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**MAY 5, 2024**



*In Honor of Pastor Reeder, Cindy and the Reeder Family*



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# PARENTING CONFERENCE RESOURCES

## Raising up a Sexually Faithful Generation – Harvest USA Conference

We were blessed here at Briarwood to be able to host Harvest USA for our parenting conference called “Raising up a Sexually Faithful Generation”. We have had many parents share with us how this conference gave them the confidence and tools to engage with and disciple their children through the area of sexuality. Harvest was able to lay out the importance of ministering to the heart of your child, how and why to talk about sexuality with your child at all stages of life, how to navigate through the technological terrain, and how to parent/disciple your child when they fall into various sexual sins.

Harvest has released a video series on everything that was covered at the conference and it is available for free online! If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to take advantage of this incredible resource. You can access it online at [harvestusa.org/courses/raising-sexually-faithful-kids/](https://harvestusa.org/courses/raising-sexually-faithful-kids/).

In addition to this free course, Harvest offers many other resources that I would encourage you to take advantage of. Harvest USA is very respected in the PCA and is one of Briarwood’s National Ministry Partners. Please take the time to visit their website to see all the resources they have to offer at [harvestusa.org](https://harvestusa.org).

As the Family Pastor, my role is to encourage, equip, and empower parents as they raise their children in the love and admonition of the Lord. If I can help you in this specific area, please do not hesitate to reach out. Briarwood desires to partner with you so that we may together raise the next generation for Christ!

– Rev. Jay Shaw

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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### Briarwood Chapel Devotional Service: Thursday, May 2 from 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Commit to pray with others around the nation. You are invited to gather for a time of worship and prayer from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Rev. Dave Matthews will share a devotional. The Chapel will be open all day for prayer.

### 2024 National Prayer “Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World!”

*Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O Lord, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be.*

*God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World! In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen! –NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell*

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Table for Five... Thousand! — Children's Choirs Concert | April 28\***

During evening worship on April 28, enjoy music and a dramatic presentation of the miracle of the loaves and fishes from the Briarwood Children's Choirs.

### **Worship Concert of Hope in Our Risen Lord — Music Concert | May 5\***

Worship through a Concert of Hope featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. A musical force of nearly 150 will lead as we praise God and honor Pastor Harry Reeder.

### **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. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) for VBS volunteering or [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for VBS nursery volunteering. Registration for teen helpers will open May 1. Register your child online at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

### **More Than Conquerors — Counseling Training Conference | June 14-15**

Receive biblical counselor training to lead others to be "More than conquerors through Him who loved us." This training is designed to be a time of renewal for individuals and couples. Find information and register at [briarwood.org/counseling](http://briarwood.org/counseling).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

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

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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### ***You Make a Difference: 50 Devos for Teachers***

**by Sherri Gragg | Adult Book**

A perfect gift for any teacher, this hardcover devotional will encourage educators as they work to accomplish one of the hardest, most meaningful jobs that exists. Through uplifting devotions, Scriptures, and prayers, teachers will be reminded of God's love and care for them. They are never alone—they are making a difference, students will remember them for years to come, and most importantly, this world's future is better because they are investing in it. Price: \$7.99

### ***Prayers to Share: 100 Pass-Along Lunch Box Notes for Kids***

**by Reagan Rose | Children's Tear-out Booklet**

Surprising your children with an encouraging note can turn their whole day around. The formative years of school, summer camp, and other outside-the-home activities are filled with highs and lows. With space on the back to write a personal note, parents can easily tear out a hope-filled message and tuck it inside a lunchbox. As kids break for lunch during busy days, these notes can brighten their spirits with a word of encouragement, a prayer, and a Bible verse. They will be reminded just how much they are loved by God and the important people in their lives. Price: \$7.99

Featured books are available to purchase online at [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Food Drive** — Sunday, April 28. Bring your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. This Sunday 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 and fellowship and learn how YBL can serve you and your friends in the Chelsea area! Go to [ybl.org](http://ybl.org) with any questions.

**Officer Nominations** – Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2027 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms will be available on May 1 at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31.

**National Day of Prayer Service** — Thursday, May 2 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. You are invited to gather for a time of worship and prayer led by Dr. John Haines. Dr. Dave Matthews will share a devotional.

**YBL Medicare/Social Security Lunch** — Thursday, May 2 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Country Club. Come for a Q&A discussion with experienced financial advisors hosted jointly by The Center, YBL and WBL. Register at [ybl.org/Birmingham/events](http://ybl.org/Birmingham/events).

**“The Nightingale and the Rose”** — May 11 at 2:30 & 7:00 p.m. and May 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium at the high school campus. Briarwood Ballet presents a story of honor, treason, and the sacrifice that reverses a curse and brings beauty from ashes. Buy tickets at [briarwood.org/balletevents](http://briarwood.org/balletevents).

**Trailblazer Coffee**— Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear Pat Goff and Ed Landers inform us about “Let’s Talk Technology in Plain English.” Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or email [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com).

**Summer Camp Employment** — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at [campbriarwood.org](http://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](http://briarwood.org/seniors). College seniors go to [briarwood.org/college](http://briarwood.org/college).

**Job Opening: Senior High Ministry Girl Staff** — This person will minister to the Senior High female students through personal ministry, programming, volunteer recruiting and development, discipling, counseling students, and assisting parents. This position reports to the Senior High Director and will minister alongside the senior high staff team. This is a full-time salaried position with benefits. If you are interested, contact the Briarwood Student Ministry at 205-776-5269 or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@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](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Monday, April 29 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Thank the Lord for the canned goods and non-perishables that were received from church members yesterday for the Daniel Cason Ministries. Pray the food distributed to those in need would allow them to see God's love for them. Commit to pray with others around the nation this Thursday on our National Day of Prayer. The Chapel will be open all day for prayer and we will engage in a time of worship and devotion at noon.

## **Tuesday, April 30 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Shepherds Fold ministry as they equip individuals released from prison. Ask the Lord to bless those going through the six-month transitional program to make a genuine life transformation after prison and become contributing members of society.

## **Wednesday, May 1 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for Steven and Rita Williams in New Zealand who are part of the Island to Island (I2I) partnership in the Pacific Islands as they meet to develop a Statement of Faith and Charter, and as they consider plans for the coming year. Pray for clarity, unity, and future gatherings involving the island partners as they strive to better equip Christian leadership serving Christ and His church in the Pacific Islands.

## **Thursday, May 2 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Enkhtuya and Tuya Purvee with Cru in Mongolia; John and Carol Ragsdale with Trans World Radio in the Middle East and North Africa; Besiana Rajta with Cru in Albania; and Marenglen and Savana Rexhaj with Cru in Albania.

## **Friday, May 3 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Todd and Cindy Sproull with Mission to the World in Washington; Marc and Carol Stephens with Navigators in Tennessee; Jamie and Rebecca Strange with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama; Olan and Lynna Stubbs with Campus Outreach in Alabama; and Restoration Academy.

## **Saturday, May 4 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood elders Jim Carlson, Charlie Hoke, Scott Stewart; deacons Brett Butler, Marland Hayes, Richard McDonald; and Singles Pastor Saeyoung Park and Mikyung.

## **Sunday, May 5 — Church Family**

Hospitalized are Opal Oaks and Kathleen Bunn.

We rejoice with Jim and Katherine McPhail on the birth of their daughter, Louise Claire, on April 10.

*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*

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services:**

“To Know and Follow Jesus”

Matthew 16:13–25

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Table for Five... Thousand!”

Children's Choirs Concert

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Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org).  
Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.