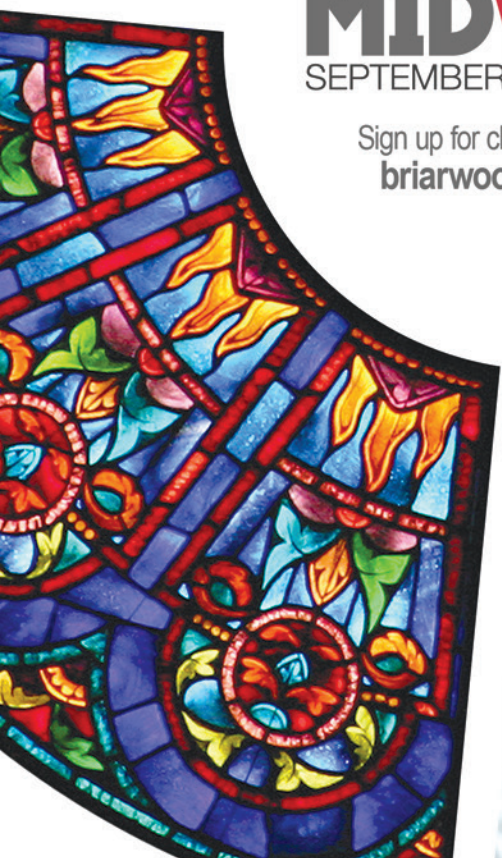




BRIARWOOD
MIDWEEK

SEPTEMBER 1–NOVEMBER 10

Sign up for classes and nursery at
briarwood.org/midweek



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(SEE LISTINGS FOR EXCEPTIONS)

AT A GLANCE

EVANGELISM TRAINING / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Bridge to Life/Personal Evangelism	G103
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CO-ED STUDIES

Biblical Marriage and Family	FH-E&F (and on Zoom)
Grandparenting Matters	G101
Warrior	A105
Adoption Connection	E007

WOMEN OF THE COVENANT

A Study of Hosea	Chapel (and on Zoom)
A Study of Ruth	M202

SEMINARY CLASSES

Birmingham Theological Seminary	
Old Testament III	A202
Christ and Culture	A201
Counseling in the Local Church I/Lay Counseling I	A209

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ADULT CLASSES

Wednesday night offers many new and exciting small group studies, so find the best fit for you and jump in! **All ministry opportunities begin at 6:30 p.m.** unless otherwise noted. Contact Eric Reebals for more information at 776-5338 or ereebals@briarwood.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our Children and Youth will find activities designed just for them during MidWeek. See the complete listing in the back of this booklet. Contact the Children's Ministry at 776-5526 or jevans@briarwood.org. Contact the Youth Ministry at 776-5269 or jshaw@briarwood.org.

NURSERY

Be sure your nursery age children have the best possible care by making reservations as soon as possible. Reservations can be made easily online on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/nursery, or by calling 776-5214. Please be sure the Nursery knows what study or class you are in each week.

MIDWEEK DINNER

PLEASE NOTE: MidWeek dinners will resume when COVID protocols allow.

Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship! All are welcome, even if you are not in a small group or other ministry opportunity.

\$7 per adult • \$4 per child (under 12) • \$24 per family maximum

Please assist us in being good stewards of our resources by registering for the MidWeek meal each week you plan to attend. Registering ahead of time allows us to prepare the proper amount of food, and can be done easily online and all at once, if you wish. Go to **briarwood.org/dinner** and fill out the online form, or **call 776-5238**. Register no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the Wednesday you plan to attend. Thank you!

EVANGELISM TRAINING / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

Eric Reebals • G103

Come investigate how to share your faith using “The Bridge to Life.” This training includes on-the-job training, contacting members of our community and answering their questions as they answer ours. Contact Leigh Ann Reese 205-776-5301, lreese@briarwood.org.

ASK THE PASTOR (9/15 & 10/13)

Pastor Reeder • Bride’s Room

Ask Pastor Reeder any question pertaining to theology, Bible, doctrine, etc. Also during this time we will seek to answer any questions regarding the sacrament of baptism. Some questions we discuss are: why covenant baptism? what constitutes a valid baptism? what does baptism represent? If you are interested or want more information, please contact Wendy Long at wlong@briarwood.org or 205-776-5208.

SANCTUARY CHOIR / BRIARWOOD ORCHESTRA

Worship Center

Singers and instrumentalists, college age and up, join us as we prepare to lead God’s people in worship on Sundays, as well as prepare our Christmas program to be presented with a full orchestra. For more information, contact Penny Philley at pphilley@briarwood.org or 776-5229.

ESL CLASSES

Caroline Brown • School third floor E313

Want to get involved in serving and welcoming internationals? Volunteer to help with the English for Speakers of Other Languages class! From putting up signs and serving snacks to teaching English, we would be glad to have you join us! We train volunteers to teach and how to welcome internationals well. Contact Caroline Brown at 205-776-5343 or cbrown@briarwood.org.

GRIEFSHARE (8/25–11/17)

Mark Cushman • W202

A 13-week seminar and support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each session includes a discussion based on video presentations dealing with grief. Participants are welcome to start attending any time during the quarter. Contact Tami Wells, 205-776-5227 or altadena@briarwood.org for more information. W202 is above the Foyer to the Worship Center, next to the elevator. Cost: \$15 for workbook.

DIVORCECARE (Begins 9/15)

Lance & Ruth Radbill • W203

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (Begins 9/8)

Dave and Linda Mace • A205

Unwanted stress because of money issues? Do you want to save more, become debt free, start investing for retirement? To register, contact themacefamily1@att.net. Registration is \$99.

NEW FOCUS (Begins 9/8)

Chris Thompson • E003/005

New Focus is an outreach of the Mercy Ministry that offers financial literacy for those who call for assistance and we also teach participants how to get and keep a job. Volunteers are needed to coach participants in applying the principles learned in class. Kevin Lott will lead a coaches' informational meeting at the same time as the participants' informational meeting on September 1 then regular classes will begin on September 8.

SIGN LANGUAGE: BEGINNER CLASS

S205

Our goal is to learn 400 signs (with daily practice), to be introduced to deaf culture, and be able to communicate using basic signs.

SIGN LANGUAGE: INTERMEDIATE CLASS I

S207

This class builds on the Beginner class. Our goal is to learn 400 additional signs (with daily practice) and increase exposure to and communication with the deaf community.

SIGN LANGUAGE: INTERMEDIATE CLASS II

S209

This class builds on the Intermediate I class. Our goal is to learn 400 additional signs (with daily practice) and increase exposure to and communication with the deaf community.

SIGN LANGUAGE: RELIGIOUS INTERPRETING

S203

This class builds on the Beginner, Intermediate I, and Intermediate II Sign Language classes. Our goal is to learn 1) religious signs (with daily practice), 2) practical interpreting techniques using expressive and receptive skills in a class room and “real time” setting, and 3) increase exposure to and have communications with the deaf community.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

Joyce Ann Jackson • Prayer Room

Join us as we spend time in prayer for Briarwood Church and its ministries. God has been so faithful to our congregation and we want to spend this time acknowledging His goodness and lifting up the many ministry opportunities all over the world. We'll focus on the spiritual vitality of prayer in the life of the believers, revival throughout our land and learning how to pray as Jesus taught His disciples.

CO-ED STUDIES

BIBLICAL MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Various Teachers • FH E&F (and on Zoom)

How do Christians confront today's attack on the biblical view of marriage and family? We hope to encourage each other and regain an understanding of how God desires in our marriages and families to live, that we may be a witness to the world and a blessing to each other. For Zoom link, please email lreese@briarwood.org.

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS (9/1–10/5; 10/13–11/17)

Michael Wichlan & Dave Matthews • G101

This MidWeek seminar will help Christian grandparents find purpose and have a greater spiritual impact on their grandchildren's lives. Taught in two six-week sessions. Please register with Dave Matthews at dmatthews@briarwood.org. Workbook cost \$12.

WARRIOR

Mike Wheeler • A105

In case you haven't noticed, we are engaged in an intense battle in our country and in the world. That battle is not political or social. That battle is being fought in the spiritual realm. This fall, we will use selected lessons from the Warrior Series, where we take stories from World War II and the Holocaust and use them as metaphors for the spiritual battlefield we call the “Christian life.”

ADOPTION CONNECTION (Sep. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3)

Carter Ralph • E007

A part of the Mercy Ministry, Adoption Connection hopes to bring families together who have adopted children or are seeking to adopt, with the goal of building a community around adoption.

WOMEN OF THE COVENANT

Please register at briarwood.org/women. A Zoom link will be sent to you for the Hosea study.

BOOK OF HOSEA

Kristie Harrick • Chapel (and on Zoom)

“Hosea is a love story, a tragic love story between God and Israel. God is the faithful and sacrificial lover, while Israel is the adulterer. God uses Hosea, the author, to symbolize His faithful love, and Gomer, Hosea’s faithless wife, to illustrate Israel’s adultery.” Join us as we study the beauty of our Father’s covenantal love for His people as He calls them to faithfulness.

BOOK OF RUTH

Yvonne Welch • M202

Ruth is a story of love, devotion and redemption set in the dark days of the Judges in Israel. Although it took place many years ago, it is still relevant for women today struggling with real life issues such as loneliness, fear and worry. It is also the story of our Kinsmen–Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Just as Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi from a life of poverty and disgrace, so our Kinsmen–Redeemer, Jesus Christ, redeems us from a life of sin and shame.

SEMINARY CLASSES

BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BTS offers courses for credit, or you can audit one for your personal development. Contact the Seminary Office at 776-5356 to register for a class or for more information. **All classes meet Sep. 8–Dec. 1 with no meetings on Oct. 13 and Nov. 24.**

OLD TESTAMENT III

Mr. Justin Richardson

A202 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH I†

Dr. Stephen Cloud

A209 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

CHRIST AND CULTURE

MR. Ike Reeder

A201 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

†COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH I/ LAY COUNSELING I AND PRACTICAL MINISTRY (Begins 9/8)

Dr. Stephen Cloud • A209

Counseling in the Local Church I/Lay Counseling I & Practical Ministry Training is a two-semester course that begins in the fall. It not only equips you to begin counseling at the lay level, but it builds your knowledge base to more effectively conduct personal ministry whether over the fence, over coffee, or in various roles in the church. This is also a great opportunity to see if the Lord may direct you to become active in the counseling ministry. Visitors are welcome, but classroom space is limited. Contact Tami Wells or Mitzi Boyd at 205-776-5281, or altadena@briarwood.org, for more details.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Contact the Children's Ministry at 776-5526 or jevans@briarwood.org.

INFANTS THROUGH 3 YEARS

Nursery Hallway • 6:15–8:30 p.m.

Nursery reservations are required! Go to briarwood.org/nursery.

CONNECT (K4–3rd grade)

Children's Auditorium • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

It is our desire for the children to connect to God through biblical teaching, to what God is doing in the world through missionary updates and stories, and to one another through fellowship and recreation. *A parent must sign in their child.*

IGNITE (4th–6th grade)

GYM • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Ignite will have a time of Bible study, play games, have free play in the Gym and hand out prizes! *Drop off children in the Gym Lobby.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Contact the Youth Ministry at 205-776-5269 or jshaw@briarwood.org.

RAIDERS (7th & 8th grades)

The Barn • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Raiders will continue their incredible MidWeek gatherings. Come and invite a friend. Parents, please pick up your Raider from The Barn parking lot at 8:00 p.m.

BYG (9th–12th grades)

The Barn • 7:00–8:30 p.m.

BYG is a time for high school students to be challenged by God's Word and to be equipped to impact others for Christ.

ROOM KEY

A — Administration Wing

E — Education Wing

FH — Fellowship Hall

G — Gym Wing

M — Ministries Wing

W — Worship Center