“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.

*Please Note: Due to our current social distance standards, our nursery is closed at this time. Please check back at briarwood.org for future updates on our nursery reopening.*

**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).

**AGE/GRAGE**  
**ROOM**
- Completed K-4..........................................................E-207/209/211
- Completed K-5..........................................................E-206/208/210
- Completed 1st grade..............................................N-201/202/203/204
- Completed 2nd grade.............................................N-205/206/208
- Completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grades......................Children’s Auditorium  
- Completed 6th grade.............................................Promoted to Raiders – E311  
- Special Connections (Children).............................N-110  
- Special Connections (Adults).................................N-108

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7–12.

Raiders — E-304/305/306/313  
7th and 8th grade — Taught by parents and Youth staff.

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group) — C-200  
Grades 9–12 — Taught by parents and Youth staff.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES


Let us help you find the right Sunday School Community for you! Call us at 205-776-5208 or email Ray Tucker at rtucker@briarwood.org.

Note: Due to our current social distance standards, all summer quarter classes will not begin on campus, but rather will start through online means. Additionally, recordings of these lessons will be offered online at briarwood.org at a later date. Please contact Ray Tucker at rtucker@briarwood.org for more information.

COLLEGE

College (A-201)  “I Samuel”
College age. We will explore Israel through the lives of Hannah, Samuel, Saul, Jonathan—and especially David—to be challenged in our obedience to His Word and reminded of God’s faithfulness to His covenant. We will be encouraged by God’s presence and power! Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)  “The Psalms”
A community for graduates to early 30s. Throughout the centuries, innumerable saints have sung, prayed and gained spiritual strength from the Psalms. This quarter we will study this most rich resource in hopes to discover afresh the depths of God’s unfailing love and immeasurable beauty. Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Hulseys. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.

Leveraging Life (M-210)  “Following Christ in a COVID-19 World”
A community for early 30’s to 45. The onslaught of COVID-19 and the accompanying disruption of the lives of billions of people around the globe has exposed the reality for many that, in the words of A.W. Tozer, they “know God only imperfectly, and the peace of God scarcely at all.” The Bible, however, tells a different story—a story of hope and joy in the face of the challenges of life. Join us this quarter as we learn to follow hard after Christ regardless of our circumstances. Teacher: Todd Carlisle. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.

In One Accord (W-202)  “Living a Life of Faith”
A community for 40’s and up. We will explore what faith is and the various aspects of faith as outlined in Scripture. Teacher: Mike Felton. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.
THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (Gym)  “Spiritual Disciplines”
A class for the entire family. Why are the disciplines important and how will they help you grow in godliness? We will be discussing practical suggestions for cultivating them. Teacher: Dave Matthews. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Grahams, Maces. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.

Family Matters (S-201)  “Correctly Handling the Word of Truth”
A class for the entire family. Timothy 3:16–17 tells us that Scripture is “useful for teaching, convicting, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” We may know a good bit about the Bible, but do we know how to go to God’s Word for ourselves to address problems, areas of concern or sin? In this course, we will study how we may become unashamed workmen who correctly handle the Word of Truth. Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006)  “Timeless Truths from God’s Word”
Engaged and newly married couples. Join us this quarter as we open God’s Word. Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.

Legacy (E-004)  “Designed By God”
Young married couples starting families. God has personally, intentionally and intricately designed each person for His Glory. In this very practical study we will consider our design by God, including a study of our spiritual gifts, our talents, our God given passions and much more in order to use these for the Glory of God with the people of God. Teacher: Benny Youngblood. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.

YOUNG FAMILIES

Encounter (M-111)  “The Attributes of God”
Young couples with infants to elementary age children. J.I. Packer once stated: “Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.” Come join us this quarter as we seek to know God better by studying His attributes and having our lives transformed by our knowledge of Him as we seek Him in His Word. Teacher: Nathan Sasse. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Crawfords, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.
Covenant Keepers (E-008)  “Christ and Culture”
Young couples with infants to elementary 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, and the parameters the Bible provides to engage it. Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.

Growing in Grace (E-005)  “Gospel of Mark”
Families with infants to middle school age children. Jesus’ Call to Authentic Discipleship. The opening of Mark’s Gospel says, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Authentic discipleship involves a radical commitment to both receive the “Good News” that Jesus Christ is Lord and the urgent task to retell this “Good News” to those around us. Join us as we unpack Mark’s Gospel and what it means to be a disciple and to go and make new disciples that long to follow Him. Teacher: Michael Wichlan. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.

Heritage Builders (FH-B)  “I Thessalonians”
Families with infants to middle school age children. We will explore what it means to live in a broken world while looking towards the coming of the Kingdom and the Day of the Lord. We will look to apply the practical and transforming power of the gospel to serve a God who has “not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Abernathy, Bartons, Bentleys, Bragans, Hills, Joneses, Laniers, Lotts. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.

SoJourners (E-007)  “The Disciplines of Grace”
Families with infants to middle school age children. This class will explore how the gospel renews us as we apply biblical truths to the realities of life. Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morрисes, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.

Firm Foundations (E-003)  “The Gospel of Mark”
Families with preschool to high school age children. Jesus’ Call to Authentic Discipleship. The opening of Mark’s Gospel says, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Authentic discipleship involves a radical commitment to both receive the “Good News” that Jesus Christ is Lord and the urgent task to retell this “Good News” to those around us. Join us as we unpack Mark’s Gospel and what it means to be a disciple and to go and make new disciples that long to follow Him. Teacher: Michael Wichlan. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.
Growing Together (G-103)  “Job”
Families with preschool to high school age children. Job addresses the great themes of life. Why do we suffer? Where's God when we suffer? How should we respond to hardship? We will seek to apply this book to our lives during the current crisis we face. Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveyes, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Next Step (E-010)  “Ephesians”
Families with elementary to college age children. Join us as we study the timeless truths in the book of Ephesians. We will see the depth and breadth of the theology Paul presents, and its application in the life of the believer. Teachers: Westby Anderson & Noah Despinasse. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Inside Out (FH-C)  “Proverbs”
Families with children in high school or older. The Book of Proverbs is one of the wisdom books in the Old Testament. This study will focus on how to honor God by adhering to the principles of Scripture applied to daily life. There is advice for parenting, warnings against following the ways of the world, and encouragement to depend on the Lord for every need in your life. Teacher: Walter Leveille. Team Leaders: Harrises, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.

Teambuilders (W-203)  “What in the World is Going On?”
Families with children in high school or older. What is God's Heart, design, and plan for the Nations? We will search the Scriptures together to learn more about God's love for the nations, His strategy to reach the nations, and Briarwood's specific engagement with the nations through our Global Missions Team and our international supported missionaries around the globe. Teacher: Bryan Wintersteen. Team Leaders: Kings. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.

Homefront (M-200)  “The Attributes of God”
Families with children in high school or older. How important it is to accurately know the one true God. We must know of Him in order to know Him intimately. Our class will focus on God's perfect revelation of Himself. Through this, we will enable our best relationship with Him and our deepest worship of Him. Teacher: Ken Friday. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, Oswells, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.

Hearts and Homes (A-204)  “Be of Sound Mind”
Families with children in high school or older. 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 & Ryan Akers. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.
R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)  “To the Churches”
Families with children in college or older. We will be looking at what Christ has to say to the seven churches in Revelation and what that means for us today. Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.

Discovery (FH-A)  “Timeless Truths from God’s Word”
A class for all ages and stages in life. This quarter, various teachers from our class will lead us in study of God’s Word. Teacher: Various. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.

Mountain View (A-209)  “Chosen By God”
A class for all ages and stages in life. Every serious Christian believes in some doctrine of predestination. We will explore the biblical and Reformed doctrine of predestination, based on R.C. Sproul’s *Chosen by God*. Our study will necessarily include discussion of such topics as the nature and source of evil, man’s free will, humanism in the church, why bad things happen to “good” people, and whether real assurance of salvation is possible apart from a right understanding of the relationship between Sovereign God and fallen, sinful people. Teacher: Mark Hess. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)  “Zechariah”
Empty nesters and grandparents. We will be studying the Minor Prophets, looking for applications for today, while emphasizing the hope and final restoration of God’s people. Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.

Deeper Life (Chapel)  “The Geography of Salvation”
Empty nesters and grandparents. This is a visual course covering Paul’s sea journey to Rome and his final days and is designed to show the relationship between the geographical locations and the great biblical events and teachings associated with them. Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Charles Atwater, Al Black, Jim Dewberry, Bill Fox, Rick Latham, Lee McCarty, Bill Moulton, Bill Rudd, Charlie Woodall. CP: Chuck Morgan. SP: Dave Matthews.

Homestead (FH-E&F)  “Hebrews”
Empty nesters and grandparents. The book of Hebrews was written to encourage first century Christians to keep their faith in Jesus while under great persecution. Hebrews reminds them that Jesus is crowned with glory and honor as their great Prophet, Priest and King. Join us as we consider the greatness of our Savior and seek to love Him and serve Him. Teacher: Eric Reebals. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whaleys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.
Joyful Hearts (A-105)  
**“Encounters With Jesus”**  
Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. This is a series of snapshots from the New Testament where people had a face-to-face encounter with Jesus. We will draw applications for our lives from these encounters by looking at what Jesus said and did, how the individual responded, and the impact on those who were bystanders. *Teacher: Rick Neel. Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Shaws.*  
*CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)  
**“Colossians”**  
Empty Nesters and grandparents. Through this study we will see Paul’s unwavering commitment to point the people of God to Christ as our preeminent, all-sufficient God and Savior. We will be encouraged as we clearly see the “sufficiency of Christ in all things.” *Teacher: Larkin Delk. Team Leaders: McRaes, Zachows. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

WOMEN

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)  
**“Trials–Blessings”**  
Women of all walks and stages of life. We will be studying chapters 1-3 of Revelation, which contain God’s messages to the seven churches of Asia. See how His messages recorded by John so long ago still speak to the church today. *Teacher: Vicki Portis.*  
*Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Women Impacting the World (A-205)  
**“Revelation”**  
Women of all walks and stages of life. 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: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Campbell, Susan McCollum.*  
*CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Dave Matthews.*

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: Chans, 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
S: School Wing
W: Worship Center