SPORTSMAN’S
BLAST 2020

REAL MEN SHARE THE GOSPEL

Friday, February 7
Speaker: Russell Thornberry

A renowned author and master storyteller, a gifted
songwriter and singer, a seasoned television personality,
a professional outdoorsman, an ordained minister and
pastor, as well as, a devoted family man. Come and hear
his unique sharing of the gospel, and bring a lost friend.

Over 20 exhibitors & interactive displays!
Doors open 4:30 p.m. • Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
$12 tickets (includes dinner) at briarwood.org/blast
MERCY MINISTRY

Diaper & Wipe Drive

Sun., Jan. 19

Support Bundles of Hope Ministry
Leave diapers and wipes behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry to collect while you are in church.
I remember when we transitioned into the new millennium and I was amazed that the year was 2000. Now it is truly hard to believe that it’s 2020! What an exciting time to live with so many advances in technology. We are often blessed in these advancements, but on the other hand these advancements can often tend to be a distraction from what God has commanded us to do. Isn’t it amazing that our God cares so much for us that He wants our lives to be set apart for Him?

Luke 12:38 says, “It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.” Are you and I ready? Do we consider ourselves to be servants of Jesus Christ? This year we are being reminded to be good stewards of all our lives. May we do as Pastor Reeder has challenged us to do in, “…faithfully and productively investing all that God has allocated to us for His glory.”

As you seek to be that good steward, please remember the many opportunities for growth available through our MidWeek ministry. MidWeek dinners and studies are on Wednesday nights with dinner from 5:15–6:30 p.m. in the FH. At 6:30 p.m., everyone in the family can participate in opportunities like choir, seminary, evangelism training, women’s studies, co-ed studies, and children and youth group activities. To see details on these many opportunities, please go to briarwood.org/midweek. There you can also reserve a spot for dinner and get on the list for the nursery. Don’t miss out; sign up today and let’s encourage one another to live a Lifestyle of Stewardship in order to become a mature disciple of Christ.

Eric Reebals
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
As the new semester begins at UAB, pray for Briarwood International Outreach as we welcome many newly-arrived international students from countries like China, India and Oman. Pray that these students will hear the gospel as well as see it lived out as we serve, love and welcome them.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

**Briarwood International Outreach**
**Birmingham**

**Sunday Morning - 8:00 and 10:55 a.m.**
Sanctity of Life in Biblical Perspective
“When God Comes Down”
Genesis 4:1–11
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. 19
Sojourners

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Sanctity of Life Sunday • Come to the Foyer this Sunday following the morning services to visit with representatives from partnering pro-life agencies who will be sharing information about their organizations.

Forgiven and Set Free Group • Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women starting in February. Every woman who has had an abortion will benefit from this study. Contact Heather at 205-578-2022.

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.

The church and school offices will be closed • Mon., Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Day.

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.

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.

Bookstore Extended Hours for BTS • Jan. 21–23 and Jan. 27. We are open until 6:30 p.m. those evenings. Call for book availability at 205-776-5210.

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! Free dinner event, but you must register online using the link at briarwood.org/ybl or at 205-776-5450.

See what’s coming to Briarwood at a glance. Signup for once-a-week emails at briarwood.org/b-mailsignup.
Briarwood Ballet Sociable • Jan. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come see Ballet Exaltation in concert and then join us for some line dancing and snacks! More info on this ticketed event at briarwood.org/events.

Raiders Getaway • January 25-26. Come “get away” for a weekend of teaching, worship, and fun activities! Sign up at briarwood.org/getaway.

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.

Urban Ministry Prayer • Sun., Jan. 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride’s Room. All are invited to pray for Urban Hope Community Church and urban ministries in Birmingham.

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.

Children’s Communicants Class Parent Meeting • Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in S203. Communicants class for children in grades 4–6 begins Mar. 1. Call Page Dollar to sign up your child or with questions at 205-776-5526.

Trailblazers Lunch • Tues., Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. Trailblazers welcomes popular Christian musician, Kevin Derryberry. Tickets are $8 in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

“Let your requests be made known to God.” • We have prayer cards in brown boxes by the kiosks around the church and your prayer requests (confidential) will be prayed for by our prayer team. If you have any questions, email dmatthews@briarwood.org.

HONEY, STOP THE CAR...I forgot to make my nursery reservations for 2020! 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.
Briarwood Families

• We rejoice with Justin and Kristin Goebel on the birth of their son, David Alexander, on Jan. 8, grandparents Steve and Tina Goebel and great-grandparents Wales and Jean Goebel.

• Our love and sympathy to Dan Laffey and family on the death of his sister, Ginger Fortescue, on Jan. 4; to Matt Carrick and family on the death of his grandmother, Naomi Carrick, on Jan. 11; and to the family and friends of member Kathleen Duggan on her death on Jan. 11.

Service Signing • Invite your friends who have issues with hearing to worship in the 8:00 a.m. service. This service is signed by an interpreter every week.

Wednesday Night Prayer • Join us in the Prayer Room Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer for our church family. Nursery available at briarwood.org/nursery.

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.

Briarwood Members in the News • We want to hear about our members being recognized in the news! Send links or digitally scanned articles to aneugent@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5387.

Clothing Only, Please! • Please do not leave any items at the church besides clothing for your Thrift Store donations. We have limited storage space in our shipping/receiving area.

Family mission trip opportunity • Costa Rica this March. Open to families or parent/child to minister with your kids! For more information, contact John or Shanna at 205-222-1062 or 205-585-8871.

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