

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• FEBRUARY 7, 2020 •

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.



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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



COLLEGE MISSIONS CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 21–23

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF CHALLENGING TEACHING FROM
MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD.

HEAR WHAT GOD IS DOING TO MAKE HIS NAME GREAT AMONG
THE NATIONS AND HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT.

REGISTRATION & INFO AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/COLLEGE

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

If I Should Die Before I Wake...

“The Death of Death”

I Corinthians 15:50–58

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Feb. 9

Family Life

PRAYER FOCUS

**Briarwood
International
Outreach**

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.

Feb 7 Lee & Sarah Wright
RUF • Florida

Angel & Norma Glory
REF • Mexico

Feb 8 Eric & Susan Zellner
Church Planter • Alabama

Carlos & Yolanda Gomez
EQUIP • Spain

Feb 9 Ryan & Kelly Akers
Campus Outreach • Alabama

Johan & Lida Gous
Hope Builders Ministries • Africa

Feb 10 Dan & Lucy Allison
Search Ministries • Alabama

Ben & Mary Guo
Bee World • US/Intl

Feb 11 Jim Blackmon
Briarwood Elder

Bob Blount
Briarwood Deacon

Feb 12 Ken Blackmon
Briarwood Elder

Sid Borland
Briarwood Deacon

Feb 13 Max Bunn
College Pastor • Leadership Team

Aspire Movement
Birmingham

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 Ruppel, 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.



FELLOW WORKERS FOR THE TRUTH GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

Serving the Servants | Feb. 23–Mar. 1

**This week will impact your life!
Make plans to attend!**

Help us serve the servants!
Visit the Missions Office to sign up to help.

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.