Welcome New Members
WHO JOINED IN FEBRUARY

Bill & Barbara Matthews  Marc & Denise McCluney  Bob & Lee Hunter

Jenna Bissell  Paul & Lea Harbor  Joy Watts  Cynthia Spell

Jennifer Kimbrell  Bob & Yvonne Welch  Emily Alderman  Bunk & Jan Graves

Next Pastor’s Inquirers’ Class
for newcomers and prospective members begins Sun., Mar. 8.

Sessions include: two Sunday mornings (Mar. 8 and 15),
two Wed. nights (Mar. 11 and 18) and a luncheon, Mar. 22 required for those
who are joining. By attending, you are not obligated to join.

For more information or to sign up for the class—call 205-776-5208,
email wlong@briarwood.org or at briarwood.org/pic.
SPORTSMAN’S BLAST 2020

REAL MEN SHARE THE GOSPEL

Friday, February 7
Speaker: Russell Thornberry

Over 20 exhibitors & interactive displays! 
Doors open 4:30 p.m. • Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

$12 tickets at briarwood.org/blast
Dinner provided with purchase of ticket
Over the years, we have discovered how a person’s desperate need for financial assistance opens that person to the truth of the Gospel. A great example of this truth occurred recently in the Mercy Ministry’s New Focus class. This class consisted of eight people who struggled with their bills as well as other needs. The first lesson in a New Focus class always includes a clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every person that comes through the New Focus class is confronted with the reality of eternal life. They are also encouraged to talk to their New Focus coach about the gift of eternal life in Christ.

In a recent class, one of our coaches sat with the lady he was coaching and introduced himself. Before he could get his name out of his mouth, she told him that she needed the gift of eternal life. The coach began to explain the Gospel to her and she surrendered her life to Christ right then. Here was a lady who came to us with financial and other needs, but she discovered she really had a deeper need—a need for the free gift of eternal life. In recent follow-up discussion, we have seen in this precious lady a deep hunger for the Scriptures and a deeper involvement with her church.

Every person that comes in contact with our Mercy Ministry, whether it is through our New Focus program, our Thrift Store, or the Fostering Hope Ministry, discovers their need for the Gospel. This lady’s story serves as a reminder of how deeds of mercy can and do open people up to the Gospel message and the opportunity to give their lives to Christ.

Chris Thompson
Mercy Ministry Pastor
Pray for Briarwood International Outreach’s weekly Friday Night Dinner and Bible study. Many of the international students who come have never heard the gospel or read the Bible. Pray that through our love, hospitality, and teaching, the Lord would open their hearts to receive Jesus.

**Serving in the Nursery**
Sun., Feb. 9
Family Life

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**PRAYER FOCUS**

**Briarwood International Outreach**

**Feb 7**
Lee & Sarah Wright
RUF • Florida

**Feb 8**
Eric & Susan Zellner
Church Planter • Alabama

**Feb 9**
Ryan & Kelly Akers
Campus Outreach • Alabama

**Feb 10**
Dan & Lucy Allison
Search Ministries • Alabama

**Feb 11**
Jim Blackmon
Briarwood Elder

**Feb 12**
Ken Blackmon
Briarwood Elder

**Feb 13**
Max Bunn
College Pastor • Leadership Team

**Feb 11**
Bob Blount
Briarwood Deacon

**Feb 12**
Sid Borland
Briarwood Deacon

**Feb 13**
Aspire Movement
Birmingham

**Feb 7**
Angel & Norma Glory
REF • Mexico

**Feb 8**
Carlos & Yolanda Gomez
EQUIP • Spain

**Feb 9**
Johan & Lida Gous
Hope Builders Ministries • Africa

**Feb 10**
Ben & Mary Guo
Bee World • US/Intl

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

V. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective

*Lifestyle Stewardship*

“The King and Christian Stewardship in the Kingdom, Part 2”
Luke 19:11–27

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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

III. Eternity in Biblical Perspective

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“The Death of Death”
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**Lord’s Day Worship Services**

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Women’s Precept Study: I Samuel • This new study started Thurs., Feb. 6 but it’s not too late to jump in. Come join us! Books are $20 in the Women’s Ministry office.

Persecuted Church Prayer • Sun., Feb. 9 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Pray for Hollywood on Oscar Sunday Feb. 9 • Dan Rupple, Briarwood supported ministry partner and CEO of Mastermedia International, is encouraging us to pray for this big night. Go to briarwood.org/nationalpartners and click the link to find more information and a prayer guide.

Special Connections • Our children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during the services on Sundays as well as for other events. Training will be Mon., Feb. 10 in A105 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Contact June Cork at 205-776-5291 or jcork@briarwood.org.

Make your Marriage Great! • Learn the skills you need, Feb. 14–16 at FamilyLife’s Weekend to Remember getaway in Montgomery. Save $100 when you use the code “weekend” to register at weekendtoremember.com. Don’t miss this great opportunity to invest in each other.

Foundations Early Learning Center Prayer • Fri., Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. in A205. All are welcome to join us to pray for Foundations Early Learning Center in Fairfield.

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.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group • Join us Tues., Feb. 18 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.

Missionary “Favorite Things” Goodie Bags • Pamper our 16 missionary women attending the upcoming Global Ministry Conference. Bring cute dish towels, spices, note cards, manicure items, lip balms, bookstore gift certificates or other “favorites.” Please no used items, heavy items, candles or scented items, or liquid items. Drop off at the Women’s Ministry office between Tues., Feb. 11 and Wed., Feb. 19.

Women’s Missionary Coffee • Tues., Feb. 25. We would love to have you join us for a sweet time with our visiting ladies! RSVP to Katie Russell at krussell@briarwood.org for attendance or volunteer sign up.
Global Ministries Conference Nursery Volunteers • We need your help from Sunday night to Wednesday night. If you are able to help, email Alison at acraig@briarwood.org.

Diapers needed! • Sav-A-Life is in need of diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. For more information contact Lisa Hogan at lisahogan@savalife.org or call 205-979-2309.

Spring Soccer • Sign-up is open for both boys and girls, ages 5–14. Register with forms on kiosks at the church, at briarwoodsoccer.com or by calling 205-776-5114.

Need a gift for your Valentine? Shop the Briarwood Bookstore for a book or gift to give. 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.

Do you have a child who loves to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions is an auditioned summer musical theatre camp for current 3rd–11th graders. Auditions are Sat., Feb. 22. For details, go to motowneproductions.com.

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.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University—Learn the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Classes will begin Wed., Mar. 4, in M111. Register by emailing Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org.
Interested in serving in the Birmingham area? • Go to briarwood.org/urban for information on volunteering with our local ministry partners.

Briarwood Church Library • Take advantage of this great resource! Now you can search the library catalog and renew books online—just go to briarwood.org/library. We’re here for you and your family!

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.

Briarwood Members in the News • We want to hear about our Briarwood members being recognized for excellence in local, social or national news! Email copies/links to anuegent@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5387. All articles will be considered, but usage will be based on theme, content and length.

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.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to Ron Philley and family on the death of his grandmother, Irma Dean McGuffee, on Jan. 30; to Margaret and Bruce Evans and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Jean Muir, on Feb. 1; to Lisa Hoke and family on the death of her mother, Hazel Wood, on Feb. 1; and to Roberta Guthrie and family on the death of her husband, member Al Guthrie, on Feb. 3.

BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

February 17 Dinner Menu
Hamburger Steak, Fried Chicken Filet, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad

For reservations, visit briarwood.org/dinner or call 205-776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.