

January 14, 2024

WOMEN'S IN-TOWN RETREAT



JANUARY 26-27

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Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S IN-TOWN RETREAT

“By Design” with speaker Courtney Denton

Friday, January 26, 6:45–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$45 per person. Women in 7th grade and up are invited to attend.

The dress is comfy casual. No childcare is available on Friday or Saturday.

However, nursing moms are welcome to bring their babies as needed.

Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the retreat on Saturday.

SPEAKER, COURTNEY DENTON

Courtney Denton is married to Alex and has two children, Blakely and Banks. She serves as the Director of Mercy and Women's Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisor on the national PCA women's ministry team. Courtney is the founder of The Life House Women's Shelter, desiring to provide help and hope to women in need.

Courtney's heart for serving the needs of others is an outpouring of the mercy, grace and love she has been shown by God. Her desire is to equip and encourage women with the understanding of their God-given design and to live a life transformed by the Gospel. She is the author of KICKSTAND Devotionals. Courtney loves time with her family, Mexican food, shopping, and traveling.

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LifeGiving Relationships – Amy Lattner

How do we show our LifeGiving design in our different relationships? We will look at how to pursue our LifeGiving purpose in the relationships in which God has placed us.

Designed for Discipleship – Elizabeth Bondurant

In this session we will be redefining discipleship and exploring how we as women can impact others for Christ most effectively through intentional discipleship.

A World of Hurt or A World of Healing? – Cierra Bragan

Let's examine what the Scriptures say about the power of our words and how our speech impacts and influences how we live out our God-given design and purpose.

Man, I Feel Like a Woman – Amanda Leon

How do we anchor ourselves in God's Word to understand biblical womanhood amidst the chaos of culture confusion surrounding the role and purpose of women?

The Framework and Fabric of Prayer – Linda Smedley

What are you weaving into your prayer life? John Calvin says, "...prayer is properly grounded upon the Word of God..." This session will address how the Word of God can act both as a framework and as the very fabric of our prayers.

For Youth Women Only – Brooke Hunt and Amy Barrett Downs

So how should this message of Design speak into our lives when we are given such different messages by the culture? How are we called to be LifeGivers in our context?

Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/women.

FEATURED EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 21

Join us in Worship as we celebrate and honor the Sanctity of Life. Ministry Partners will be recognized during the Morning Worship Services. Following both services, visit and hear from our supported Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners in the Fellowship Hallway. Sunday morning we will hold a Diaper and Wipe drive for the benefit of mothers in need.

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 by January 19.

Always Ready: Ligonier Ministries Youth Conference | February 3

We are excited to be hosting the Always Ready Ligonier Student Apologetic Conference! This is a one-day conference with teaching on key issues that will help equip our students with the Bible's answers to common attacks against the Christian faith. For additional information and to register, go to briarwood.org/youth.

Sportsman's Blast — Briarwood Men | February 9

Men, bring a friend for a barbeque dinner and to hear the gospel message! This year's speaker is Hugh Jacks. This is a great opportunity to invite non-believers to hear the Gospel. Tickets are available for \$12 in the Briarwood Bookstore or by calling 205-776-5210. For additional information go to briarwood.org/blast.

* 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. Each daily devotional includes a section of a Psalm, a suggested further reading, and a short comment for meditation, usually from Puritan authors. The Treasury will guide the reader through the whole Psalter of the riches of the Word of God and will also provide 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 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 is to learn to journal God's word and lead to true worship and true joy in Him. Price: \$14.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MidWeek at Briarwood — January 10–April 24. Join us on Wednesdays for dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information, select an activity, and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

Women's Spring Studies — 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 — Find the right class for you. 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.

Persecuted Church Prayer — Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to join a special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 Graceful 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. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

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

Briarwood Soccer — It's time to register for spring soccer! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114 by February 2.

Young Business Leaders Winter Breakfast — Friday, February 16 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center (2019 4th Ave North). Join us for our YBL Winter Breakfast to hear Judge Bill McCurine. To register and get more information, go to bit.ly/YBLBreakfast.

Diaper and Wipe Drive for Bundles of Hope — January 21. Bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car for pickup while you are in church.

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.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Men's Weekly Prayer — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Start the New Year off in a great way by joining the Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Monday, January 15 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for all the newly elected officers who were ordained and installation Sunday evening. Pray God will guide them in His ways.

Tuesday, January 16 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for WellHouse, a ministry providing opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short, and long-term care programs. Pray and consider volunteering to assist WellHouse's staff as they minister to hurting women and children. Visit their website at the-wellhouse.org.

Wednesday, January 17 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lampstand Conference at Briarwood that begins next week. Pray for the health and safe travels of all speakers, volunteers and attendees as well as all the details being finalized for a smooth conference.

Thursday, January 18 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Keith and Debbie with Mission to the World in West Africa; Garth and Fiona with Trans World Radio in West Africa; Shin-Ho and Ok-Nam Kim with Church Revitalization International in Japan; and Joshua and Monika with Reaching & Teaching International Ministries in Africa.

Friday, January 19 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Melody Copenny with Cru in Florida; Gary and Wendy Cramer with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama; Josh and Tara Crawford with Covenant Community Church in Richmond, Kentucky; Debi and James Deboer with First Priority in Alabama; and Christian Service Mission.

Saturday, January 20 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for elders Jon Adcock, Christopher Frost, Jeff Olin; deacons Grant Alexander, Jonathan Drescher, Marvin Keffer; and B.I.O. Director Joel Richards and wife Eszti.

Sunday, January 21 — Church Family

Pray for hospitalized members Michele Cantley; Janice Hamil; Sharon Mason; Shana Moton; Jeanette Pressgrove; Buddy Runnels; Chuck Whitfield; French Forbes, Jr.; Terry Chase; and Bart Kidd. We offer our love and sympathy to Linda Forbes and family on the death of her sister, Judy Terry, on December 28; to Michael Lockhart and family on the death of his wife, member Sharon Lockhart, on January 4; and to Gloria, Avery and Reid Pickens and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Tom Hall, on January 7.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Mobilization Opportunity: Prison Ministry Volunteers — Join us in making a kingdom impact at St. Clair Correctional Facility! Briarwood Prison Ministry has a new opportunity to be part of a Wednesday and Friday team from 8:00–10:00 a.m. for evangelism and discipleship. Join us and watch God move to change the lives of the men at St. Clair. Interested in learning more? Contact Glenn Wright at 205-520-3333 or glennwrong@gmail.com.



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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Temptations”

Matthew 4:1-11

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

Service of Officer Ordination and Installation

Dr. Dan Doriani

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