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Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

That is the beat of our hearts right now. Briarwood (and beyond) has been used by the Lord as a shepherd for the Reeder family. We would like to take this time to thank all of you for the outpouring of love for us.

There have been cards from so many of you personally plus Communities and classes of 3-year-olds, 5-year-olds, teens, children's choirs, catechism class and on and on. So many of these cards have special, heartfelt, handwritten notes sharing how Harry impacted their lives. Reading them has been a comfort to our souls.

You have blessed us with so many meals...we have been well fed by the members of this church. Our homes have been graced by beautiful plants and flowers. But we know most importantly you have prayed for us, wept with us, and surrounded us by being the sheep dogs. Goodness and Mercy from the Lord. I hope you know that we realize the loss is not just ours but Briarwood's and the Church universal's loss as well.

May the Lord continue to grant healing, growth, and an even greater dependence on Him as we walk through this time of grief together. Thank you for standing by the Reeder family.

– Cindy Reeder

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Children's Book

***God Made Me Unique: Helping Children See Value in Every Person* by Joni and Friends**

God Made Me Unique will help eliminate fear and misconceptions about those who have special needs and emphasizes that every person deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. The illustrations and rhyming prose make this a fun and engaging read for even little children to help them understand the complexity of disabilities. Cost: \$11.99

Devotional

***Parenting and Disabilities: Abiding in God's Presence* by Stephanie Hubach**

Where is God in your journey of parenting a child with disabilities? Everywhere! Although parenting a child with exceptionalities can be an isolating experience, nothing can separate God's children from His loving presence. Stephanie Hubach, a researcher in disability ministry and the mother of a son with Down syndrome, explores the many blessings that come to you and your child through the promise of Immanuel, "God with us." Cost: \$8.99

Adult Book

***Wonder Dogs: True Stories of Extraordinary Assistance Dogs* by Maureen Maurer**

In *Wonder Dogs*, Maureen shares her story of discovering God's true purpose for her life in training assistance dogs and the amazing adventures that follow. She also tells the triumphant stories of her beloved dogs and their inspiring partners as they overcome incredible challenges to live life to the fullest. These heartwarming and uplifting accounts show what's possible when we focus on abilities rather than disabilities. Cost: \$9.99

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.

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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!

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life | August 11–13 *

We are excited to have Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's conference. Join us for this insightful time learning how to exchange *Gospel Truths for a World of Lies*. Find additional information and details 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! Our speaker will be Lisa Looper, and this year's theme is Rest. Find details and register online at briarwood.org/women.

The Lampstand Lancaster Conference — Church Revitalization | September 28–30

Hear from Thomas Hawkes, Sandy Willson, Rob Looper, John Currie, and Bryan Wintersteen at The Lampstand Conference on Church Health and Revitalization at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA. Details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

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

CHURCH FAMILY

Hospitalized — Vic Clark, Wayne Curles, Lindsay Reese

Our Love and Sympathy — to Renee Graves and family on the death of her mother, Elsie Triantos, on July 21; and to Steve Allgood, Allison and Patrick Shaw and family on the death of their sister and aunt, member Muriel Lyke, on July 24.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Briarwood Sanctuary Choir — Beginning Wednesday, August 17. Join the Choir each week in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m. for practice. For info, go to signupforchoir.com. Contact Penny at pphilley@briarwood.org with any questions.

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 need 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

Cameraman / Videographer — Cameraman/switch operator needed to work for the Sunday Worship Services and a Full-time Videographer to shoot, edit and manage video projects. If interested, email your resume to Landon at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Director of Counseling — The Director needs to be an experienced counselor, have experience managing people and operation leadership, and have a commitment to counsel and train others in Biblical Counseling. He will either be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org or call at 205-776-5282.

Hispanic Pastor — Bilingual pastor to shepherd our Hispanic congregation needed. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to hmcDougall@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5404.

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

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for all people of our nation to call upon the name of the Lord, to be humbled for repentance. May He heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for Restoration Academy students, parents, and faculty as they begin to prepare for another school year and strive to fulfill their mission of Advancing the two greatest commandments in the life of each student.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our ESL classes and the connections with the Japanese community. As they begin to seek to know who Jesus is and what the Bible says, may God's word illuminate their hearts and minds and draw many to Himself. Pray the ESL volunteers and Japanese congregations will find love and wisdom from above as they minister to these seekers.

July 30 Caroline & Ernie Brown – ESL Coordinator, Staff
Birmingham Urban Young Life

July 31 Pray for these Briarwood Elders:
Tom Chappell, David Cooper, Matt Denard

August 1 Pray for Andre & Kayla Barreto – World Reach, Colombia
Melody Copenny – Cru, Florida

August 2 Pray for Juan & Eva Barrientos – World Reach, Peru
Gary & Wendy Cramer – Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Alabama

August 3 Pray for Baterdene & Enkhtuul – Cru, Mongolia
Josh & Tara Crawford – Church Planter, Kentucky

August 4 Pray for Nono & Kate Beale – Isaiah 55 Ministries, Mexico
Debi & James Deboer – First Priority, Alabama

August 5 Pray for these Briarwood Deacons:
Allen Baker, Chris Blazer, Tom Cartledge

...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 Incomparable Christ”

Hebrews 1:1–3

Dr. Neil Stewart

Sunday Morning we welcome Dr. Neil Stewart back to the Briarwood pulpit. Dr. Stewart is the Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant Church, ARP in Greensboro, North Carolina. Neil is married to Catherine and is the father of six. He is a former pediatric physician and now serves as Senior Pastor. A native of Northern Ireland, he lives in Oak Ridge. Dr. Stewart most recently preached “It’s a Sheep’s Life” from Psalms 23 here at Briarwood on May 28, 2023.

Sunday Evening:

VI. Colossians: The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“The Formula for Failure”

Colossians 2:16–23

Joel Richards

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