



BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUMMER 2024

briarwood.org



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For God's glory, Briarwood is committed to equipping Christians to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

To fulfill our mandate and mission,
Briarwood desires to be an "Equipping Church"
which radiates the Gospel of grace by making disciples.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Worship • 8:00 & 10:55 a.m. • Meets in the Worship Center

Sunday School Communities • 9:30 a.m. • Meet in various classrooms

Hispanic Worship • 10:30 a.m. • Meet at 5521 Double Oak Lane

Japanese Worship • 1:30 p.m. • Meet in G101

Korean Worship • 11:20 a.m. • Meet at 2209 Rocky Ridge Rd.

Evening Worship • 6:00 p.m. • Meets in the Worship Center

CHURCH SENIOR STAFF

Dan Doriani – Interim Senior Pastor

Bruce Stallings – Executive Pastor • bstallings@briarwood.org

Matt Moore – Church Administrator • mmoore@briarwood.org

Benny Parks – Ministries Team Pastor • bparks@briarwood.org

Benny Youngblood – Shepherding Team Pastor • byoungblood@briarwood.org

Bryan Wintersteen – Global Missions Pastor • bwintersteen@briarwood.org

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Briarwood Inquirer's Classes

Are you interested in discovering what Briarwood Presbyterian Church is all about? Are you interested in membership at Briarwood Presbyterian Church? Six times a year the Briarwood Inquirer's Class explore "What is a Christian?" "What is the Church?" and "What is Briarwood?"

These classes vary in meeting times with the church annual calendar. Details on the next class will be provided when you contact us about attending. Pre-school child care is available for all classes. Attending these classes in no way obligates you to join Briarwood, but is a prerequisite for membership.

Register by calling 205-776-5208 or emailing wlong@briarwood.org.

FOR GOD'S GLORY

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness!"

Psalm 115:1


Stay up-to-date on church events on the Briarwood App
of go to briarwood.org/events.

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SUMMER EVENTS

Women's Fellowships with Mystery Guests	June – July
Ten-Minute Summer Choir Begins	June 2
Vacation Bible School	June 3–7
G&C Summer Series Begins	June 4
Raiders & BYG Summer Kick-off	June 5
Raiders & BYG Sunday Nights Begin	June 9
Children's Super Summer	June 10 – August 1
Women's Bible Studies Begin	June 11
Men's Bible Studies Begin	June 12
Sumer Evangelism Training Begins	June 12
Summer Counseling Conference	June 14–15
Women's Father's Day Chorus	June 16
Working Women's Fellowship Dinner #1	June 26
Christianity in America 2023	June 30
Barons Baseball Game	July 3
YBL Summer Series Panel Discussion #1	July 10
Ballet Summer Showcase	July 12 & 13
Young Couples BBQ	July 13
Working Women's Fellowship Dinner #2	July 24
YBL Summer Series Panel Discussion #2	August 1
ESL Teacher Trainging	August 2–3
IMPACT Weekend	August 2–4
BCS Classes Begin	August 13
Canned Food Drive	August 18
Special Needs Resource Fair	August 22
G&C End-of-Summer Lake Day	August 24
Children's Sunday School Promotion	August 25

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A close-up photograph of a child's feet wearing tan and black sneakers, splashing through shallow water. The water is splashing upwards and outwards, creating a dynamic scene. Below the waterline, the sneakers and the child's legs are reflected in the calm surface. The background is a soft, out-of-focus orange and yellow, suggesting an outdoor setting like a playground or park.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Briarwood's Children's Ministry desires to partner with parents to lead children to a saving, growing relationship with Christ by presenting the gospel, training children to worship, and equipping them to impact others for God's glory.

Children's Director, Jake Stallings

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briarwood.org/children

SUNDAY CLASSES

Children Sunday School

K4–6th Grades • 9:30–10:30 a.m

Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org to find your child's class.

Children's Worship

K4–3rd Grades meet during the morning Worship Services in the Children's Auditorium

Summer Sunday Nights

Rising K5 – 6th Grades meet in the Children's Auditorium during the 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service.

SUMMER EVENTS

Vacation Bible School

Skits, songs, crafts & tons of fun! Open to Briarwood members and visitors.

June 3–7 • 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Super Summer

Each weekday, select age groups will go out to a fun activity.

June 10 – August 1

IGNITE Summer Events

Meets 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gym for summer fun!

- June 12: Nerf Night
- June 26: Movie Night
- July 17: Glow in the Dark Game Night
- July 31: Summer Celebration

Rising 3rd & 4th Grade Catechism Camp

June 24–28

Rising 1st & 2nd Grade Catechism Camp

July 8–12

YOUTH MINISTRY

Briarwood's student ministries exist to equip students to worship God,
to reach their schools, to reach Birmingham,
to reach the world for Christ—all for God's glory.

Family Pastor, Jay Shaw

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CLASSES & BIBLE STUDIES

Youth Sunday School

BYG (9th – 12th graders) meets at 9:30 a.m in room C-200

RAIDERS (7th – 8th graders) meets at 9:30 a.m in room E-313

Youth Sunday Night Speaker Series

7th – 12th graders ▪ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at The Barn

June 9 – July 28 (No meeting June 30)

Tuesday Bible Studies

June 11 – July 30, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

RAIDERS Guys will meet at The Barn. Girls will meet at the Frost's pool.

BYG Boys meets at the Witt's pool. Girls location TBD.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

June 5

RAIDERS: Activate

BYG: Crawfish Boil

July 10

RAIDERS: Capture the Flag

BYG: Volleyball Tournament

June 12

RAIDERS: Slop Olympics

BYG: Picture Scavenger Hunt

July 17

RAIDERS: Hollywood Movie Night

BYG: Mystery Day

June 19

RAIDERS: Nerd Night Bowling

BYG: (No meeting)

July 24

RAIDERS: Regressive Dinner

BYG: Pickleball Tournament

June 26

RAIDERS: Barons Game

BYG: Barons Game

July 31

RAIDERS: End of Summer Pool Party

BYG: (No meeting)

SPECIAL EVENT

IMPACT WEEKEND: August 2-4

BYG students, join us for our annual Impact Weekend – a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' houses. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Cost: \$75

MEN OF THE COVENANT

The Men's Ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church is called "Men of the Covenant" and our goal is to ensure that our church and our families, in this generation and the next, are led by strong, able, Christ-like men.

Men's Ministry Pastor, Eric Reebals
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MEN'S SUMMER STUDY

“Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation” by Dan Doriani

Wednesday Morning Study: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall A & B
June 12 – August 21 (10 Weeks) – No Meeting on July 3

Coffee, orange juice, and Chick-fil-A Biscuits will be available. The book is available now in the Briarwood Bookstore for \$10. They will also be available during the first two weeks of the study.

Book Description:

How does work fit into a meaningful, God-honoring life? For some, the answer comes quickly. Others have a tough time connecting their job to their faith. Are we just to work hard, avoid immorality, and witness to coworkers?

The product of twenty years of thought and hundreds of interviews, *Work* goes beyond historical background and inspiring stories to explain the Bible's teaching on the nature, glory, misery, and eventual restoration of work. Through our work, whatever it may be, we have an opportunity to love our neighbors as ourselves—and to serve God in transforming his world.

Questions about work should go even deeper.

- Does all work really matter? Does it matter equally?
- Is being “true to your craft” the same thing as being faithful at work?
- How can you use your work to promote good?

About the Author:

In addition to to being our interim Senior Pastor, Daniel M. Doriani (M.Div., Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary; STM, Yale Divinity School, Research Fellow, Yale University, 1981, 1995) is a Professor of theology at Covenant Theological Seminary. He has written seventeen books on exegesis and biblical ethics, is the founder and president of The Center for Faith and Work, St. Louis, a member of the Board of The Gospel Coalition, and a regular blogger. He was also a lead pastor of a very small church for 5 years and a very large church for eleven years. He has four children and three grandchildren (so far).

Where to Listen:

Can't make it to this study in-person or want to share it with a friend? You can listen to the audio of this series on the Briarwood Mobile App. On the App, go to Media – Communities Media – Men's Studies – Men's Summer Study 2024.

BRIARWOOD WOMEN

Equipping women to know God and to glorify Him
in our home, church, community and world.

Spiritual formation and growth opportunities including Bible studies, theology seminars, and conferences. COMMUNITY – Fostering healthy intergenerational relationships including retreats, social activities, worship nights, etc. OUTREACH – Ministry service and evangelistic opportunities including special events focused on evangelism, ministry to the homebound & assisted living, knitting ministry, mission trips, etc.

Women's Ministry Director, Kristie Harrick

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briarwood.org/women

WOMEN'S STUDY

Women's Summer Drop-in Study

Meets: Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. • No signup required

Location: Chapel • June 11 – July 30 (no study the week of July 4)

The study will focus on the “but God” passages where circumstances do not get the last word. Nursery is available with reservations at briarwood.org/nursery.

June 11	Susan Bellows	1 Corinthians 3
June 18	Kelly Buck	Genesis 50
June 25	Vicki Portis	1 Corinthians 10
July 9	Cindy Harsh	Romans 5 & Ephesians 2
July 16	Rebekah Vermeer	Psalms 73
July 23	Annette Blake	Acts 13
July 30	Fellowship Meal	

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Fellowships with Mystery Guests

Select dates and times in June and July. Women, gather in a host home in groups of 10 for food, fellowship, and to hear from a “Mystery Guest.” For additional info or to sign up, go to briarwood.org/women.

Working Women Fellowship Dinner

June 26 & July 24 at 6:00 pm—7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall E & F

WOMEN'S CARE TEAM

Summer Fellowships with Mystery Guests

The Women's Care Team's primary focus is to serve as advocates for women experiencing significant needs and/or in crisis, and to come alongside the staff and leadership as they minister to women in the congregation in difficult circumstances.

To request care through the Women's Care Team Ministry, contact Kristie Harrick at kharrick@briarwood.org or 205.776.5258.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

The purpose of Briarwood's Sunday School Community Ministry is to teach consistently the whole counsel of God in the context of our congregational communities; to encourage the fellowship of believers; and to build disciples by equipping Christians to make an impact for Jesus Christ, beginning in the home and church and moving to Birmingham and beyond.



Membership and Christian Education Pastor, Ray Tucker

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briarwood.org/sundayschool

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes meet Sunday mornings 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Abundant Life	Empty nesters and grandparents
Branches	A community of singles & couples
College Community	College age
Covenant Keepers	Families with infants to middle school-age children
Deeper Life	Empty nesters through great-grandparents
Discovery	A class for all ages and stages in life
Encounter	Young couples with infants to middle school-age children
Faithful Followers	Women of all walks and stages of life
Family Life	A class for the entire family
Graduates and Career	A community for graduates to early 30's
Growing in Grace	Families with preschool to high school-age children
Growing Together	Families with preschool to high school-age children
Hearts and Homes	Families with children in college or older
Heritage Builders	Families with preschool to high school-age children
Homestead	Empty nesters through great-grandparents
In One Accord	A community for 40s and up
Inside Out	Families with children in high school or older
International	English-speaking internationals
Joyful Hearts	Empty nesters through great-grandparents
Kingdom Builders	Empty nesters and grandparents
Kingdom Seekers	Families with children in high school and older
Legacy	Young couples with infants to elementary-age children
Mountain View	A class for all ages and stages in life
Next Step	Families with children in high school or older
REAL Matters	Families with children in high school or older
Sojourners	Families with preschool to high school-age children
The Oaks	Engaged and young married couples
Women Impacting the World	Women of all walks and stages of life

BRIARWOOD MINISTRIES

Briarwood desires to be an "EQUIPPING CHURCH"
which radiates the Gospel of grace by "making disciples" through:

Gospel Ministries of Evangelism and Discipleship
Gospel Church Planting Initiatives and Church Revitalization Efforts
Gospel Leaders Developed and Deployed
Gospel Deeds Of Love, Mercy and Justice

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES

College Ministry – College-age Adults

Mark Purser (mpurser@briarwood.org) • briarwood.org/college

Singles Ministry – Single Adults ages 20–40's & up

Saeyoung Park (spark@briarwood.org) • briarwood.org/singles

Young Couples – Young Couples and New Families

Stephen King (sking@briarwood.org)

Special Connections – Children & Adults with special needs

Michael Johnson (mjohnson@briarwood.org) • briarwood.org/sc

Trailblazers – Senior Adults

Sharon Johnston (sjohnston@briarwood.org) • briarwood.org/trailblazers

Briarwood International Outreach – Ethnic Congregations & Intl. Students

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BRIARWOOD RESOURCES

The Briarwood App

Watch the livestream and keep up with sermons, podcasts & events.

Download the app by going to briarwood.org/app.

Briarwood B-Mail

Weekly newsletter emailed each Thursday with upcoming events & information.

Sign up for B-Mail at briarwood.org/bmail.

Briarwood Weekly

Weekly newsletter printed and mailed to your home each week.

Sign up to receive the Weekly by emailing wlong@briarwood.org.

Briarwood.org

Briarwood webpage with Ministry & Communities info & additional resources.

BRIARWOOD MINISTRIES

Birmingham Theological Seminary	bts.education
Briarwood Ballet	briarwood.org/ballet
Briarwood Christian School	briarwoodchristianschool.org
Campus Outreach	campusoutreach.org
Christian Counseling Ministry	CounselingCoordinator@Briarwood.org
Christian Medical Ministry	cmmuab.org/index.html
Church Planting	briarwood.org/missions/church-planting
Church Revitalization	briarwood.org/missions/church-revitalization
Church and State	info@briarwood.org
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Fellows Ministry	briarwoodfellows.org
Global Missions	briarwood.org/missions/global-ministry
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Music Ministry	briarwood.org/music
National Ministries	briarwood.org/missions/national-ministry
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