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MINISTRY IMPACT TESTIMONIAL

On Sunday, April 14 a congregational meeting has been called by the Session following the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to recognize Dave Matthew's retirement and the procedures mandated by the Book of Church Order. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of service and ministry.

Betty and I have had the huge blessing of working with two incredible lead pastors and staff over the 28 years of serving at Briarwood. We first became good friends with the Barkers when I stayed with them when first arriving in Birmingham. I even joined the Saturday morning prayer meeting at their home (and in my bedroom!). This same Bible study continues meeting weekly except without Barbara's wonderful grits. This started wonderful friendships and it even provided an opportunity for Betty to accompany Barbara on her speaking trip to New Zealand.

We also had the enormous privilege of serving under Harry Reeder. Betty and I were able to join Harry and Cindy Reeder (whom we had known previously when we were both pastors in Charlotte NC) on many trips. Harry entrusted me with arranging the details of the Civil War trips, and then I continued on trips to Israel and Reformation locations in Europe.

Teaching in Birmingham Theological Seminary was another highlight of my ministry, providing the opportunity to teach overseas in Australia, New Zealand, and Uganda.

My ministry has evolved over the years from Children's Ministry to now Senior Adults, and I have a drawer full of different nametags to prove it! None would have been doable without the wonderful staff who've assisted me.

We will be moving to Aiken, SC, where one of our daughters and her family lives. We are now building a house, and after moving plan to join their PCA church.

—Dave and Betty Matthews

CHURCH RESOURCES

The Art of Discipleship MidWeek Series — Watch or listen to each week's lesson on the Briarwood App. On the App, go to: Media – Communities Media – Midweek Studies – The Art of Discipleship. You can also find these videos on the Briarwood Website at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

Holy Week 2024 Sermons & Messages — Did you miss any of Briarwood's Holy Week sermons or messages? Watch or listen on the Briarwood App. On the App, go to: Media – Special Media Archive – Holy Week 2024.

Briarwood B-Mail — Briarwood's weekly online newsletter will keep you up-to-date on upcoming events, sermons, and more. Sign up to receive these newsletters emailed to you each Thursday at briarwood.org/midweek.

FEATURED EVENTS

“Raising Up a Sexually Faithful Generation” — Parenting Conference | April 13 *

This Harvest USA conference hosted here at Briarwood is designed to help give parents insight, practical help, and principles in raising children as they face the sexual confusion of our culture. Register at briarwood.org/parentingconference.

“The Art of Discipleship” — MidWeek Class | April 17 and 24 *

Randy Pope will challenge us with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Come each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | April 27 *

On the morning of April 27, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impact.

Vacation Bible School 2024 — Children’s Ministry | June 3–7

VBS will be June 3–7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Registration for teen helpers will open in May. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering. Register your child online at briarwood.org/vbs.

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

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

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Across the Kitchen Table: Talking About Trans with Your Teen

by Sam A. Andreaes | Adult Book

It’s alarming data that approximately 1.4% of youth ages 13–17 (about 300,000) and 0.5% of adults (about 1.3 million) now identify as transgender in the United States, according to the UCLA School of Law. If Trans has not yet impacted your life or loved ones, it soon will. Do you...Want to be able to help a gender struggler? Want to approach the Trans phenomena from a deeply Biblical perspective? Want to win the teen you love? At last, the book that can help you is here. Price: \$18

Alive: Gospel Sexuality for Students

by Cooper Pinson | Adult Book

Alive: Gospel Sexuality for Students, gives teenagers and young adults a solid biblical, gospel-centered framework to understand sexual issues. In a changing culture where feelings about our identity inform our sexual choices, this ten-week small group resource by Cooper Pinson of Harvest USA applies biblical truth in a compassionate way to sexual struggles. Price: \$12

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Meeting — April 14. A congregational meeting has been called by the Session following the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the call of Associate Pastor Dave Matthews. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of service and ministry.

WBL Lunch & Learn — Wednesday, April 17 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at Grace Church (971 Brookwood Village, 35209). Come to our Lunch & Learn with Amy Williams as we discuss walking confidently in the truths of God's Word. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Foster Hope/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This combined group is for foster and adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! Come for a time to be encouraged, equipping one another, and meeting with other like-minded families. Email Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Become a Briarwood Member — April 24, 27 and 28. 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.

Food Drive — Sunday, April 28. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

YBL Chelsea Launch Party — Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Station 31 Kitchen. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and learn how YBL can serve you and your friends in the Chelsea area! Go to ybl.org with any questions.

Camp Briarwood Testimonies Needed — Did Camp Briarwood change your life? Send us a 1–3 minute video sharing your experience. Be sure to end your video with the tagline "CAMP CHANGED MY LIFE!" Email video to campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to briarwood.org/seniors. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

Pickleball — Tuesdays from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come join us, beginning April 11, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. No Sign up needed. Don't have a paddle—we'll have extras.

Pocket Change for the Needy — Deposit your pocket change in the wall containers around the church. The Executive Mercy Committee uses this change to distribute food monthly to those in need.

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

Monday, April 15 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for Dave Matthews as he retires as Associate Pastor at Briarwood. Thank the Lord for Dave and Betty's 28 years of service and ministry through the Prayer Ministry, Trailblazers, Communications and Shepherding Team.

Tuesday, April 16 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Briarwood's upcoming service opportunity, IMPACT Birmingham, on Saturday, April 27. We are trusting the Lord to mobilize 500 Briarwood members with different ministry partners in communities around Birmingham. Pray about where you can have an IMPACT from the list of projects and register at briarwood.org/impact.

Wednesday, April 17 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for Dony and Sharon St. Germain who work in evangelism and church planting in Haiti. Pray for the provision and safety of their believers and pastors who have had to find safety. The gang violence has escalated and brings rippling effects of suffering. Pray for their ministry to people forced out of their homes in need of food, housing and other basic items.

Thursday, April 18 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Kristian Perdomo with World Reach in Honduras; Argyris and Dina Petrou with AMG International in Greece; Mark and Anastasia Petrou with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Greece; and Brian and Jennifer Phillips with Campus Outreach SERVE serving internationally.

Friday, April 19 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Tyler and Courtney Rollason with Campus Outreach in Georgia; Dan and Peggy Ruppel with Mastermedia in California; Vicky Samaritano with Cru in New York; Matthew and Erica Schmidt with Engage 360 Ministries, Inc. in North Carolina; and Grace House Ministries.

Saturday, April 20 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood elders Stephen Bunn, Mark Hess, Ed Stakes; deacons Ernie Brown, Terry Grill, Daniel McClurkin; and CMMA Director Mardon Day and wife, Richelle.

Sunday, April 21 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Kathleen Bunn, Denis Devane, Bill Feist, Windsu Kelly, Joe Morgan, Opal Oaks, Fred Yancey.

We offer our love and sympathy to Charlee, Evelyn and Daley Splawn and family on the death of their father and grandfather, William Hynson, on April 1; to Larry and George Childs and family on the death of their wife and mother, Julie Childs, on April 4; and to Marjorie Chan and family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Mou, on April 6.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Storm at Sea”

Matthew 14:22–33

Dr. Dan Doriani

This Lord's Day, Dr. Doriani continues his teaching on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through scenes and stories throughout the Gospel.

In this sermon, Dr. Doriani will challenge us with many questions including:

“How are we like the twelve disciples in the account of a storm at sea?

Are we like Peter in any way? Does the Lord want us to dare to try great things?”

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Restored to Serve”

John 21:15–19

Mark Cushman

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

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