, who stayed behind in Persia following the exile – and how they were instrumental in saving God’s people in that place. The story of Esther is perfect guidance for us when we find ourselves in a situation where right and wrong are not so clearly defined and every choice we have seems to be a troubling mixture of good and bad. *Teacher: Kristie Harrick. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)

“Romans”

Women of all walks and stages of life. The Gospel and Doctrines of Grace. Paul’s letter to the Romans is a kind of Christian manifesto. “It is the fullest, plainest, and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament,” writes Author John Stott. This quarter our study will cover Romans 1-8. We will examine important doctrines such as a believer’s justification by faith, the grammar of grace, union with Christ, and our identity in Christ. *Teacher: Donna Arrington. Team Leaders: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Campbell, Susan McCollum. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Dave Matthews.*

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 Wing

S: School Wing

W: Worship Center



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