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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# BRIARWOOD WOMEN SUMMER UPDATE

This past week our summer opportunities began. We started the week with our Drop In Bible Study on Tuesday morning. Over 80 women gathered for fellowship and study of the Word. The studies will continue every Tuesday of the summer except the week of July 4th. Join us as your schedule allows!

We also had our first round of Summer Fellowships last week at 8 different host homes around Birmingham. Women shared how these smaller fellowships allowed them to make connections with women of various ages and in other Sunday School communities. The testimonies have been encouraging and the shared snacks have been an extra delight to those in attendance. We have one more opportunity in June and then nine more options in July.

In addition to these summer events, we have ongoing weekly ministries that may be of interest to you. Summer is a great time to volunteer and explore ministry opportunities: L.O.V.E. Ministry. This ministry is an outreach to Briarwood members who are no longer able to attend regular services at the church due to mobility or health-related issues. Each Monday morning the L.O.V.E. Ministry members gather in the flower room to pick up vases of flowers to deliver to Briarwood members in senior living homes, nursing homes and assisted living homes. Their goal: to bring light into the lives of Briarwood members and others who are unable to actively participate in the weekly activities of the church.

Threads of Comfort is Briarwood's knitting ministry which meets every Wednesday from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in A205 (on the 2nd floor of the administration bldg.) The ministry knits various mercy projects, such as baby booties, prayer shawls, etc.

One final item to remind you of is our Women's Care Team. The WCT's primary focus is to serve as advocates for women experiencing significant needs and/or in crisis. The WCT seeks to provide encouragement through biblical counsel, refreshment from the Word, and friendly accountability to women in a season of crisis or difficulty. While the situations and circumstances will vary, the desire of the WCT is always to come alongside in a way that is honoring to the Lord and encouraging of faithfulness and restoration in relationship to God, the family, and the church.

Whether you are looking for refreshment from the Word or through fellowship, if you are looking for a place to volunteer, or if you are in need of encouragement or care, please reach out to the Women's Ministry Office.

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## CHURCH RESOURCES

**Vacation Bible School 2024 Resources** — If you or your children would like to revisit any of the VBS music videos, skits, or daily highlights, you can do so on the Briarwood App. These resources can be found under: "Media – Special Video Archive – VBS 2024"

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Catechism Camps — Children's Super Summer | June 24–28 & July 8–12**

Learn timeless biblical truth through catechism memorization while enjoying summer fun! Rising 3rd & 4th grades meet the week of June 24. Rising 1st & 2nd grades meet the week of July 8. Camp runs from 9:15 to 3:00 p.m. at Briarwood each day. Learn more at [briarwood.org/supersummer](http://briarwood.org/supersummer) or email [jstallings@briarwood.org](mailto:jstallings@briarwood.org).

### **Christianity in America — Evening Worship Service | June 30 \***

Help us fill the loft as a great Briarwood Family Choir while we celebrate America and honor our veterans! Retired U.S. Colonel Pete Sniffin will be featured as our keynote speaker. Following the evening service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn. Learn more at [christianityinamericachoir.com](http://christianityinamericachoir.com).

### **Barons Family Night — Church Wide Outing | July 3**

Join us Wednesday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Regions Field for Barons baseball and fireworks. Call 205-776-5114 or email [rleib@briarwood.org](mailto:rleib@briarwood.org) with questions. Tickets are available online at [briarwood.org/barons](http://briarwood.org/barons) or at the Briarwood Bookstore.

### **Youth Impact Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 2–4**

9th–12th grade students, join us for our annual Impact Weekend, a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Be looking for the registration flyer in the mail. Find additional information and register online at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).

\* 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

### ***Children's Catechism* (Books and Flashcards, Questions 1–150)**

#### **By Simply the Gospel | Children's Catechism Aid**

*Children's Catechism* visuals are perfect for helping children learn essential Bible truths in very accessible ways. The 150 questions of the catechism are divided into three sets of spiral bound books and flashcards. Learners will encounter pre-reading words in a unique font and style. Using these as sight words will help emerging readers begin to recognize words in their own Bibles. Spiral bound price: \$36 each; Flash card price: \$20 each

### ***Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God***

#### **By Susan Hunt | Children's Book**

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend, it is a great goal to teach the next generation a framework of biblical knowledge. The purpose of this book is to teach children that they are created for God's glory. These stories are an application of the truths taught in the *First Catechism*, used in Briarwood's classes and camps. Catechizing children is an effective way to help them develop a Christian worldview. It is amazing how quickly children grasp the truths set before them and begin to understand that how we live is based on what we believe. Price: \$14.99

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Young Couples BBQ** — Saturday, July 13 from 4:30–8:30 p.m. at the playground parking lot. Come fellowship with us! We will have BBQ, ice cream, inflatables, corn hole, and more. Spread the word and invite your friends! Email [sking@briarwood.org](mailto:sking@briarwood.org) with questions.

**Super Summer 2024** — Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer. 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](http://briarwood.org/supersummer).

**Women's Summer Study** — 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.

**Men's Summer Study** — Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* by Dan Doriani. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Chris Thompson leads a study of Matthew in A105 on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

**WBL Summer Series** — 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](http://bit.ly/wbl-summer-series).

**Summer Evangelism Training** — 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](http://briarwood.org/evangelism).

**Men's Prayer Group** — Meets each Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Building. Contact Stephen King for information at [sking@briarwood.org](mailto:sking@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org).

**Children's Sunday School Promotion** — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2024-25 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream for the summer and fall Dominican Republic mission trips. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

**Job Opening: Local Missions and Mobilization Coordinator** — Part-time administrative position (20 hour) for Briarwood member to serve the Mission Mobilization Team. Needs knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, networking, and heart for missions. Send inquiries and resumes to [mbunn@briarwood.org](mailto:mbunn@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

## **Sunday, June 23 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Father, help us as a Church family to continually encourage one another to trust You in all things and to walk closely with You in every area of our lives. *But encourage one another, day after day, as long as it is still called 'today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.* Hebrews 3:13

## **Monday, June 24 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Foundations Early Learning Center, a Christ centered preschool, in Fairfield. They partner with families to help them work with their children during the crucial developmental ages of birth to five years old. Pray for the preparations of the 2024–2025 school year and the much needed support for two new classrooms.

## **Tuesday, June 25 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for the ministry of Hearts and Hands and its volunteers. They provide critical home repairs and wheelchair ramp construction to those in serious need who have little to no resources. Pray for the relationships this ministry builds through sharing God's grace and love as they serve the poor in Jefferson and Shelby County.

## **Wednesday, June 26 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Stephen and Laura Spanjer with Won by One International in Germany; Dony and Sharon St. Germain with El Shaddai Ministries International in Haiti; Matthew and Deborah Stanghelle with Ministry to the Military and Internationals in Norway; and Luke and Michelle Stannard with Mission to the World in Germany.

## **Thursday, June 27 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for John and Victoria Fluevog with Campus Outreach in Georgia; John and Penny Freeman with Harvest USA in Pennsylvania; Debbie Friley with Navigators in Florida; Tom and Linda Fritz with Cru in Atlanta, Georgia; and Restoration Academy.

## **Friday, June 28 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for these Briarwood elders Bruce Evans Sr., David Moore, Jeff Olin; deacons Matt Davis, Chris Hyche, Matt Moton; and Safety Coordinator Jason Springfield and wife, Margaret.

## **Saturday, June 29 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Tom Bradford, Sam Mooney, Mabel Donaldson, Sandy Bell and Jo Taylor.

We offer our love and sympathy to Sherman and Caroline Goocher and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Orin Goocher, on June 14; and to Vickie, Torrie, Jay and John Taylor and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Bill Hawkins, on June 16.

*Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.* Isaiah 41:10

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

II. Wisdom for Relationships: Parenting, Friendship, and Marriage  
“Deep Friendship”

Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, Ecclesiastes 4:7–12, John 15:13–15

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues

“What the Bible Says About War”

Dr. Dan Doriani

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Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.