

JULY 23, 2023

IMPACT WEEKEND

AUGUST 4-6

Calling all high school students!

Join us for an in-town retreat weekend with discipleship groups, worship, fun activities, student testimonies and more.

Cost: \$75 due by July 26
(includes all meals and activities)

Register online at briarwood.org/impact.



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Our congregation has been blessed with wonderful sermons from our guest pastors this summer and I know God will continue to bless us with great sermons the remainder of the summer. I wanted to provide the congregation with some updated information on Session activities regarding the next steps in our transition journey. The Session recently approved an Investigative Committee to gather information to educate the Session on potential options to consider for the next phase of transition. This committee will not make any decisions on the transition plans. Please pray for the men on this committee (Billy Ball, Kevin Gush, Mike Mungenast, Bryan Word, and Bruce Stallings) and the Session as we seek God's will.

Our congregation and staff continue to grieve the loss of our beloved Pastor Reeder. Please continue to earnestly pray for the Reeder family, unity in our church and that we would love one another well. As I noted in the communication last month, your Session is committed to shepherding the congregation and staff during this critical time in the history of our church.

God's word states in Isaiah 41:10 "*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*" Let's continue to trust in our sovereign God and wait on Him to work His perfect plan for Briarwood.

In Chris Alone,
Loring Muir

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Children's Book

***The Friend Who Forgives* by Dan Dewitt**

Do you ever talk before you think? Mess up? That's what Peter did, again and again, and it led him to abandoning his best friend, Jesus. But after Jesus rose from the dead, He found Peter and forgave him. He explained that His death took the punishment for all of Peter's mistakes and that His resurrection showed that the penalty was lifted. Cost: \$10.99

Family Devotional

***The Friend Who Forgives Family Bible Devotional* by Katy Morgan**

Based on the passages referred to in the storybook, *The Friend Who Forgives*, these 15 flexible, engaging family devotions explore what the cross means to us today through the story of Peter. Children will learn that Jesus is the friend who always forgives. Cost: \$7.99

Adult Book

***Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* by Timothy Keller**

Forgiveness is an essential skill, a moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human. Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing justice or your humanity. Cost: \$19.99

All featured books are available at briarwood.org/bookstore.

FEATURED EVENTS

Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | August 2

You are invited to attend the Young Business Leaders Summer Panel Discussion series at Samford's Cooney Hall Regions Room at 6:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Find additional details and register at ybl.org/events.

Friendship Partner Orientation — Briarwood International Outreach | August 2

Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. It is a wonderful cultural exchange as you build an ongoing relationship to be an effective witness for Christ. If you are interested, email cbrown@briarwood.org.

Impact Weekend — BYG (9th – 12th grades) | August 4–6

Join us for a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Come and allow the Lord to impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others! Go to briarwood.org/youth for registration and more information. Cost: \$75

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life | August 11–13

Come hear from speakers Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's Conference on Theology and Life. Additional information is available at briarwood.org/events.

Lunch with James Spann — Briarwood Trailblazers | August 29

Have lunch with the Briarwood Trailblazers and meet with James Spann on Tuesday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For details, contact Sharon Johnston at sjohnston@briarwood.org or buy tickets online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Women's Retreat — Briarwood Women | September 22–24

Ladies, join us for a time of rest, learning, and fellowship at our getaway retreat at Shocco Springs this September! Our speaker will be Lisa Looper and this year's theme is Rest. Find details and register online at briarwood.org/women

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

CHURCH FAMILY

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese, John Thornton

We rejoice — with Matheus Teles and Darli Nuza on the birth of their son, Lucas, on July 10; and with Brandon and Anne Marie Runnels on the birth of their son, Randolph 'Randy' Henry, on July 13 and with grandparents Jim and Michelle Gewin.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Don Davis, Lisa, Davis and Walker Bunn, and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Yvonne Davis, on July 9; to Will Clark and family on the death of his mother, Diane Clark, on July 11; to Buffy Murphy and family on the death of her mother, Melvalene Murphy, on July 12; and to Mary Jo Hand and family on the death of her husband, member Bob Hand, on July 18.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briarwood Night at Birmingham Legion Soccer Match — July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Protective Stadium. Come join us for a night of fun as we watch Birmingham Legion FC take on the Charleston Battery. Find game details and tickets at briarwoodsoccer.com.

Super Summer 2023 — Children age K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

Women's Summer Studies — Women's Tuesday studies meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For additional details, go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Men's Summer Studies — Men's Wednesday studies on "Rediscovering Christian Disciplines" meet in the Fellowship Hall for a morning study at 6:30 a.m. and a lunch study at 11:45 a.m. See details and registration for lunches at briarwood.org/men.

Summer Evangelism Training — June 21–August 9. Join us for dinner, a brief lesson, and then go out to evangelize. For more details, go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Begins August 27. This nine-month class for 4th–6th graders requires outside work for the student and parents. If your child is interested, email rmacoy@briarwood.org. There are only twenty spots available.

Children's SS Promotion — If you are planning to hold your child back for the 2023–24 school year, please let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

ESL Volunteers Needed — Adults from over 15 nations come to learn English on Mondays and Wednesdays! We would love more volunteers in teaching, assisting, and hospitality. Volunteer Training is in early August. Contact Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org to get involved.

Summer Mobilization Opportunities — Interested in getting involved in local missions? Email localmissions@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/mobilization to see a list of available opportunities.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Children's and Graduate & Career's Administration Assistant — Part time position for a Briarwood member requiring basic computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher) plus graphic design abilities; organization, and coordinating events for the two ministries. For additional information go to briarwood.org/employment.

Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for each of us to seek God first in all that we say and do. Pray we will be obedient to His word.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for the ministry of Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama. CMMA helps healthcare professionals know Christ through discipleship and strives to send them out into their professions well-equipped spiritually and professionally.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Coby and Pamela McGinty serving in South Africa with MTW at the University of Cape Town. Pray for their Reach Out 2023 initiative from July 31 to August 6 as they meet new students and begin gospel conversations. Pray for their team's health, strength, and energy, and for students to be open to the gospel.

July 23 Saeyoung Park & Mikyung Choi – Singles Pastor, Staff
Christian Service Mission

July 24 Pray for these Briarwood Elders:
Ed Chan, Bill Brazeal, Wes Cline

July 25 Pray for Kent & Jo Bailey – Campus Outreach SERVE, US/ Intl
Mark & Raylene Casson – Mission to North America, Tennessee

July 26 Pray for Maribeth & Jordan Bailey – Campus Outreach SERVE, England
Cyril & Jenell Chavis – Reformed University Fellowship, Washington, DC

July 27 Pray for Brad & Agi Baker – Novo, Hungary
Brett & Jamie Clark – Navigators, Colorado

July 28 Pray for Mike & Dana Ball – Trans World Radio, US/Intl
Tyler & Ginnie Clark – Campus Outreach, Alabama

July 29 Pray for these Briarwood Deacons:
Scott Austin, Bill Black, David Cahoon

*...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19*

CHURCH RESOURCES

Pastor Reeder's Memorial Service

Briarwood Family, you can view Pastor Reeder's Celebration for the Life and Ministry Service on the Briarwood App.

On the "Media" tab, go to "Special Media Archive," from there you will find the link to the Memorial Service. The service bulletin, photo slide show, and link to the BTS Reeder Fund are all available on that page as well.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Services:

“The Savior of Big Sinners!”

Luke 19:1–10

Dr. John Currie

Sunday Morning we welcome Dr. John Currie to the Briarwood pulpit. Dr. John Currie (DMin, Westminster Theological Seminary) is professor of pastoral theology at Westminster Theological Seminary. Dr. Currie's academic interests include expository preaching and pastoral leadership. He has extensive pastoral experience and is an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Before serving at Redeemer OPC, Currie also served as a Teaching Pastor at Church of the Saviour in Wayne, Pennsylvania; as a pastor at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Ambler, Pennsylvania; and Senior Pastor at Grand Prairie Alliance Church in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada.

Sunday Evening:

V. Colossians : The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“Empty Promises vs Fullness in Christ”

Colossians 2:6–15

Chad Escue

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Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.