

January 7, 2024



BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK



WINTER/SPRING 2024
JANUARY 10 – APRIL 24

Sign up for dinners, classes and nursery at:
briarwood.org/midweek



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MIDWEEK AT BRIARWOOD

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. Be sure your nursery-age children have the best possible care by making reservations as soon as possible. Reservations can be made easily online on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/nursery, or by calling 776-5214. Please be sure the Nursery knows what study or class you are in each week.

MIDWEEK DINNER

Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship! All are welcome, even if you are not in a small group or another ministry opportunity. \$9 per adult, \$6 per child (under 12) \$30 per family maximum. Please assist us in being good stewards of our resources by registering for the MidWeek meal each week you plan to attend. Call 776-5238 or go to briarwood.org/dinner and fill out the online form.

COMMUNITY STUDIES

The Sermon on the Mount – Saeyoung Park	G103
Warrior “Shattered Glass” – Mike Wheeler	A105
Women’s Study of 2 Kings – Kristie Harrick & Elizabeth Bondurant	G101
Home Groups – Various Teachers	Various Locations

MINISTRY CLASSES

Personal Evangelism: The Bridge to Life – Eric Reebals	A202
Missions MidWeek – Max Bunn, Rob Looper, & Bryan Wintersteen	Chapel
Counseling in the Local Church – Dr. Greg Norfleet & Dr. Howard Eyrich	A201
Adoption Connection – Carter Ralph	Bride’s Room
Chancel Choir & Briarwood Orchestra	Choir Room / Worship Center
ESL Classes – Joel Richards	School Third Floor Lobby – E313
GriefShare – Jim Alexander & Mark Cushman	W203
DivorceCare – Lance & Ruth Radbill	W203
New Focus – Chris Thompson	E003/005
Jobs for Life – Adrian VanderWoude	E007/009
Briarwood Inquiry Class – Wendy Long	A209
Prayer for our Church – Joyce Ann Jackson	Prayer Room
Sign Language Beginner Class	S205
Sign Language Intermediate Class	S207
Sign Language Intermediate Class	S209
Sign Language Religious Interpreting	S203

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Infants Nursery – Up to 3 years old (reservations required)	Nursery Hallway
CONNECT – K4–3rd grade	Children’s Auditorium
IGNITE – 4th–6th grade	GYM
RAIDERS – 7th & 8th grades	The Barn
BYG – 9th – 12th grades	The Barn

Find additional information at briarwood.org/midweek.

FEATURED EVENTS

Coffee & Dessert Meet & Greet — Briarwood Evangelism | January 10 *

Come to the Caroline House on January 10 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about Briarwood's Evangelism Ministry and how you can be a part of our exciting ministry!

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | January 10–April 24 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family resumes in January. 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 to select an activity and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

The Lampstand Birmingham Conference — Church Revitalization | January 18–21

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. If you want to help with this conference, email cbono@briarwood.org. Find additional details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | January 26–27

Ladies, join us January 26–27 for an In-town Retreat hosted here at Briarwood. This year's theme will be "By Design" and our keynote speaker will be Courtney Denton, Director of Mercy and Women's Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Cost is \$45 per person. Register at briarwood.org/women.

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

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Daily Treasure: 366 Daily Readings from The Treasury of David

by C.H. Spurgeon | **Adult Book**

Spurgeon's great commentary on the Psalms, *The Treasury of David*, has never lost its value. It is a true treasure, rich with Spurgeon's own comments and the collected wisdom of Puritan and other commentators. Each daily devotional includes a section of a Psalm, a suggested further reading, and a short comment for meditation, usually from Puritans authors. *The Treasury* will guide the reader through the whole Psalter the riches of the Word of God but will also provide him or her with bountiful material for profound spiritual reflection. Price: \$18.99

Bible Crawling: Finding Joy in God by Journaling Through the Psalms

by Olan Stubbs | **Adult Book**

God has given us His word to be read, studied, meditated on, and prayed over so that it can become a true spiritual feast for our souls. Yet many of us rush past it or speed through it for various reasons. This book is a how-to, step-by-step process to help you slow down and go deep in your personal time alone with the Lord. It will walk with you step-by-step, showing you how to truly meditate on God's word and pray His word back to Him in a meaningful way. The goal of this book is to learn to journal on and through God's word in such a way that it will lead to true worship and true joy in God. Price: \$18.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Spring Studies — Beginning January 8. Women, pick from six 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.

Men's Spring Studies — Beginning January 8. 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.

DivorceCare MidWeek Class — Begins January 10 at 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

Griefshare MidWeek Class — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Workbook is \$20. Call 205-776-5227.

Counseling in the Local Church MidWeek Class — Begins January 10 in A201, 6:30–8:30 p.m. This class equips you to begin counseling at the lay level and increases your effectiveness for personal ministry. Contact Emily Hayes 205-776-5354, or emily@bts.edu.

BTS Intensive Classes — Systematics VI (Eschatology) Class January 11–13. Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a condensed course on systematic theology. Cost per class: \$80 (audit) or \$200 (credit). To register, email emily@bts.education.

Trailblazers Coffee — Tuesday, January 16 from 8:30–9:30 in FH-D. Learn how to improve balance, flexibility and strength from Sarah Brumfield, lead trainer with Gracing Aging Birmingham. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 17, 20 and 21. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. There will be a luncheon on January 28 for those who are going to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

Adoption Connection — January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Bride's Room. This group ministers to families who have children via adoption or foster care.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Ignite Sunday School Volunteers Needed — Volunteer helpers and teachers are needed for 4th–6th grade boys' Sunday School. This position serves January through May on a month-on, month-off basis. No prep is needed. If interested, email esitarz@briarwood.org.

Trailblazer Travel: Florida — March 11–15. Come travel with friends to Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville. We'll go on guided tours, visit a plantation, and cruise the St. Johns River. Five days and four nights includes breakfast and dinner for \$679. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for the MidWeek activities that begin this week. Pray for those teaching and leading activities as they prepare. Pray we will grow stronger in the Lord this year.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for our Briarwood members who minister at Shelby County Jail. Pray the Lord would use weekly Sunday afternoon Bible studies to draw the inmates to Him.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for the Lampstand Conference January 18–21 being held at Briarwood. Pray for safe travels of the speakers and attendees from the UK, Canada and the United States. Pray also for the growing health of all churches associated with every attendee.

Global Ministry Partners — Pray for Jacob and Pei Jasin with Reformed University Fellowship serving Internationals; Jim and Claudia Jung with Mission to the World in Australia; Atieh and Zineb with Avant Ministries in Spain; and Hysen and Esmeralda Kanani with Cru in Albania.

National Ministry Partners — Pray for Mark and Raylene Casson with Mission to North America in Tennessee; Cyril and Jenell Chavis with Reformed University Fellowship in Washington, DC; Brett and Jamie Clark with Navigators in Colorado; Tyler and Ginnie Clark with Campus Outreach in Alabama; and Cahaba Medical Care/Hope Health Center.

Briarwood Officers and Staff — Pray for elders Steve Adams, Ken Friday, Don Murphy Jr.; deacons Hank Abbott, Roger Dobnikar, Philip Johnson; and Children's Director Jake Stallings and wife Shelley.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Mobilization Opportunity: Volunteers for Lampstand Conference — Come help with Briarwood's Lampstand Conference in January. We need those willing to offer housing or transportation to seminary students, pastors or elders. We also need volunteers to put together attendee notebooks and goody bags! If you want to help, contact Christi Bono at cbono@briarwood.org.

Christmas at Briarwood Concerts & Programs — We have been blessed this Advent season with wonderful, Christ-exalting programs from our Children's Choirs, Briarwood Ballet, and Music and Drama Ministries. If you missed seeing these programs, you can easily access them on the Briarwood App. On the "Media" tab, go to "Special Media Archive" then "Christmas at Briarwood 2023." Use the "Share" button to text these video links to a friend or share on social media.

Online Livestream — Watch Live Streaming of the 8:00, 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Services through our online livestream. You can find our livestream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org/livestream. The Briarwood ROKU and Apple TV are currently under construction and will be re-launched soon.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Why Jesus Matters”

Matthew 3:13–17

Dr. Sandy Willson

Sandy Willson is interim president of The Gospel Coalition. He is also pastor emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, after serving as senior minister there for 22 years. Sandy earned a B.S. from the University of Virginia and an MDiv. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He has also received honorary doctor of divinity degrees. Sandy and his wife, Allison, have been married 50 years and are deeply grateful for their five children, three daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, and 14 grandchildren.

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Most Important Thing We Can Do”

Nehemiah 1

Dr. Sandy Willson

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org.

Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.