

Children's

CONNECT:

K4 - 3RD GRADE

IGNITE:

4TH - 6TH GRADE

Parents, help your children engage in ministry at Briarwood!
Opportunities for all ages are offered throughout the week this fall.
See the inside panel for details.

Youth

RAIDERS:

7TH - 8TH GRADE

BYG:

9TH - 12TH GRADE



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FALL 2024

SUNDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (K4 – 6th grades)

6:15–7:15 during Evening Worship in the Choir room starting September 8

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT (K4 – 3rd grades)

6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium September 4 – November 13

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IGNITE (4th – 6th grades)

6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Church Gym September 4 – November 13

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENTS

August 25	Sunday School Promotion Sunday
August 28	IGNITE Kick-off Event
September 8	Children's Choirs Begin
September 13	Passport Night
October 4	IGNITE Mother/Daughter & Father/Son Event
October 20 & 21	SHINE (National Ministries Conference)
November 15	Passport Night
December 1	Children's Christmas Choir Program
December 4	IGNITE Tacky Christmas Party

Contact: Jake Stallings, Children's Director • jstallings@briarwood.org • 205-776-5305
Learn more about the Children's Ministry at briarwood.org/children.

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL 2024

SUNDAY NIGHT D-GROUPS (7th – 12th grades)

6:00–7:30 p.m. during Evening Worship at The Barn September 8 – November 24
Registration required at briarwood.org/youth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RAIDERS: (7th & 8th graders)

6:30–8:00 p.m. (\$5 Dinner at 5:30) at The Barn August 28 – December 4

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BYG: (9th – 12th graders)

7:00–8:30 p.m. (\$5 Dinner at 5:30) at The Barn August 28 – December 4

YOUTH MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENTS

September 6	BYG 5th Quarter: Silent Disco @ The Barn
October 4	RAIDERS Laser Tag @ The Barn
October 23	BYG Fallapalooza @ The Barn
October 23	RAIDERS Pedestal Joust
November 15	RAIDERS Guys/Girls Night
November 20	BYG Barnsgiving @ The Barn
December 4	RAIDERS PCA Skates 280 Christmas Party
December 27–30	BYG Laguna Beach Retreat

Contact: Jay Shaw, Family Pastor • jshaw@briarwood.org • 205.776.5389
Learn more about the Youth Ministry at briarwood.org/youth.

FEATURED EVENTS

Special Needs Resource Fair — Special Connections | August 22

Briarwood is hosting a Special Needs Resource Fair in the Fellowship Hall on August 22 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Come hear from over 100 agencies that serve people with Special Needs and their families. Registration required at briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair.

Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 24 *

Women join us for our Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 24 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This Olympic-themed event will focus on fellowship, food and fun! There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. For more details and to register go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available with registration.

Foster Parent Class Orientation — National Ministries | Tuesday, August 27

Lifeline Children's Services offers Foster Parent Training Classes (10 weeks at 6:00 p.m. in G101) that teach the state curriculum from a biblical perspective. Orientation is required to attend classes. Contact Cade Smith at cade.smith@lifelinechild.org with questions.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | September 4 – November 13 *

Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Eric Reebals for more information at ereebals@briarwood.org.

* 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

The Discipline of Grace

by Jerry Bridges | Adult Book

You are never beyond the reach of God's grace—or the need for it. Being a Christian is about more than just accepting salvation—it's about regularly becoming more like Jesus. This is hard work. As we struggle to become more like Him, we can easily lose sight of grace in favor of the discipline we put ourselves through. Renowned author Jerry Bridges offers a clear and thorough explanation of the gospel and what it means to the believer. Price: \$12.00.

Amazing Grace (Hymns for Little Ones Series)

by Harvest House | Children's Book

Hymns for Little Ones is a series of creative and colorful board books that introduce young children to the most inspiring and influential Christian anthems of all time. Little ones will learn powerful truths about God through these classic hymns. First published in 1779, the popular hymn "Amazing Grace" has inspired millions of believers throughout the generations and spawned thousands of versions. Through this book, little ones can now experience the comfort and reassurance of this Christian classic. The lyrics are paired with whimsical watercolor art that celebrates the joy and wonder of God's world. The sheet music and lyrics are included in the back of the book. Price: \$6.99.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, August 18. Bring your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein this Sunday. You will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

Trailblazers Ice Cream Social — Monday, August 19 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at Club 55 Clubhouse (8145 Annika Drive). Come enjoy a time of fellowship and the sounds of Jay and The Elders Quartet. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Trail Life Open House — Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. All boys and their dads are invited to learn about Trail Life. This is a Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure ministry for boys ages 5-17 and their dads.

Foster Parent Interest Lunch — Sunday, August 18 in G103 following the second service. Join others interested in learning about fostering a child in need. Cost is free but we need you to register for meal planning. No childcare. Register at briarwood.org/fostering.

Congregational Meeting — Sunday, August 25 from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. In accordance with the Book of Church Order, the Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Pulpit Committee.

YBL Summer Study — Mondays from 7:00–8:15 p.m. at the home of Mark Edwards, 2022 Country Ridge Place. Join us for a six-week YBL Summer Study titled Christian Manhood: Character Studies from 1 Samuel. Register at bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood.

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.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Beginning in September. This nine-month class for 4th–6th graders requires outside work for the student and parents. If your child is interested, email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org to register. Space is limited.

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 at bit.ly/wbl-summer-series.

Friendship Partner Program — Impact the nations by welcoming internationals through Friendship Partners. Share a meal, introduce them to Birmingham, or take them out for coffee. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

Job Opening: Senior Staff Administrative Assistant — Seeking a full-time administrative assistant for Briarwood's senior staff. Applicants need excellent communication and organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office and previous experience as an executive assistant is preferred. Send résumés to Matt Moore at mmoore@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, August 18 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for our Special Connections Ministry. Give thanks for this ministry that helps people with special needs and their families to have many opportunities for worship, learning and building relationships with others attending Briarwood Church. Pray especially for the August 22 Special Needs Resource Fair they are hosting. This event is open to the community and it is anticipated that 600 families will be served.

Monday, August 19 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Restoration Academy's mission is to advance each student's life with the two greatest commandments – to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as ourselves. As a new school year begins, pray that God will help RA incorporate these precepts into the education and hearts of every student.

Tuesday, August 20 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for Brian and Terri Firpo with Campus Outreach Serve in Thailand. Pray for their FISH ministry (Friendship, Interest, Share the Gospel, Help them make a decision) through which they meet new students on campuses and build relationships that will bear fruit. Pray for supernatural appointments on campuses throughout Thailand.

Wednesday, August 21 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Mark and Bree with 18:26 Network in the Middle East; Steve and Rita Williams with Mission to the World in New Zealand; Bobby and Lolly Wilson with World Reach serving internationally; and Martina Wilson with Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship serving in Nicaragua.

Thursday, August 22 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Jeff and Ann Nelson with Children's Bible Mission in Alabama; Doug and Pam Nuenke with Navigators in Colorado; Shane and Vickie O'Hara with Team 5:18 in Louisiana; Phil and Amy Pippenger with Crossroads in East Tennessee; and NorthStar Youth Ministries.

Friday, August 23 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders Lance Black, Beau Green, Tim Scott; deacons Doug Robertson, Eric Stephens, John Scruggs; and Shepherding Pastor Dave Lewis and wife, Sue.

Saturday, August 24 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Makayla Jennings, Tami Wells

We rejoice with Gary and Ashleigh Durbin on the birth of their daughter, Charleigh Grace, on July 30, and with grandparents Charlie and Tami Cutcliffe.

We offer our love and sympathy to Ken Austin and family on the death of his father, James Austin, on August 5; to Brooke DeRieux and family on the death of her father, Glenn Bicknell, on August 10; and to Ralph Bidwell and family on the death of his mother, Priscilla Bidwell, on August 11.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“The Kingdom of God”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, 44-46

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Challenge of Our Age”

Matthew 16:13-19

Dr. Dan Doriani

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org.

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