



# Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

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*Sunday School Classes*

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*Spring Quarter 2021 • March 9 – May 29*

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING QUARTER

March 6–May 29, 2022

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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## **Special Events this Quarter:**

Maundy Thursday – April 14

Good Friday – April 15

Easter Sunday – April 17

## **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*

## **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 spring sessions will consist of two sets of sessions 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](http://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**

### **K4 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

<b>AGE/GRADE</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
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.

## COLLEGE / SINGLES

### **College (A-201)**

### **“Christ and Culture”**

College age. • 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 does the Bible give us parameters to engage culture? Join us as we seek to develop a biblical philosophy of cultural engagement this quarter. *Teacher: Ike Reeder. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Leibs. CP: Max Bunn. SP: Benny Parks.*

### **Graduates & Career (M-202)**

### **“Jonah”**

A community for graduates to early 30s. • We will study the book of Jonah verse by verse to discover how it applies to our lives today. *Teacher: Olan Stubbs. Team Leaders: Logsdons, Gewins, & Haynes. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

### **Leveraging Life (M-210)**

### **“Colossians”**

A community for 30's and 40's. • Join us as we take a deeper look at Jesus Christ and His transforming power in the life of a believer. *Teacher: Max Bunn. Team Leaders: Baxter, Cagle, Dale, Hester, McKnight. CP: Stephen King. SP: Benny Parks.*

### **In One Accord (W-202)**

### **“Warrior”**

A community for 40's and up. • 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. *Teachers: Mike Wheeler. Team Leader: Lance Garrison. CP: Chris Thompson. SP: Benny Parks.*

## THE ENTIRE FAMILY

### **Family Life (GYM)**

### **“What Will You Do With the Time You Have Left?”**

A class for the entire family • Paul communicated to the Philippians that he was determined for his life to yield “fruitful labor” as long as he lived. In this course, we will study some key themes from Paul's epistle, emphasizing making the most of the time that God has given us in this life for His glory. *Teacher: Mark Travers. Team Leaders: Belyeus, Maces. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

## Family Matters (S-201)

## “Truths from God’s Word”

A class for the entire family • *Teacher: Norris Anderson. Team Leaders: Hursts, Warlicks. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

## YOUNG COUPLES & NEW FAMILIES

### The Oaks (M-111)

### “Designed by God”

Engaged and newly married couples. • God has personally, intentionally and intricately designed each person for His Glory. In this very practical and insightful 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: Bragans, Clarks, Delks, Hermans, Moores, Russells, Travers. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

### Legacy (E-004)

### “The Enemy Within”

Young married couples starting families. • This is a study about overcoming sin and temptation by the power of the Holy Spirit by better understanding the nature and power of indwelling sin which remains in believers for the remainder of our lives. *Teachers: Benny Parks & Christopher Frost. Team Leaders: Durbins, Flanikens, Godwins, Iveys, Pursers. CP & SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

## YOUNG FAMILIES

### Encounter (E-006)

### “One Another”

Young couples with infants to elementary age children. • *Teachers: Todd Carlisle, JD Bragan & Thomas Garner. Team Leaders: Carlisles, Crawford, Sasses, Welches. CP: Olan Stubbs & Westby Anderson. SP: Jason Ellerbee.*

### Covenant Keepers (E-008)

### “Ephesians”

Families with infants to elementary age children. • Ephesians portrays Jesus Christ, our All in All! Come join us as we discover how our position in Christ effects our practice in life, and learn how to have a spiritual walk that is rooted in Christ’s spiritual wealth. *Teacher: Jason Ellerbee. Team Leaders: Dixons, Jeffs, Moores (Bryant) Pettys. CP: Ryan Leib. SP: Ray Tucker.*

### Growing in Grace (E-005)

### “I Samuel”

Families with infants to middle school age children. • Character studies on Hannah, Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, Jonathan and Abigail as we look at the great biblical narrative of Israel’s transition from the period of judges to kings. *Teacher: Mark Edwards. Team Leaders: Marshalls, Martins, Thompsons. CP: Eric Reebals. SP: Ray Tucker.*

**Heritage Builders (FH-B)****“The Regenerated Heart”**

Families with infants to middle school age children. • We will be taking a deep dive into the Doctrine of Regeneration. How does the Holy Spirit turn man’s heart of stone to a heart of flesh? What does it look like for a believer’s life based on this new heart? Come and explore how the Holy Spirit works to bring us His salvation and sanctification. *Teacher: Chris Thompson. Team Leaders: Abernathys, Bartons, Bentleys, Bragans, Joneses, Laniers, Lotts. CP & SP: Ray Tucker.*

**SoJourners (E-007)****“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: Blacks, Cains, Crowes, McCurdys, Morrisises, Pruitts, Stewarts, Thompsons. CP & SP: Benny Youngblood.*

**STUDENT FAMILIES****Firm Foundations (E-003)****“Seeds of Faith”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. • A biographical history of the Christian Church. This quarter long class looks at the flow of the last 2,000 years of church history by examining significant Christians and how they responded to and changed the world around them. *Teacher: Rob Genin. Team Leaders: Everetts, Millers, Russ Ponder. CP: Rob Genin. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**Growing Together (G-103)****“Help Wanted–Laborers for the Harvest”**

Families with preschool to high school age children. • 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: Blacks, Clays, Ellers, Iveys, Patrick Jackson, Saunders. CP: John Evans. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**Next Step (E-010)****“Colossians”**

Families with children in high school or older. • 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: Dodges. CP: Benny Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**Inside Out (FH-C)****“James”**

Families with children in high school or older. • We will look at the epistle’s relentless appeal to genuine Christianity. *Teachers: Larkin Delk & David Harris. Team Leaders: Harrises, Mungenasts, Reids, Saunders, Summers. CP & SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**Teambuilders (W-203)****“Philippians—A Life Patterned After Christ”**

Families with children in high school or older. • 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: Kings. CP: Stephen Cloud. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

**Homefront (M-200)****“Syncing our Spiritual Gifts”**

Families with children in high school or older. • Many of us have smart phones that have an enormous array of options and abilities, but we may not be able to use these great tools because we haven’t synced up with them yet. In much the same way, as Christians, the Lord has given us a vast array of Spiritual gifts to use for His Glory, but some of us haven’t synced up with them yet. This interactive and engaging study will prayerfully help you sync up with the gifts the Lord has blessed us with. As Paul says, “to each one has been the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” so let’s explore this wonderful truth together. *Teacher: Ray Tucker. Team Leaders: Carters, Chappells, Oswells, Steelmans. CP: Seth Richardson. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**Hearts and Homes (A-204)****“God Space”**

Families with children in high school or older. • Increasingly in our culture there is no place for God in conversations. This course will teach you how to make space for God in a conversation in a natural way that is not offensive but instead draws people into conversations with you that lead to talking about God and the gospel. *Teacher: Bobby Parks. Team Leaders: Salmons, Sittons, Smedleys, Smithermans. CP: Bobby Parks. SP: Michael Wichlan.*

**R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)****“Proverbs”**

Families with children in college or older. • We will do a topical study on selected Proverbs. *Teacher: Dave Matthews. Team Leaders: Keffers. CP & SP: Dave Matthews.*

**Discovery (FH-A)****“Strength in the Valley”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. • Messages of hope from biblical characters who experienced adversity. *Teacher: Glenn Draper. Team Leaders: Donaldsons, Towneses. CP: Jim Alexander. SP: Benny Youngblood.*

**Mountain View (A-209)****“Is Genesis History”**

A class for all ages and stages in life. • We will explore the six key doctrines in the first chapters of Genesis with respect to biology, genetics, geology, paleontology, atmospheric science and the nature of the universe. The “Is Genesis History?” video series with Dr. Del Tackett interviewing scientists and theologians will be presented and discussed during class. *Teacher: Bill Shimer. Team Leaders: Adamases, Blackmons, Goebels, Lindsays, Ross Trettel, Woods. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

## ADULT FAMILIES

**Abundant Life (G-101)****“Philippians”**

Empty nesters and grandparents. • The Christian life is a life of joy in the midst of a broken world. In this expository 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: Cartwrights, Mullises, Yanceys. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

**Deeper Life (Chapel)****“Discipline of Grace”**

Empty nesters and grandparents. • This class will explore how the gospel renews us as we apply biblical truths to the realities of life. *Teacher: Mark Cushman. 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)****“12 Ordinary Men”**

Empty-nesters and grandparents. • A study of 12 ordinary men who transition from being disciples, to apostles resulting in turning the world upside down. *Teacher: Jim Carlson. Team Leaders: McRaes, Zachows. SP & CP: Dave Lewis.*

**Homestead (FH-E&F)****“Following Jesus to the Cross”**

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. • Beginning with Luke 6, this class focuses on how Jesus teaches his disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. Studying Luke will encourage us to help hurting, lost and untaught people. *Teachers: Paul House & Stephen Cloud. Team Leaders: Dickinsons, Huffs, Morgans, Whaleys, Whitts. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

**Joyful Hearts (A-105)****“Our Family History”**

Empty-nesters through great-grandparents. • Many of us have done DNA tests or have joined genealogy.com to find our family roots, but we don't appreciate the history of our covenant family with whom we will spend eternity. This quarter we will look at a cast of OT characters to get to know our adopted grandparents, great-uncles, great-aunts, and long lost cousins as fellow members of the family of God. *Teacher: Andy Cheely. Team Leaders: Hulls, Mujumdars, Shaws. CP & SP: Mark Cushman.*

## WOMEN

### **Women Impacting the World (A-205)**

### **“Revelation 1-3”**

Women of all walks and stages of life. • Suffering persecution, the apostle John wrote to the seven churches in Asia Minor to strengthen their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have previously studied the risen and glorified Christ in chapter one and the waning love for Christ in the church at Ephesus in chapter two. We will continue to hear Christ speak to the churches as He describes Himself and gives commendation, reproof, warning, instruction and a promise to overcomers. His message to the churches is one of both hope and warning. Christ is coming again! Be ready! *Teacher: Vicki Portis. Team Leaders: Donna Arrington, Tricia Corbett, Vicki Portis. CP & SP: Dave Lewis.*

### **Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)**

### **“Hebrews”**

Women of all walks and stages of life. • Join us and get some good theology and practical applications from the old and new testaments, along with some good fellowship. *Teacher: Annette Blake. 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 & 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. Coordinates the work of other CP’s within his group of Communities.

**Building:**

A: Administration

E: Educational Building

G: Gym Wing

M: Ministry Wing

S: School Wing

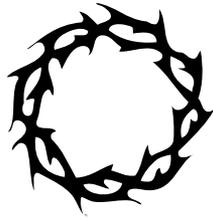
C: Children's Wing

FH: Fellowship Hall

Mtn. View: Mountain View Building

N: Nursery Wing

W: Worship Center



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