Spring Quarter 2020 • March 1 – May 31
“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.”
– Psalm 119:18
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.
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

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).

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JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7–12.
Raiders—Grades 7 and 8
Meets in E-304/305/306/313
Taught by parents and Youth staff.

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group)—Grades 9–12
Meets in C-200
Taught by parents and Youth staff.

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. The spring sessions are scheduled to begin March 8 and April 19 and will include two Sunday morning sessions, two Wednesday night sessions and a luncheon for those planning to join. For more information, please call 205-776-5208 or you may check dates and register online at briarwood.org/pic.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Let us help you find the right Sunday School Community for you!
Call us at 205-776-5208 or drop by the Membership Office across from the Church Receptionist.

COLLEGE

College age. We will be studying timeless truths in the Gospel of John.
Teacher: Max Bunn. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn.
SP: Benny Parks.

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)  “Be of Sound Mind”
A community for graduates to early 30s. Does the Bible discuss mental health? Does it give us insights into how to address struggles like anxiety, addictions, depression and other mental health challenges? This study will explore what the Bible says about the importance of our mind’s health and the spiritual dynamic of renewing our minds. Teachers: Ray Tucker and Ryan Akers. Team Leaders: Wiersmas. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.

Leveraging Life (M-210)  “II Timothy”
A community for early 30’s to 45. In this last recorded epistle, despite being chained like a criminal (2:9), abandoned by many friends (4:16), and facing death, Paul faithfully points his spiritual son, Timothy, to the hope that is in Christ. It is a hope that all of us need! Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.

In One Accord (W-202)  “Under Siege”
A community for 40’s and up. Most followers of Christ are not aware of the spiritual war that is taking place in their lives. As a result, many are ill-prepared for the attacks of the enemy. But the enemy is three-fold: Satan, the world’s culture, and our own flesh are at war with every true Christian. We can sit by and wait for the attack, or we can prepare for battle. Teacher: Mike Wheeler. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.
THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (GYM) “Faithful Stewards: ‘Biblical Perspectives on Parenting’
A class for the entire family. Our primary task as believing parents is to be faithful stewards; to raise the children God has entrusted to us by a standard and strategies that are higher than ours...or theirs...or the worlds. In this study, we will look to God's Word for insights into our stewardship responsibilities to God through all the seasons of parenting, and even grand-parenting. Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Grahams, Maces. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.

Family Matters (S-201) “The Life of Christ”
A class for the entire family. We will be exploring the life of Christ with emphasis on practical application. It will be a visual presentation from the book of John starting at Chapter 9. Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006) “I John”
Engaged and newly married couples. In Christ there is light, love and life. The apostle John enjoyed delightful fellowship with Christ and wrote the epistle of 1st John to his “little children” in the faith with a desperate desire that they enjoy the same delightful fellowship. Come join us this quarter as we learn more about what it looks like to abide in God's light and love, and experience the abundant life of Christ. Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.

Legacy (E-004) “Biblical Parenting”
Young married couples starting families. We will spend time this quarter encouraging each other as we strive to bring our children up in the nurture an admonition of the Lord. Our topics will include the state of our children, what our children need, balancing our lives in order to improve parenting, leading family devotions, resources and technology. Join us as we establish our family heritage together. Teacher: Jay Shaw and Nathan Sasse. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.

YOUNG FAMILIES

Covenant Keepers (E-008) “Biblical Principles for Parents”
**Encounter (M-111)**

**“Sins We Tolerate”**

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. 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: Carlises, Crawfords, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

**Growing in Grace (E-005)**

**“What in the World is Going On?”**

Young couples with infants to middle school age children. We will be looking at the issues in world missions today, our history of missions in the Church and at Briarwood and what God’s calling for us today to take the gospel to the nations. There are unique challenges and opportunities in the world and those will be studied and engaged with a view to taking action. *Teacher: Kent Bailey. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

**Heritage Builders (FH-B)**

**“Bridge Building”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. 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: Abernathy, Bartons, Bentleys, Bragans, Hills, Joneses, Laniers, Lotts. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

**SoJourners (E-007)**

**“Christ and Culture”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. In society today the number of voices and the pull of agendas is overwhelming. 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”? In this course, we will look at what is culture, does the Bible give us parameters to engage culture? Join us as we seek to develop a biblical philosophy of Cultural engagement this quarter! *Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morries, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompso & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

**STUDENT FAMILIES**

**Firm Foundations (E-003)**

**“I & II Timothy”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. Join us as we study timeless truths this spring from Paul’s first and second letters to Timothy. *Teacher: Todd Carlisle. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*
Growing Together (G-103)  
**“Encounters with God”**
Families with preschool to high school age children. This is a series of snapshots from the Old Testament where people talked with God face to face, or received a message from God directly from an angel or from one of God's prophets. We will focus on the lesson or application we can apply to our life from these Old Testament events. Teacher: Rick Neel. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Next Step (E-010)  
**“The Life of Peter”**
Families with elementary to college age children. We will look at Peter’s ups and downs to learn principles of walking with Christ to apply to our own life. Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Inside Out (FH-C)  
**“Colossians”**
Families with children in high school or older. We will be studying timeless truths from the book of Colossians. Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Harrises, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.

Teambuilders (W-203)  
**“The Knowledge of the Holy”**
Families with children in high school or older. Jesus said: “this is eternal life; that you may know God...In this class we will use the classic work of AW Tozier, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, to direct us to key biblical passages about the character and attributes of God in order to think of God correctly and know Him more intimately. Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Harrises. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.

Homefront (M-200)  
**“One Another Passages: Living as One in Christ”**
Families with children in high school or older. We are called to love one another, honor one another, encourage one another, serve one another and pray for one another—all for His Glory and that the world may believe that Jesus is the Christ and Lord of all. We will study the “one another” passages in order to learn how to live as one in Christ and to bear His fruit in our lives. Teacher: Benny Youngblood. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, Oswells, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Hearts and Homes (A-204)  
**“Honor, Shame, and the Gospel”**
Families with children in high school or older. 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: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)  
**“I & II Kings”**
Families with children in college or older. 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: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.
Kingdom Builders (FH-D)  
**“The Pastoral Letters”**

*Families with children in college or older.* We will be studying timeless truths from the pastoral letters: Titus, I Timothy & II Timothy. *Teacher: George Shamblin.*  
*Team Leaders: McRaes, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

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Discovery (FH-A)  
**“The Enemy Within”**

*A class for all ages and stages in life.* This is a study about overcoming sin and temptation by understanding the nature and power of indwelling sin remaining in the lives of believers for the remainder of our lives. *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost.*  
*Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

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Mountain View (A-209)  
**“I John”**

*A class for all ages and stages in life.* 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: Adamises, Blackmons, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

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**ADULT FAMILIES**

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Abundant Life (G-101)  
**“A Survey of the New Testament”**

*Empty nesters and grandparents.* Grace and Glory Revealed—this quarter-long study looks at the historical environment of the New Testament and 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: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

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Deeper Life (Chapel)  
**“The Life of Joseph”**

*Empty nesters and grandparents.* The life of Joseph is significant not only in Genesis but in the redemptive storyline of Scripture as a whole. His life demonstrates how God’s sovereignty and human responsibility intersect. It illustrates the power of the Gospel to overcome generational sin. And Joseph, as a type of Christ, shows us how God’s providence secures for us God’s promises enabling us to trust Him in every situation of life. *Teacher: Jim Alexander.*  
*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.*

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Joyful Hearts (A-105)  
**“Trials—Blessings”**

*Empty-nesters through great-grandparents.* We’ll look at the lives of the Apostle Paul, Joseph, Job and others and see how suffering, affliction, persecution and discipline are the very trials that sanctify you and are the pathway to glory. *Teacher: Glenn Draper.*  
*Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Shaws. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*
Homestead (FH-E&F)  “Following Jesus to the Cross: Luke”
Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. Beginning with Luke 9, this class will focus on obeying what Jesus taught as he headed toward the cross. Luke guides us toward further commitment to Christ, His mission and our current place in His kingdom. Teacher: Paul House. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whaleys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205)  “Romans”

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)  “Seeing the Love of God”

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: Taylor Barnes, Chans, Entrekins, 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*