

September 10, 2023

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL CALENDAR

Children's Choirs Begin
SEPTEMBER 10

Passport Night
SEPTEMBER 22

IGNITE
Mother/Daughter
& Father/Son
OCTOBER 6

SHINE
OCTOBER 22 & 23

Passport Night
NOVEMBER 3

IGNITE Tacky
Christmas Party
NOVEMBER 27

For details, go to
briarwood.org/children.



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR SEASON OF PRAYER

Monday, September 11 | Congregation — Know and Walk in the Love of Christ

Father, we ask You to reveal Your great, eternal and everlasting love that You have for us. *“...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”* Ephesians 3:17-19

Tuesday, September 12 | Interim Pastor Search — Spiritual Strength

Lord, we pray that You will give spiritual strength to our search committee as they seek you for our Interim Pastor. *“...being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”* Colossians 1:11-12

Wednesday, September 13 | Leadership — Church Pastors and Staff

Father, we thank You for the dedicated and caring Pastors and staff You have called to serve and lead us at Briarwood. Continue to fill all our staff with Your Spirit and grant them wisdom and strength. *“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”* 1 Corinthians 15:58

Thursday, September 14 | On Mission — National Missions

Father, keep us a church on mission in our city, in our state, and in our nation. Help us to strategically engage in the ministries of church planting, church revitalization, leadership development, and Gospel deeds of mercy. *“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”* Acts 14:21-22

Friday, September 15 | Thanksgiving — His Work of Salvation

Thank you, Lord Jesus for loving us and pouring out Your grace and mercy on us to save us from our sins and make us Your own. *“...He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.”* Titus 3:5

Saturday, September 16 | Personal — Faith in the Lord

Pray that your heart's desires will more and more align with God's Word. *“Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.”* (Max Lucado). *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

Sunday, September 17 | Lord's Day Worship

Holy Father, we ask You to bless us as we worship You today. Please fill our Worship Leaders with your Holy Spirit and be with Dr. Murray Lee as he preaches Your Word. *“Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!”* Psalm 99:5

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
For additional information, go to briarwood.org/seasonofprayer.

FEATURED EVENTS

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | Through November 8 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

“In His Presence” — Briarwood Ballet | October 1 *

Come October 1 as Briarwood Ballet leads us in worship during the evening service at 6:00 p.m. For additional information, go to briarwood.org/ballet.

WBL Fall Luncheon — Women Business Leaders | October 5

Friday October 5 from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Come hear Julie Sparkman share about how you can have “The Impact of Personal Transformation” in your workplace and the world. Find information and purchase tickets at wblbirmingham.org.

Disaster Response Training — Church Mobilization | October 7

Join us Saturday, October 7 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to receive training from Mission to North America (MNA) Regional Specialist Mike Kennamer on many ways to get involved in providing comfort to those who are impacted by disaster. Get additional information and register at briarwood.org/disastertraining.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

The Lord's Prayer

by Kevin DeYoung | **Adult Book**

In *The Lord's Prayer*, Kevin DeYoung closely examines Christ's model for prayer, giving readers a deeper understanding of its content and meaning, and how it works in the lives of God's people. Walking through the Lord's Prayer word by word, he helps believers gain the conviction to develop a stronger prayer life and a sense of freedom to do so. Price: \$14.

What Every Child Should Know About Prayer

by Nancy Guthrie | **Children's Book**

Nancy explains in child-friendly language what prayer is, how and why we should pray, and the things we can pray about. There is a Bible verse for each topic, and a prayer for children to make their own. This book will introduce children to the gift of prayer and will encourage them to enjoy speaking to their father God. Price: \$15

ESV Prayer Journal: 30 Days on Peace

by Erika Allen and Ruth Chou Simons | **Journal**

ESV Prayer Journals guide your study of a foundational Scripture topic over 6 weeks and create space for writing and prayer—turning your quiet time into a meditation on God's Word. Each week opens with an overview, followed by 5 days of prayer prompts. Price: \$9

Featured books are available to purchase online at briarwood.org/bookstore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Persecuted Church Prayer — Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 p.m. in G-103. All are welcome to join for this time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 10. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet each Lord's Day evening during the worship hour at 6:00. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 11. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group for adoption/foster families or others who want to support them, exists to ask, share, and support. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

DivorceCare MidWeek Class — Beginning September 13 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Join our 10-week video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. For additional information, call 205-776-5281.

Trailblazers Lunch with Congressman Gary Palmer — September 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for lunch and hear Gary Palmer speak. Purchase tickets in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers. Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Coffee and Learn — October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear registered dietitian Amanda Brunner share about “Heart Healthy Eating.” Contact sjohnston@briarwood.org with questions.

Our Season of Prayer Meetings — Sundays at 5:15 p.m. in A-105. Our Church Family gathers weekly to pray together as we seek the Lord to lead us during this intermediate phase we are in. Email pclaud@briarwood.org with any questions.

Women's Fall Studies — Women, pick from eight available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

BTS Fall Semester — Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of online and in-person classes. To view the class schedule go to bts.education or call 205-776-5650.

GriefShare Class — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W202. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week video/small group program that offers comfort and encouragement. Workbook \$20. Call 205-776-5227 for more info.

Preschool Sunday School Teacher Needed — The young 2's class is in need of a teacher. All materials provided just bring you love of toddlers and the teaching of God's word. Contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly classes in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. for seated or chair fitness. Contact Brenda at brendabparks@gmail.com for information and registration.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for Wednesday Night studies and our Women's and Men's Bible Studies that are beginning for the fall. Pray for our teachers as our Lord leads them through each week.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for Sandra Hardy as she leads Urban Hope Development, a ministry to families in Fairfield, Alabama. Pray the Lord would provide tutors needed to work with 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students at CJ Donald Middle School in Fairfield beginning mid-September.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for new Briarwood ministry partner The Wellhouse, as it brings God's grace in providing opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short, and long-term care programs. The Wellhouse will be one of our featured ministry partners in the 2023 National Ministries Conference October 22 and 23.

Global Ministry Partners — Pray for Caleb and Miyoung with Mission Sending Service in Taiwan, George and Claire with One Way Ministries to the Middle East, Connor and Kelley with English Language Institute China (ELIC) in Morocco, and David Choi with Mission to the World in Australia

National Ministry Partners — Clete and Karen Hux with the Apologetics Resource Center in Alabama, Joel and Jamie Irvin with Mission to North America in Indiana, Joe and April Johnson with Reformed University Fellowship at Birmingham Southern College, Alonza and Vanessa Jones with Biblical Marriage Institute in Alabama; and the staff of Foundations Early Learning and Family Center.

Briarwood Officers and Staff — Pray for elders David Harris, Todd Johnson, Mark Hess; deacons Dave Cooper Jr., Ryan Corcoran, Lance Garrison; and Director of Briarwood Ballet Peggy Townes and husband, Tim.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Mobilization Opportunity — Tutors needed! Urban Hope Development is needing tutors to work with 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students at CJ Donald Middle School in Fairfield beginning mid-September from 3:00–4:00 p.m. You will be working with students on their math and/or reading homework. Contact Sandra at urbanhopedevelopment.org.

Nursery Administrative Supervisor — Full-time position supporting the nursery director with day-to-day needs, interacting with parents, and supporting nursery staff in the rooms. For information, contact Alison at acraig@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

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

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

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Knowing God’s Love Through Suffering”

Hebrews 12:5–7

Dr. Tom Hawkes

Lead Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida

Tom Hawkes is an experienced pastor and church planter who served in the PCA before being called to Florida by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He also serves as the Director of Church Planting for the Florida Presbytery. A graduate of Gordon College, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and the Free University of Amsterdam, Tom completed his Ph.D. at the London School of Theology, and has lectured at several seminaries around the world, currently he teaches church planting to doctoral students at Birmingham Theological Seminary.

Sunday Evening Worship:

Service of Ordination and Installation

“Leaders and Followers”

Hebrews 13:7

Bobby Parks

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