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BTS SUMMER 2024 SEMESTER

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Summer Semester is May 28 – August 9.
Drop/Add Period ends June 7. No classes July 4–5.

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FEATURED EVENTS

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

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

VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It's free and open to both members and visitors. We still need one shepherd—email rmacoy@briarwood.org to volunteer and one nursery shepherd—email acraig@briarwood.org. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Teen helper registration is open. Register your child/teen at briarwood.org/vbs by May 29 at 5:00 p.m.

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

A Pastor's Heart: Essays in Memory of Harry L. Reeder III

edited by Derrick E. Brit | Adult Book

This collection of essays, written in honor of beloved Pastor/Teacher Harry L. Reeder III, points not only to his life but beyond it to the God he served. Collected by Pastor Reeder's son, Ike, and edited by Derrick E. Brit, this selection of essays on the multi-faceted and different elements of ministry is written by men who acknowledge his influence on their lives and ministries. You will find essays on evangelism, discipleship, shepherding, and Christian education. There are writings on mission and vision, leadership and staff leadership, and on the pastor and cultural engagement. The book is a wonderful resource for young pastors, as a guide to beginning their journey to biblical spiritual formation in their ministry calling. Or for any Christian who is faithfully trying to be, as Pastor Reeder would often say, “on mission, on message, in ministry.” Price: \$27.99

Dr. Reeder's zeal for the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is beautifully honored in A Pastor's Heart, celebrating God's kindness in calling and raising up this courageous shepherd and leader of God's people. Rekindle the embers of your heart for the Lord and His church as you read through and reflect on these lovingly and thoughtfully gathered pages from faithful ministers and the Reeder family.

—Chris Larson, President and CEO of Ligonier Ministries

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Church and School Offices Closed — Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Officer Nominations — Deadline is Friday, May 31. 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.

Dedicate a Flag — Sales start this Sunday, May 26. Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory of or in honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation will provide a flag on campus and the name of the dedicated will be listed in our Christianity in America Celebration service bulletin on June 30. Make dedications at briarwood.org/flag by June 16.

Active-Duty Military — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members so that we can pray for them. Provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org.

Ten-Minute Choir — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments starting June 2. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

WBL Summer Series — Beginning June 12. Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Find details and register online at bit.ly/wbl-summer-series.

Raiders and BYG Sunday Nights — June 9 – July 28. Join us from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Barn for a time of fun, worship and teaching. We will hear from special speakers about God’s transforming work in their life. Find a schedule of speakers at briarwood.org/youth.

Women’s Summer Bible Study — June 11 – July 30. Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Summer Evangelism Training — June 12 – August 7. Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner together and a lesson on how to share your faith in different contexts. We will split up with leaders and go out to share our faith. For details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

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 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.

Job Opening: Nursery Welcome Desk Receptionist — The Nursery is looking for an outgoing person to fill the welcome desk position that is on the Nursery hall. The position is 25 hours a week. Email Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org for more details.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, May 26 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

On this Memorial Day weekend, remember and honor the men and women who served in our military and sacrificed so much for our nation. Pray for the families whose loved one died while serving to protect our country and to preserve our freedoms.

Monday, May 27 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Lifeline Children's Services as it works in local communities with vulnerable children in need of the gospel message through loving families. Pray for their mission connecting families to fostering, adoption, counseling, as well as guidance and support with unplanned pregnancy.

Tuesday, May 28 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for Paul and Jackie who serve with World Outreach in Kyrgyzstan as they desire more gospel-centered churches to be planted. Pray for wisdom in their conversations with people who might engage in church planting. Ask the Lord to bring the right people onto their church planting team.

Wednesday, May 29 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Alex and Suzanne Sarran with Mission GO in France; Nai and Blaa Sathonrat with Campus Outreach SERVE in Thailand; Kurt and Marlene Schimke with African Bible College in Uganda; and Dean and Linda Self with Avant Ministries serving Internationals.

Thursday, May 30 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Hunter and Vicki Brewer with Mission to North America in North Carolina; Cedric and Alicia Brown with Navigators in Maryland; Alonzo and Antoinette Brown with Strong Tower in Alabama; Joey and Margaret Carter with Campus Outreach at Troy University; and Christian Service Mission.

Friday, May 31 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for these Briarwood elders Jason Crowe, Dave Mace, Charles Woodall; deacons Paul Cizek, Christian Holcomb, Matthew Michel; and Women's Director Kristie Harrick.

Saturday, June 1 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Henry Drake, Bart Kidd, Anne Stowe, Jo Taylor, and Gabrian Turner.

We rejoice with Chadman and Ashley Ponter on the birth of their daughter, Nora Ann, on May 16, and with grandparents Jim and Cindy Belyeu.

We offer our love and sympathy to Barbra and Rachel Summers and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Jimmy Edwards, on May 20.

*And this is the confidence that we have toward Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. 1 John 5:14*

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Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Desperate Faith”

Matthew 15:21–28

Jim Alexander

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”

Luke 11:1–13

Rob Genin

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Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.