



Briarwood
Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Fall Quarter 2020 • Sept. 6 – Nov. 29, 2020



*“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous
things out of Your Law.”*

– Psalm 119:18

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9:30–10:30 a.m.

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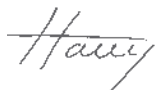
Special Events This Quarter

National Ministries Conference – October 18–19

Reformation Sunday/EMC Convocation – October 25

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.

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 fall session will consist of a special consolidated weekend class scheduled to begin September 25 and will include one Friday evening, one Saturday Morning and one Sunday morning session.** For more information, please call 776-5208 or you may check dates and register online at briarwood.org/pic.

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

** Please note: Due to COVID-19 protocols, our children are not meeting on Sunday mornings at this time.*

Children's Pastor: John Evans. K4 – 6th grade.

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/GRADE	ROOM
K-4.....	E-207/209/211
K-5.....	E-206/208/210
1st grade.....	N-201-204
2nd grade.....	N-205/206/208
3rd grade.....	N-207/209
4th-6th grade Ignite.....	Children's Auditorium
Special Connections (Children)	N-110
Special Connections (Adults)	N-108

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Pastor: Jay Shaw. Grades 7-12.

Raiders (7th and 8th grades)—E-304/305/306/313

Taught by parents and Youth staff.

BYG (Briarwood Youth Group, Grades 9-12)—C-200

Taught by parents and Youth staff.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Christian Education Pastor: Ray Tucker.

Let us help you find the right Sunday School Community for you!

Call us at 776-5208 or drop by the Membership Office across
from the Church Receptionist.

COLLEGE

College (A-201)

“Life of Jacob”

College age. We will look at how God pursued him and then sanctified and grew him. *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Carlises, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

SINGLES

Graduates & Career (M-202)

“Christ the Key”

A community for graduates to early 30s. Join us as we discover how Jesus unlocks the Old Testament. *Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Hulseys. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210)

“Christ the Key”

A community for early 30’s to 45. Join us as we discover how Jesus unlocks the Old Testament. *Teacher: Stephen King. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202) “The Worldly Church: A Call to Repentance”

A community for 40’s and up. The Apostle Paul seeks to bring a worldly church in the city of Corinth back to its Savior. In bringing the truth of the Gospel, Paul exposed the false teaching found in the church and invited the people to true church. Through this in-depth study of the book of First Corinthians we will discover the whole truth of the Gospel. *Teacher: Chris Thompson. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Matters (S-201)

“The 13”

A class for the entire family. Join us as we look at the Apostles who are the “foundation of the Household of God” (Eph. 2:19-20). We will endeavor to explore how these ordinary men became extraordinary men who were empowered by the Holy Spirit to change the world for Christ. *Teacher: Ray Tucker. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Life (GYM)

“What in the World is Going On?”

A class for the entire family. 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: Belyeus, Grahams, Maces. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (E-006)

“Dawning Grace”

Engaged and newly married couples. Dawning Grace: a survey of the Old Testament is a quarter long overview of the major themes and lessons of the Old Testament. It tells the story of redemption from Adam to Christ, and Israel’s crucial role in that story. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Russells, Shealys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-004)

“Studies in the Psalms”

Young married couples starting families. Psalms are some of the most expressive and moving passages of Holy Scripture. Though they were written as Hebrew poetry, which most of us do not understand, there is great benefit in the study of these beautiful lyrics. Along with our study, we will discuss some thoughts on using the Psalms as we worship as families, letting the Word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God. *Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Edwards, Ellerbees, Hendrys. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Encounter (M-111)

“Happiness, Holiness and the Hope of Heaven”

Young married couples starting families. Does God want us happy or holy? Or is this a false dichotomy? Is it sinful to seek to be happy? Is there a difference between joy and happiness? These are some of the questions that we will answer on this subject. Our expectation is that this course will have a very positive impact on your attitude toward God and the Christian life and your expectations for heaven. *Teacher: Bobby Parks. Team Leaders: Carlises, Crawfords, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“Minor Prophets”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. We will be studying the minor prophets looking for applications today, while emphasizing the hope and final restoration for God’s people. *Teacher: Phil Reddick. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)**“The Life of Joseph”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. 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: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)**“Honor, Shame and the Gospel”**

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

SoJourners (E-007)**“The Gospel of Mark”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. We will be studying timeless truths in the Gospel of Mark. *Teachers: Todd Carlisle, JD Bragan, Thomas Garner. Team Leaders: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdy, Morrises, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)**“The Pastoral Epistles”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. Great victories are won when ordinary people execute their assigned tasks. Paul, as a pastor, lays out for other pastors an instruction manual for how best to shepherd the flock entrusted to their care. *Teacher: George Shamblin. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103)**“Trials-Blessings”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. Join us as we discover God’s power and grace on display in trials! *Teacher: Glenn Draper. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C)**“I Samuel”**

Families with children in high school or older. 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: Harrises, Mungenasts, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010)**“The Christian Life”**

Families with elementary to college age children. This quarter we will explore various aspects of the Christian life including knowing, loving and faithfully living out the truths from God’s word. *Teachers: Jay Shaw, Rushing Watson. Team Leaders: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203)**“Gospel of Mark”**

Families with children in high school or older. We will be studying timeless truths in the Gospel of Mark. *Teacher: Stephen Cloud. Team Leaders: Kings. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200)**“Church in Hard Places”**

Families with children in high school or older. In recent years, Christians have shown an increased commitment to helping the poor. But this renewed interest in poverty alleviation is doomed to fail if it is not rooted in the local church—God’s established means of drawing downtrodden people into a transformative relationship with Himself. This quarter we will study biblical guidelines and practical strategies for planting churches/doing ministry in poor urban communities. *Teacher: Noah Despinasse. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, Oswells, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204)**“Jeremiah”**

Families with children in high school or older. We will be studying timeless truths from Jeremiah. *Teacher: Don Wahlman. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)**“Hebrews”**

Families with children in college or older. Join us as we look at timeless truths from the book of Hebrews. *Teacher: Mike Felton. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Discovery (FH-A)**“Designed by God”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. 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: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Mountain View (A-209)**“God’s Clock”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. God’s clock is a visual study of the great truths of the Christian faith. It uses colors and diagrams to illustrate the Great Works of God. The main purpose of this study is to guide us in living holy lives for Christ. Hopefully, Christians can use the diagrams in this course to teach others. *Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Lindsays. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)

“Peter’s Perspective”

Empty nesters and grandparents. We will spend the quarter looking at Peter. His life story and letters offer great hope to believers who may be struggling in this current culture. Peter wrote about a “living hope” and secure future to those who walk with Christ. But we also are encouraged that his road to sanctification was marked with great success and great failure. His story is our story! *Teacher: Jay Mathews. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP: Phil Reddick. SP: Dave Lewis.*

Deeper Life (Chapel)

“Following Jesus to the Cross”

Empty nesters and grandparents. Luke draws on interviews with eyewitnesses to give us a comprehensive account of what Jesus taught as He headed towards Jerusalem and the cross. These chapters find Jesus explaining how His followers treat friends and enemies, how they handle money, and how they put God first as they witness to Jesus in the world. Stern, yet loving, these chapters help us draw close to God as we face our own lesser crosses. *Teacher: Paul House. 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.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)

“The Gospel of Mark”

Empty nesters and grandparents. We will be studying timeless truths in the Gospel of Mark. *Teachers: Todd Carlisle, JD Braga, Thomas Garner. Team Leaders: McRaes, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Homestead (FH-E&F)

“Truths from God’s Word”

Empty nesters through great grandparents. This quarter we will be studying timeless truths from God’s Word. *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whales, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“Parables of Jesus”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. This quarter we will study the parables of Jesus. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Shaws. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205)

“God at Work”

Women of all walks and stages of life. Join us for a study of the Nations and Tribes of the Old Testament where we will see God at work protecting and punishing his chosen people through 1500 years of Biblical history. *Teacher: Michele Cantley. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Faithful Followers (Bride's Room)

“Proverbs”

Women of all walks and stages of life. 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 and grand-parenting, warnings against following the ways for the world, and encouragement to depend on the Lord for every decision and need in your life. Relating these principles to the words and life of Christ will help the student grow in godliness and maturity. *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: Taylor Barnes, 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

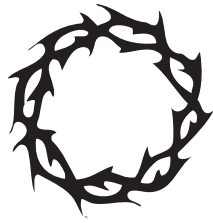
Mtn. View: Mountain View Building

M: Ministry Wing

N: Nursery Wing

S: School Wing

W: Worship Center



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