

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Developing the Gift of Giving

Developing the gift of giving was not something that came easily. I did not grow up in a family that regularly attended church. Giving to the church was putting a quarter into the offering plate.

When Kay and I were married, we dedicated our life to Christ and regular church attendance. Our giving was sporadic and often below the tithe that was taught in the Bible. While we were expecting our first child, my company had closed. They had agreed to cover the pregnancy but nothing more. The only job I could find was working in a trophy shop making \$1.35 per hour. Yet God faithfully met our needs. I did find a good job and we began to tithe.

The economy under President Carter was a mess: gas shortages, high interest rates, and inflation. Yet we were able to purchase our first home. Three months later with the new home, wife, and two small children, my job was eliminated. Yet God met every need we had during that time as we trusted Him with the tithe.

Over the years we have seen many economic challenges as well as experienced personal financial challenges. Yet God has continually shown Himself faithful to meet our financial needs with what remains after the tithe. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"* has been Kay's and my life verse as we have learned to develop the gift of giving.

– Mike Felton
Briarwood Member

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2023

Commitment Sunday, November 6

Canvass Sunday, November 13

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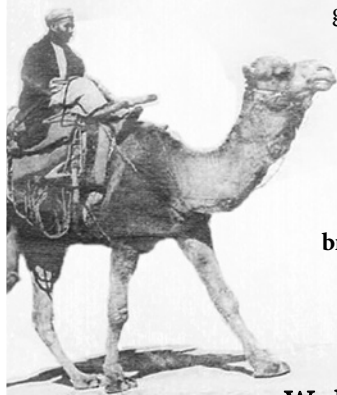
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WALK THROUGH NATIVITY

Our annual Walk Through Nativity is quickly approaching, and the hunt for volunteers is on! We're looking for 750 people to help serve as thousands of visitors experience the true Christmas story of our Lord and Savior. From actors and costumers to parking attendants and scene builders, there's a place for everyone to get involved. This is an excellent way to get to know your church family and establish meaningful traditions with your friends and family!

**You can sign up now at
briarwood.org/nativity or email
WTN@briarwood.org.**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
December 7, 8, 9 • 6:45–8:45 p.m.**



TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS SATURDAY NIGHT!

Do you have any old American Flags? Briarwood's Trail Life Troop will be collecting any of your old flags. Drop them off in the Ministry Lobby (between the Book Store hallway and the Elementary School hallway) this Sunday, November 6.

The Session has called Congregational Meetings for Sunday, December 4 for the purpose of selecting officers for the Class of 2025 and Sunday, December 11 for the purposes of receiving the 2023 General Fund Budget and electing the slate of candidates receiving the highest number of votes on December 4. Both meetings will be from 8:00 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:55 a.m. service. There will be a special order at 10:35 a.m. on December 11 to receive the 2023 budget.

IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!



Boxes available in the Ministries and Chapel Lobbies till November 13. Turn them in by November 13 to the Children's Auditorium Hallway. You may also build a box online (\$25) at briarwood.org/childrenevents.



CHRISTMAS AT THE CAROLINE HOUSE

Tuesday, November 15

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Cierra Bragan

Please plan to attend and bring a friend or two!

\$15 tickets are available in the Bookstore.