



Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

Sunday School Classes

Winter Quarter 2022 • Dec. 5, 2021 – Feb. 27, 2022



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

– Psalm 119:18

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December 5, 2021–February 27, 2022

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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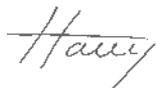
Special Events This Quarter

Walk Through Nativity – December 8–10

Global Ministries Conference – February 26–March 6

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

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 winter session will consist of one session and will include one Wednesday evening, one Saturday morning and one Sunday morning session. For more information, please call 205-776-5208 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

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
K-5.....	E-206/208/211
1st grade.....	N-203/205
2nd grade.....	N-204/206/208
3rd grade.....	N-207/209
Catechism class.....	N-211
4th–6th grades.....	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 – Grades 7 & 8 — S-200/M-213

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 / SINGLES

College (A-201)

“Colossians”

College age. Join us as we study Paul’s letter to the church in Colosse and seek “to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” *Teacher: Bruce Stallings. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

Graduates & Career (M-202)

“The Inklings”

A community for graduates to early 30s. The Inklings were a group of Christian writers and thinkers in the first part of the 20th century who exerted significant influence on the directions of art and culture in England and America. We will be studying a Christian view of art and culture, the lives of several of these writers, and a Christian response to our current artistic culture. *Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Logsdons, Gewins, & Haynes. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

Leveraging Life (M-210)

“James”

A community for 30’s and 40’s. James is a practical book It has been called the “Proverbs of the New Testament” and has similarities with the Sermon on the Mount. James covers a whole range of everyday life issues and its focus is on practical application in our Christian walk by faith. *Teacher: Dave Matthews. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

In One Accord (W-202)

“The Beatitudes”

A community for 40’s and up. The Beatitudes are our Lord’s portrait of the essential features and characteristics of a Christian. In these verses, Christ presents both a call to and a test of vital Christian discipleship. Indeed, “it may be said without exaggeration that the marks of a Christian disciple are more vividly portrayed here than anywhere else.” Join us as we are together both challenged and encouraged by the first twelve verses of the Sermon on the Mount. *Teachers: Todd Carlisle, JD Bragan & Thomas Garner. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Family Life (GYM)

“Jeremiah”

A class for the entire family. Behind Jeremiah’s burden for Judah in crisis, the prophet predicts a victory for God’s redemptive love and provides real hope for restoration. *Teacher: Don Furuto. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Maces. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Family Matters (S-201)

“Understanding Culture Wars”

A class for the entire family. Understanding the Culture Wars traces our culture’s departure from a biblical worldview and the impact of the spreading of atheism in society. It focuses on the leading intellectuals and their ideas that have seeped into the educational system and have influenced the way people view the world today with the aim of providing needed information to evangelize today’s unbelievers. *Teacher: Paul Cleveland. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

The Oaks (M-111)

“Help Wanted – Laborers for the Harvest”

Engaged and newly married couples. In Luke 10, Jesus describes the crisis that exists to this day...a shortage of laborers in the harvest. We will look at the principles Jesus lays out in this chapter about what it means to labor in the harvest and how each of us can apply those principles today. *Teacher: Kent Bailey. Team Leaders: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Hermans, Moores, Russells, Travers. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Legacy (E-004)

“Psalms”

Young married couples starting families. The Psalms teach tremendous theological truths that provide comfort in difficult circumstances. We will study selected Psalms that can encourage and strengthen us even in the most difficult times of life. *Teacher: Tim Townes. Team Leaders: Durbins, Flanikens, Godwins, Iveys, Pursers. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

YOUNG FAMILIES

Encounter (E-006)

“Psalms”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. We will be studying selected Psalms with an emphasis on renewing our minds with God’s word, prayer, meditation and worship. *Teacher: Westby Anderson. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Crawford, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs & Westby Anderson. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

Covenant Keepers (E-008)

“Discipline of Grace”

Families with infants to elementary 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: Dixons, Jeffs, Moores (Bryant) Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Growing in Grace (E-005)

“Colossians”

Families with infants to middle school age children. We will be studying the all sufficiency of Christ for all things, found in Paul’s letter to the Colossians. *Teacher: Larkin Delk. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

Heritage Builders (FH-B)

“Jeremiah”

Families with infants to middle school age children. This study will provide an overview of the struggle that Jeremiah had with Judah and her disobedience and rebellion. Known as the weeping prophet, Jeremiah’s journey to serve as God’s prophet to Judah will reveal to us both the wickedness of Judah (and our own similar struggles) as well as the promises of God to His people. Through broad brush strokes we will navigate this tremendous message God has given to us to draw us near to Him and love Him more. *Teacher: Don Wahlman. Team Leaders: Abernathys, Bartons, Bentleys, Bragans, Joneses, Laniers, Lotts. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

SoJourners (E-007)

“New Testament Survey”

Families with infants to middle school age children. 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: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdys, Morrises, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

STUDENT FAMILIES

Firm Foundations (E-003)

“Talking with God”

Families with preschool to high school age children. Reflections on the Psalms. It is so important to learn that God welcomes us to communicate with Him. This quarter we will focus on the ways in which the writers of the Psalms spoke to God, and how we can learn to make know both our sorrows and our joys. *Teacher: Stephen Cloud & others. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Growing Together (G-103) “Philippians—A Life Patterned After Christ”
Families with preschool to high school age children. In his prison epistle to the church at Philippi, Paul paints a portrait of the life of Christ for both the early church and us. We are called to “have the mind (or attitude) of Christ.” This means we are to look to Christ as the pattern for our daily living out the Christian life. *Teacher: Michael Wichlan. Team Leaders: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Next Step (E-010) “Sins We Tolerate”
Families with children in high school or older. A look at specific sins like pride, jealousy, anger, ungodliness, worldiness, 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: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Inside Out (FH-C) “Discipleship”
Families with children in high school or older. What does it mean to disciple another believer. What can we learn from Jesus’ pattern and model. *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Harrises, Mungenasts, Reids, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Teambuilders (W-203) “Psalms”
Families with children in high school or older. Most of the time when we are dealing with issues that we don’t understand, we go to the Psalms in Scripture. There we find sorrow, joy, victory, defeat and heart-felt emotions as David and the others share their hurts and their questions in these 150 chapters. Journey with us this fall as we unpack a few of these treasures. *Teachers: Phil Reddick & Larry Childs. Team Leaders: Kings. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Homefront (M-200) “The Beatitudes”
Families with children in high school or older. A training on how to recognize and resist the three enemies that sabotage your peace in the 21st century. The problem isn’t that we’ve been told lies; it’s that we end up living them. We will be studying how to apply Jesus’ teaching to defeat the devil, our flesh and the world. *Teacher: Andy Cheely. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, Oswells, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

Hearts and Homes (A-204) “Ephesians”
Families with children in high school or older. The little book of Ephesians is one of the most succinct explanations of who we are in Christ, what this means and then how we should live in light of our identity in Christ. It touches on some of the most pertinent issues facing families and the church today. The course this quarter will be a verse-by-verse study of the book. *Teacher: Bobby Parks. 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. 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: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

Discovery (FH-A)**“Isaiah–The Lord Saves”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. God’s remarkable plan of judgement and redemption is seen in this study of the book of Isaiah which presents a most vivid, exalted and profound view of the “Holy One of Israel.” (Part 1, Ch.1-39). *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

Mountain View (A-209)**“Philippians–Joy of Christ”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. The Christian life is a life of joy in the midst of a broken world. In this expositional study of the book of Philippians we will study how Paul both models the joy of Christ as well as teaches how the Gospel of grace produces the fruit of joy in our lives. *Teacher: Seth Richardson. Team Leaders: Adamses, Blackmons, Goebels, Lindsays, Ross Trettel, Woods. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

ADULT FAMILIES

Abundant Life (G-101)**“Job”**

Empty nesters and grandparents. When Integrity Meets Adversity. This deep study of the book of Job will lay out a Biblical understanding of suffering and the sovereignty of God. Through the trials of Job we can grow in our walk with Jesus even in the midst of suffering. Learn how to suffer well and glorify God through trials. *Teacher: Tom Rivers. Team Leaders: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Deeper Life (Chapel) “What Will You Do with the Time that is Left?”

Empty nesters and grandparents. Paul communicated to the Philippians that he was determined for his life to yield “fruitful labor” as long as he lived. We will study emphasizing making the most of the time that God has given us in this life for His glory. *Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Charles Atwater, Majorie Birdsong, Al Black, Bill & Judy Black, Bill Fox, Rick Lathem, Lee McCarty, Bill Moulton, Bill Rudd, Richard Stracner, Greg Wolchok, Charlie Woodall. CP: Chuck Morgan. SP: Dave Matthews.*

Kingdom Builders (FH-D)**“Old Testament Encounters”**

Empty-nesters and grandparents. Our study will provide an understanding of the broad picture of the Old Testament, and use a quick snapshot of familiar stories within the Old Testament to understand the God of the Old Testament. *Teacher: Rick Neel. Team Leaders: McRaes, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

Homestead (FH-E&F)

“Trials and 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: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whaleys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Joyful Hearts (A-105)

“The Gospel of Mark”

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45. Mark portrays Jesus Christ as the Servant of God. Come join us as we look at the life of Christ: His service, surrender, sacrifice and salvation. *Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Shaws. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

WOMEN

Women Impacting the World (A-205)

“Warrior”

Women of all walks and stages of life. Warrior is a study of the Christian life viewed through the metaphorical lens of WWII. Scripture tells us that our enemy is threefold: the world, the flesh and the devil. We will use anecdotal stories from WWII to illustrate principles of the spiritual battle we call the Christian life. *Teacher: Mike Wheeler. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

Faithful Followers (Bride's Room)

“Ruth”

Women of all walks and stages of life. We will be studying the Providence of God. *Teacher: Yvonne Welch. 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 learning about God's character—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 & Zoom, *CP: Kotaro Hamamatsu.*

Korean Worship Service: 11:20 a.m., Streaming

Hispanic Worship Service and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m., 5521 Double Oak Lane (Highway 119) and streaming, *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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