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BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK
JANUARY 8 – APRIL 29, 2020
Sign up for dinners, classes and nursery at:
briarwood.org/midweek

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Spring Studies are off to a great start!

MOC
Studies meet Monday morning, Tuesday lunchtime, Wednesday during MidWeek, and Friday morning.

Email lreese@briarwood.org.

WOC
See a list of Women’s studies and times on the website, the App, or the card on kiosks around the church.

Contact krussell@briarwood.org or 776-5311 with questions.

Find a complete list of studies and times on the Briarwood App.

briarwood.org/men
briarwood.org/women
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace. Praise the Lord for His gracious blessings to us and through us. Before us now is a new year, 2020! I can’t resist what should be an obvious prayer for all of us…Lord, give us in this year a Biblically clear 2020 Vision for Your glory.

Our ministry theme this year is *Lifestyle Stewardship*. In January, the Lord’s Day morning sermons will unpack this theme to lead us into our annual Global Ministries Conference for International Missions. This will be followed by our expositional series this year on the book of Romans.

Brothers and sisters, as sinners saved by grace, we have multiple ministry identities for Christ. We are soldiers for Christ, we are servants of Christ, and we are stewards in Christ. It is that concept of stewardship, as a way of life to the glory of God, that we want to highlight this year.

In preparing throughout this year for our 2020 ministry theme, I have personally been significantly challenged and encouraged in our divine calling to a comprehensive understanding of being faithful as stewards of God’s gracious gifts to us. I do believe this can be life-transforming. Please pray for the Lord’s blessing as we pursue this year’s ministry theme, *Lifestyle Stewardship*.

Finally, Cindy and I would like to thank you for my privilege to serve this congregation as Senior Pastor and do know it is our joy to serve our Savior with you. Your intercessory prayer and thoughtful encouragement and challenging insights are received as glorious blessings from the Lord.

We will be praying through the church membership along with the Elders throughout this year as is our committed custom. You will receive a notice during the month that we are specifically praying for you along with an invitation to give us any specific prayer requests that you desire. Praise the Lord and have a blessed New Year–2020, another year on our journey to the New Heavens and the New Earth in Christ!

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**Birmingham Rally and March for Life**

Saturday, January 18 • 10:45 a.m.

**Brother Bryan Park**

22nd Street South at 10th Avenue

Rain, Snow or Shine • Bring your family and friends!

briarwood.org/events
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**PRAYER FOCUS**

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

**I. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective**

*Lifestyle Stewardship*

“Christian Stewardship: An Identity and a Vocation”

I Corinthians 4:1–5

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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

**I. Eternity in Biblical Perspective**

*If I Should Die Before I Wake…*

“The Bible and Death?”

Genesis 2:15–17

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

**Serving in the Nursery**

Sun., Jan. 12

Family Matters/In One Accord

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**Jan 10**

Jamie & Rebecca Strange

FCA • Alabama

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TEAM • Swaziland

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**Jan 11**

Olan & Lynna Stubbs

Campus Outreach • Alabama

Greg & Leanne Doty

Mission to the World • Scotland

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**Jan 12**

Stewart & Mary Swain

RUF • Alabama

Derek & Laura Dougherty

Mission to the World • Peru

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**Jan 13**

Matthew & Megan Terrell

RUF • New York

Chris & Cary Drinkard

Campus Outreach • Philippines

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**Jan 14**

Steve Adams

Briarwood Elder

Grant Alexander

Briarwood Deacon

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**Jan 15**

Jon Adcock

Briarwood Elder

Andy Allen

Briarwood Deacon

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**Jan 16**

Joel Acevedo

Hispanic Pastor • Leadership Team

Hope Health Center

Fairfield
Pastor Reeder Begins Two New Series • Join us this Sun., Jan. 12 for *Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective* in the morning and *Eternity in Biblical Perspective* at 6:00 p.m.

**New Year in the Bookstore** • We are open Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., MidWeek Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**HONEY, STOP THE CAR…** I forgot to make my nursery reservations for 2020! Please remember to re-make your reservations on the Briarwood App or by going online to briarwood.org/nursery for your Bible Study, Wednesday Night, and weekday needs.

**Women’s Precept Study** • Our study of Romans will continue till the end of January. On Thurs., Feb. 6 we will begin I Samuel. Books are $20 in Women’s Ministry office.

**Foundations Early Learning Center Prayer** • All are welcome to join us to pray Fri., Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. in A205.

**Persecuted Church Prayer** • Sun., Jan. 12 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Dementia Caregivers Support Group** • Come Tues., Jan. 21 from 11:00 a.m.–noon in A201 for sharing concerns and practical strategies. Call Pastoral Care at 205-776-5227.

**Embers to a Flame Conference** • Jan. 16–19. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation for conference attendees and seminary students. Please contact Kim at kvice@briarwood.org to volunteer.

**Diapers and Wipes Drive** • Place your bag of donations behind your car Sun. morning, Jan. 19 to benefit Bundles of Hope, a local non-profit supporting food banks, foster ministries and adoption groups. Call Amy at 205-776-5364.

**BTS Spring semester** • Registration open; classes begin Jan. 21. Earn a degree or audit a class for your personal enrichment. Too busy to commit to class every week? Distance education and video conference courses available. Call 205-776-5356 or visit bts.education for information.

**Special Pastor’s Inquirer’s weekend class** • Jan. 24–26. Sessions are Friday 6:00–8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.–noon, Sunday 9:30–10:30 a.m. and a required luncheon (Feb. 2) for those planning to join. Nursery available for all classes. Attending the class does not require you to join, but it is required that you attend before joining. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

**Fostering Hope** is our ministry to prospective and current foster parents and foster children. You may not be able to be a foster parent, but you can foster hope. Begins in January. Contact David Wells for info at 205-587-9553.

**YBL Second Half Rally with Rick Burgess** • Thurs., Jan. 23 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the FH. Rick is an author, speaker, and co-host of *The Rick and Bubba Show*. Join us and bring a friend! No cost, but you must register at 205-776-5450 or use the link at briarwood.org/ybl.
GriefShare • Wednesday from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. If you or someone you know is adjusting to the death of a loved one, come to this 13-session class. Call 205-776-5227.

DivorceCare • Divorced or separated? Come find help, discover hope and experience healing in this weekly support group. For more information, call 205-776-5281.

New Crown Ministry Group during MidWeek. Learn to save more, become debt free, and invest for retirement. Register at 205-776-5211 or dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Sportsman’s Blast • Exhibition/Dinner/Presentation coming Feb. 7 with guest speaker, Russell Thornberry—avid outdoorsman, noted author and ordained minister. Invite family and friends to this outstanding gospel presentation. Tickets in the Bookstore and at briarwood.org/blast.

Mommy & Me Ballet classes • Begin Thurs., Jan. 16 from 9:30–10:15 a.m. (8 sessions). Toddlers, come dance with your favorite adult! Go to briarwood.org/ballet/mommy-me.

Briarwood Ballet Adult Classes • New to ballet or want to dust off your ballet slippers? Come learn classical beginning ballet in a relaxed environment while getting a great workout. Go to briarwood.org/balletclasses or call 205-776-5284.

Trailblazers Trip • Sept. 2–10. Explore beautiful Tuscany (touring from one hotel). Contact Dave Matthews at 205-776-5211 or dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Pocket Change • Deposit into wall containers around the church to be used by the Exec. Mercy Ministry Team to distribute food for those in need. Coin canisters are available at the Altadena House to collect at home.

Job Openings (more at briarwood.org/employment):
Director, Women Business Leaders. Seeking an experienced, business-minded Briarwood member with a heart for evangelism. College degree, fundraising experience and active in ministry for women preferred. Contact Phil Reddick at 205-776-5450 or preddick@briarwood.org.

Administrative Assistant for the Shepherding Team Pastor. Full-time position with benefits for an active Briarwood member. Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, effective organization, and excellent communication skills required. Send résumé to Benny Youngblood at byoungblood@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5321.

Briarwood Christian School: Openings on the website. See details on other positions and how to apply by going online to briarwood.org/employment.
F.I.T. (Fitness Inspiring Togetherness) class • For 50 and beyond meets on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballet Room. Cost is $25/month (first class is free). For information, email brendabparks@gmail.com or go to questrecreation.org.

Wholehearted Fitness • Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballet Room. Class focused on all muscle groups, cardio bursts, and flexibility. Cost is $65/month or $10/class. Email kellypatrick123@gmail.com or go to questrecreation.org for information.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES
• We rejoice with Jed and Kendall Duke on the birth of their son, James Michael, on Dec. 17.
• Our love and sympathy to Sharon Henderson, David, Scott and Nathan Myers and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rosalie Vineyard, who died on Dec. 16; to the family of member Elaine Patton who died on Dec. 16; to the family of member Bobbie Ledbetter who died on Dec. 19; to Lee and Emily Atherton and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy ‘Dot’ Barnes, on Dec. 20; to Tammy, Elyse and Zach Jones and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joyce Smith, who died on Dec. 20; to Betty Gibson, Shawn Schofield and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Mary Ann Jones, on Dec. 21; to Betty Taylor and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Taylor, on Dec. 26; to Kelly Hammond and family on the death of her brother, Lamar Newton, on Dec. 27; to August Griffith and family on the death of her grandmother, Pat Rhea, on Dec. 28; to Karen Hux and family on the death of her mother, Juanita ‘Nita’ Stemple, on Dec. 29; to Phillip Dye and family on the death of his grandfather, Maurine Hunter, on Dec. 29; to Rebecca Dugal, Harry Reeder, Beth Thomas and family on the death of their mother and sister, Amy Reeder Martin, on Jan. 2; to Bud Trammel and family on the death of his brother, Alan Trammel, on Jan. 3; to Lynn Smith and family on the death of her father, Claude McWhorter, on Jan. 4; to Barbara Gwaltney, Anna Olin and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy McGee, on Jan. 5; and to Marc Dobson and family on the death of his mother, Lynne Laney Dobson, on Jan. 6.