

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

SUMMER COUNSELING CONFERENCE

JUNE 14 & 15, 2024

So much contemporary counseling is about surviving a crisis or flourishing in momentary happiness. While neither is wrong, both are shortsighted goals, and all are often defined by progressive culture. Biblical Counseling is not only about these common human goals but also about heart transformation that results in peace with God and the peace of God even when the common human goals are unobtainable.

This training is designed to be a time of renewal for individuals and couples



Register online at briarwood.org/counseling



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Briarwood Church Family,

First, let me express my personal thanks for your support for me last year when I returned to serve as the Interim Director of Briarwood's Counseling Ministry. Also join me in giving thanks to the Lord for bringing Dr. Norfleet to take the helm last October.

Our counseling conference is fast approaching (Friday-Saturday, June 14-15). Planning for this event was gaining momentum by the time Dr. Norfleet settled in, and we are pleased to report that the Lord has given us a good slate of presenters. This year we have added a pre-conference (Friday) that considers the influence of Critical Theory in the arena of counseling.

This event was a staple for some ten years during my tenure, and we encourage you to take advantage of this freshly offered training opportunity. Whether you are a leader in the church, a contributor to one its ministries, or a friend wishing to help another friend grow in wisdom, this conference will be a great time for fellowship around the ministry of helping people with the all-too-common issues of daily living.

Would you prayerfully consider joining us to hone your people-helping skills still more?

Mark your calendar now, then go to briarwood.org/outreach/counseling-ministry. If you find at the last minute that you can attend, you can register on site. We would love to have your support in making this a successful event while enhancing your people-helping toolbox.

My dear friend, Shirley Crowder, volunteered to do all the background coordination. So, when you see her, be sure to say a word of thanks.

If you would like a paper brochure, you may stop by the Altadena House. Again, you will find the conference on the website at briarwood.org/outreach/counseling-ministry.

Finally, please pray and ask the Lord to gather the folks from Birmingham and the surrounding area who would profit from the conference. Pray for our presenters and that the Lord would keep the enemy from hindering folks who desire to be here.

Sincerely in His service,

Dr. Howard Eyrich

On behalf of Dr. Greg Norfleet and the Briarwood Counseling Ministry

CHURCH RESOURCES

Church Parking & Entry — Please see the newly updated map of parking lots with corresponding entrances that are available for church entry on Sunday mornings and evenings. Please note that several changes have been made to improve campus safety and security. See the map at briarwood.org/entry.

FEATURED EVENTS

BTS Summer Semester — Birmingham Theological Seminary | May 28 – August 9

If you desire to fulfill God's calling in your life with accessible and affordable seminary options through a quality reformed theological education, you're going to love BTS. Learn how you can start your journey with BTS at bts.education.

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 for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering. Teen helper registration is open. Register your child online at briarwood.org/vbs.

Super Summer 2024 — Children's Ministry | June 10 – August 1

Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

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.

* 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

***Surviving Religion 101: Letters to a Christian Student on Keeping the Faith in College* by Michael J. Kruger | Adult Book**

As students deal with doubt or wrestle with objections to Christianity from fellow students and professors, this book will equip them to engage secular challenges with compassion and confidence, and ultimately graduate college with their faith intact. Price: \$11.99

***Do Not Be True to Yourself: Countercultural Advice for the Rest of Your Life* by Kevin DeYoung | Adult Book**

Kevin DeYoung delivers a motivational, biblical call to young people: serve God faithfully and, if necessary, counterculturally in the next season of life. *Do Not Be True to Yourself* includes practical advice for cultivating a Christ-centered worldview in every area of adult life, including relationships, work, church participation, and spiritual growth. Price: \$5.99

***Wherever You Go, I Want You To Know* by Melissa Kruger | Children's Book**

Use this beautiful rhyming storybook to tell your children your biggest dream for their potential and aspirations—that whatever they do and wherever they go, they will love and follow Jesus through life's journey. Keepsake Edition price: \$14.99 Hardback price: \$9.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Men / Boys Mother's Day Chorus — During the morning worship services this Sunday, men and boys will be invited to the choir loft to sing a special musical selection honoring and remembering all mothers.

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

Trailblazer Coffee — Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in G101. 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 or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Tour — Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Come tour the Barber Motorsports gardens by tram. No cost but spots are limited. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Young Couples Bowling Night — May 17 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Vestavia Bowl. Come enjoy an evening of bowling and fun at the Young Couples Bowling Date Night. Cost \$25. No childcare will be provided. Contact Stephen King at 205-776-5186.

Women's Summer Bible Study — June 11–July 30. Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Chapel. The study will focus on the "but God" passages where circumstances do not get the last word. Nursery is available with reservations.

Men's Summer Study — June 12–August 21. Men come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m.. See details at briarwood.org/men.

Women's Summer Fellowships — We will host small gatherings of women around the greater Birmingham area. Each gathering will have a "Mystery Guest" who will share their testimony. To find out dates/times/locations and to register, visit briarwood.org/women.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood Day Camp, Overnight Camp and Special Connections Day Camp need both male and female counselors. Contact the Camp office at 205-776-5237 or quest@briarwood.com.

Briarwood Soccer Club Tryouts— May 13–22. Tryouts will be May 13–15 for ages 12–18 and May 20–22 for ages 10–11. Register and find info online at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

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.

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

Sunday, May 12 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of mothers and their love, guidance, and care. Pray for wisdom as they raise their children to love Him and to seek His heart. Pray for the Lord to bless our mothers with peace and love.

Monday, May 13 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the Life On Wheels that travels Alabama providing ultrasounds to help women, save babies and share Jesus. Pray for the counselors who share truth and for the women in need to feel loved and supported through the efforts of this pro-life ministry.

Tuesday, May 14 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for guidance and wisdom for the National Ministries Team as they move to finalize a list of partners to invite to the 2024 National Conference. Also, continue to pray for the family of 12-year ministry partner, R.J. Fischer, who passed away last week.

Wednesday, May 15 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Melanie Rogers with Campus Outreach SERVE US/Intl; Heber and Lidia Romero with Iglesia Bautista in Cuba; Juan Antonio and Anna Romeu with Greater Europe Mission in Spain; and Cynthia Ruble with Global Outreach Intl in Japan.

Thursday, May 16 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Joel and Holly Wallace with Mission to North America in Alabama; Ben and Leah Weber with Campus Outreach at West Georgia; Bill and Linda White with Daymark Counseling in Alabama; Kevin and Taylor Wilkie with Campus Outreach in Georgia; and Birmingham Urban Young Life.

Friday, May 17 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood elders Wes Cline, Josh Jones, Tim Townes; deacons Tom Cartledge, Jeff Hester, Jason McMillian; and Nursery Supervisor Alison Craig and husband Todd.

Saturday, May 18 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized member Jo Taylor.

We offer our love and sympathy to Jean Fischer and family on the death of her husband, RJ Fischer, on April 28; to the family of member Janice Hamil on her death on May 3; and to Jackie VanderWoude and family on the death of her sister, Wanda Huizenga-Lenderink, on May 4.

Pray for Cindy Reeder, Jennifer Hay, Ike Reeder, Abby Leib, Beth Thomas and the entire Reeder family as they honor the one year anniversary of Pastor Reeder being called Home to be with his Lord. Pray for our Pastors and staff as they shepherd and serve while personally processing this anniversary. Pray for one another as we together look back on the faithfulness of our Lord during this year without our Pastor. Pray for our Church as we move forward On Mission, On Message and In Ministry!

*Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:31*

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Something Beautiful for Jesus”

Matthew 26:1–16

Dr. Phil Ryken

Dr. Phil Ryken earned a Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary and a doctorate in historical theology from the University of Oxford. He preached at Philadelphia's historic Tenth Presbyterian Church from 1995 until his appointment at Wheaton in 2010. He has published over 50 books and has served as a board member with Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Gospel Coalition, the Lausanne Movement, and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Spirit's Unburdening Power”

Galatians 5:25–6:5

Chad Escue

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