

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

APRIL 9, 2023



Meaning of the Crosses

Three Crosses have been placed in front of the church with appropriate draping on the Christ cross.

The Purple Drape, leading up to Good Friday, represents the royalty of Christ.

The Black Drape, used on Good Friday and Saturday, represents the death and burial of Christ.

The White Drape of Easter Sunday will declare the triumph of the resurrected Lord.

The White Drape and the Crosses will remain in place until Ascension Sunday, marking the end of Christ's 40-day post-resurrection ministry.

Easter Services — Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. / 10:55 a.m.

*Gary and Amy Shreve Wixtrom in Concert 6:00 p.m. *Nursery at briarwood.org/nursery*

Download the Holy Week devotional at briarwood.org/easter.



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BRIARWOOD VBS 2023



JUNE 5-9
9:00 A.M.-NOON

Registration is now open!

To register online, please go to briarwood.org/vbs.

Info: rmacoy@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5251

Dear Briarwood Family,

Grace and peace. I am sure that most of you have received the sad and horrific news concerning the depraved and evil shooting incident at Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. Covenant School is a ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, one of our sister churches in the PCA. Our relationship with Covenant is significantly personal. Over the years, because of job transfers, several Briarwood members have moved to Nashville and joined Covenant Presbyterian and likewise, a significant number of their members have moved to Birmingham and joined Briarwood. Even more so, the Sr. Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian is Rev. Billy Barnes, a son of Briarwood. In light of this incident and all that Billy has gone through these past several years, it is certainly crucial that we engage in intercessory prayer for him.

Three nine-year-old students at the school were fatally shot by the intruder. Let us call upon God's presence, power, and peace for their families. One of the children, Hallie Scruggs, was the daughter of the Sr. Pastor of Covenant, Rev. Chad Scruggs. Please lift up him and his family as they work through their own grief as a family, and face the challenge of ministering to the Covenant Church and School community as well as the surrounding Nashville community. Also, please extend your prayers for the family and friends of the three adult casualties: Mike Hill, the School Maintenance Manager; Cynthia Peak, a substitute teacher; and Dr. Katherine Koonce, the Head of Covenant School. Finally, would you also please pray for the Elders and Deacons of Covenant Presbyterian Church as well as the rest of the Faculty, Administration, and student body at Covenant School? I know many of you are already engaged in praying and ministering to our brothers and sisters in Nashville. I am always amazed at our church family's ability to respond intentionally, personally, thoughtfully, and prayerfully at moments like this, for which I praise the Lord.

It is at such moments that I am also grateful for the leadership of Briarwood, who several years ago thoughtfully secured our Safety and Security Director in anticipation of the increasing challenges for Christians, Churches, and Christian schools in this present age. As you pray for the leadership of Covenant Presbyterian Church and School, please also pray for the leadership of Briarwood Church and School as well as other sister churches/schools.

With Confidence that God's Grace is Greater than our Sin,



BRING THEM

PROJECT ANDREW

TO HIM

April 12, 19 & 26 • Fellowship Hall • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

These training sessions will be focused on "Bringing Them to Him" as a part of this year's theme of Project Andrew and personal evangelism.

For additional details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.