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Week

*We're Back!*

January 12–February 23, 2022

Dinner 5:15–6:30 p.m.

Classes and Activities 6:30 p.m.

[briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek)



## AT A GLANCE

### EVANGELISM TRAINING / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Bridge to Life/Personal Evangelism	A202
Ask the Pastor (1/12, 2/16, 3/16)	Bride's Room
Pastor's Inquiry Class (1/26, 3/9, 4/20)	A209
Chancel Choir / Briarwood Orchestra	Choir Room/Worship Center
ESL Classes	School Third Floor - E313
GriefShare	W202
DivorceCare	W203
Financial Peace University	A205
New Focus	E003 & E005
Sign Language Beginner Class	S205
Sign Language Intermediate Class I	S207
Sign Language Intermediate Class II	S209
Sign Language Religious Interpreting	S203
Prayer for our Church	Prayer Room
Adoption Connection (1/12, 2/2, 3/9, 4/6,)	Chapel

### CO-ED STUDIES

Biblical Study of the Spiritual Gifts	G103
A Biblical Understanding of Marriage & Family	FH E&F
Warrior	A105

### WOMEN OF THE COVENANT

Going Deeper in Your Personal Study	M210
Covenants Made Simple	M202

### SEMINARY CLASS

Birmingham Theological Seminary	
Counseling in the Local Church II/Lay Counseling II	A201



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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 start at 6:30p.m.**, unless otherwise noted. Contact Eric Reebals for more information at 776-5338 or [ereebals@briarwood.org](mailto: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 [pdollar@briarwood.org](mailto:pdollar@briarwood.org). Contact the Youth Ministry at 776-5269 or [k.smith@briarwood.org](mailto:k.smith@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](http://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**

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.

\$8 per adult • \$5 per child (under 12) • \$25 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](http://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 / MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PERSONAL EVANGELISM - THE BRIDGE TO LIFE**

Eric Reebals • A202

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

### **ASK THE PASTOR (1/12, 2/16, 3/16)**

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](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org) or 776-5208.

### **PASTOR’S INQUIRY CLASS (1/26, 3/9, 4/20)**

Pastor Reeder • A209

Like to find out more about Briarwood Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in church membership? This class explores: Connecting to Christ, What is a Christian; Connecting to the Church, What is the Church; and Connecting to Briarwood, What is Briarwood? If you are interested or want more information, please contact Wendy Long at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org) or 776-5208.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR / BRIARWOOD ORCHESTRA**

Choir Room / 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](mailto:pphilley@briarwood.org) or 776-5229.

### **ESL CLASSES**

Caroline Brown • School Third Floor Lobby – 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 or assisting English classes, we would be glad to have you join us! We train volunteers in teaching and welcoming internationals with the love of Christ. Contact Caroline Brown at 776-5343 or [cbrown@briarwood.org](mailto:cbrown@briarwood.org).

## **GRIEF SHARE**

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, 776-5227 or [altadena@briarwood.org](mailto:altadena@briarwood.org) for more information. W202 is above the foyer to the Worship Center, next to the elevator. Cost: \$15 for workbook.

## **DIVORCE CARE**

Philip Alford & 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**

Dave & 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 [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org) Contact Dave Matthews for pricing.

## **NEW FOCUS**

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 January 12 then regular classes will begin on January 19.

## **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 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. Focusing 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 will be our goal.

## **ADOPTION CONNECTION**

Carter Ralph • CHAPEL (1/12, 2/2, 3/9, 4/6)

This group ministers to families who have brought children into their homes via adoption, assists Briarwood families as they go through the adoption process, and promotes adoption within the church.

## **CO-ED STUDIES**

### **A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

Olan Stubbs • Fellowship Hall E & F

Join us as we seek to practically understand what God’s Word says about Marriage and Family. Topics like In-Law Dynamics, Finances, Goals of Conflict, Forgiveness, Work Inside and Outside the Home and How to Navigate Technology. Our goal is to help shape our minds Biblically that God would give us Christ-honoring marriages and families.

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Benny Youngblood & Ray Tucker • G103

Do you know your spiritual gifts and are you actively using them? God has given every Christian at least one spiritual gift. All of the gifts are empowered by God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in order for all God's people to contribute in ministry to His Kingdom for His glory. When we are actively using God's gifts we effectively serve each other and we are used to strengthen the entire church in faith, hope, and love. Join us in this study in order to know what your gifts are and how you can use them in the Body of Christ.

## **WARRIOR**

Mike Wheeler • A105

Thomas Brooks tells us, "The world is no friend to grace, our own flesh strives against the spirit, but, ultimately there is no man-hating enemy of the soul like Satan"... 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 2 and the Holocaust and use them as metaphors for the spiritual battlefield we call the "Christian life".

## **WOMEN OF THE COVENANT**

### **COVENANTS MADE SIMPLE**

Kristie Harrick & Stephen King • M202

What do the various covenants given throughout the Bible mean to us? Are they relevant to our lives? A rainbow now and then may remind us of God's promise to Noah, and we've memorized the part about the new covenant in Jesus' blood at Communion, but do we dig any deeper? Do we need to?

### **GOING DEEPER IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY**

Teresa Caldwell • M210

An accountability study in Genesis to help us develop a 'meaty' quiet time. We will be studying James Montgomery Boice's Genesis, Volume 1 beginning literally 'in the beginning.' Our focus will be two-fold: first to grow in our understanding of Genesis, and second to learn and put into practice how to have a deep personal time with the Lord in His Word. This class will be a blessing for all.

## SEMINARY CLASS

### 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.

### COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH II/LAY COUNSELING II & PRACTICAL MINISTRY

Dr. Stephen Cloud • A201 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Counseling in the Local Church II/Lay Counseling II & Practical Ministry Training is a two-semester course that began 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 Mitzy Boyd at 776-5281, or [altadena@briarwood.org](mailto:altadena@briarwood.org), for more details.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Contact the Children's Ministry at 776-5526 or [pdollar@briarwood.org](mailto:pdollar@briarwood.org).

### INFANTS THROUGH 3 YEARS

Nursery Hallway • 6:15–8:30 p.m.

Nursery reservations are required! Go to [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) or call 776-5214.

### CONNECT (K4–3rd grade)

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

It is our desire for our 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 776-5269 or [k.smith@briarwood.org](mailto:k.smith@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