



BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK



FALL 2024
SEPTEMBER 4 – NOVEMBER 13

Sign up for dinners, classes and nursery at:
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MIDWEEK AT BRIARWOOD FALL 2024

Wednesday night offers many new and exciting small group studies, so find the best fit for you and jump in! All ministry opportunities start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship! All are welcome, even if you are not in a small group or another ministry opportunity. The cost is \$9 per adult, \$6 per child, or \$30 per family maximum. To register for dinners, go to briarwood.org/dinner and fill out the online form. Register no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the Wednesday you plan to attend. Thank you!

COMMUNITY STUDIES

The Art of Discipleship – Olan Stubbs	G101
Warrior “Shattered Glass” – Mike Wheeler	A105
A Study of Jonah – Kristie Harrick	G103

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Infants Nursery – Up to 3 years old (reservations required)	Nursery Hallway
CONNECT – K4–3rd grade	Children's Auditorium
IGNITE – 4th–6th grade	GYM
RAIDERS – 7th & 8th grades	The Barn
BYG – 9th–12th grades	The Barn

MINISTRY CLASSES

Personal Evangelism: The Bridge to Life – Eric Reebals	FH-F
Counseling in the Local Church – Dr. Greg Norfleet	A201
Hermeneutics – Dr. Dan Doriani	A202
Adoption Connection – Carter Ralph (9/11, 10/9, 11/13)	Bride's Room
Chancel Choir & Briarwood Orchestra	Choir Room / Worship Center
ESL Classes – Courtney McGregor	School Third Floor Lobby – E313
GriefShare – Jim Alexander	W203
New Focus – Chris Thompson	E003/005
Jobs for Life – Adrian VanderWoude	E007/009
Briarwood Inquiry Class – Wendy Long (9/25 & 11/6)	A209
Prayer for our Church – Joyce Ann Jackson	Prayer Room
Sign Language Beginner Class	S205
Sign Language Intermediate Class	S207
Sign Language Intermediate Class	S209
Sign Language Religious Interpreting	S203

Nursery reservations can be made easily online, on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/nursery, or by calling 205-776-5214. Please be sure the Nursery knows which study or class you are in each week.

Sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

FEATURED EVENTS

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 or sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

“God, Shed Your Grace” — Briarwood Ballet | September 19

Join the Ballet Exaltation and the Birmingham Boys Choir for a patriotic concert on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Go online to purchase tickets at briarwood.org/balletevents.

BTS Fall Semester | September 3 – December 13

Birmingham Theological Seminary is offering a wide array of classes this fall. To view the class schedule and apply for admissions, go to bts.education.

* 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 Pilgrim's Progress in Modern English

by John Bunyan | Men of the Covenant Bible Study

The Pilgrim's Progress has been called “the greatest allegory ever written.” Its appeal sweeps across the scopes of age, intellect, and education. Just as relevant today as it was when John Bunyan wrote it from his cell in prison, it is the story of every Christian — from the first stirrings of the Holy Spirit beckoning us to follow Christ to our final arrival in the Celestial City of God. This new complete edition, written in modern English, is an enriching complement to any Christian's personal library. Price: \$15.00 (includes tax)

A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything

by Lydia Brownback | Women of the Covenant Bible Study

Advice books are no short-lived trend, even though much of the advice parading as “wisdom” proves shallow in the long run. What we need is biblical wisdom, and even more than that, we need hearts set on the One who governs all our practicalities. The book of Proverbs unlocks the key to both, helping us to face very real challenges such as: handling our freedom, independence, and material resources wisely; sustaining God-glorifying marriages; and elevating biblical priorities ahead of day-to-day pressures. Exploring the timeless counsel in the book of Proverbs, *A Woman's Wisdom* teaches us to know the very Author of wisdom and to apply His relevant, how-to riches. Price: \$10.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Promotion Sunday for grades K4-6th grade — August 25. Postcards were mailed last week with your child's new Sunday School class. Stop by the Ministries Lobby for donuts this Sunday before or after Sunday School.

Women's Fall Studies — Beginning September 3. Women, pick from six available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Youth Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 4. Students meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn for dinner. Raiders (7th–8th graders) meet 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Children Wednesday Nights — Beginning September 4 at 6:30 p.m. Children K4–3rd grade will meet in the Children's Auditorium for CONNECT and 4th–6th grade in the Church Gym for IGNITE. Contact Jake Stallings at 205-776-5305.

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 8. Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

Youth Sunday Night D-Groups — Beginning September 8 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at The Barn. All 7th – 12th graders are invited to come for discipleship groups with their peers. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 9. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly classes in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. for seated or chair fitness. Contact Brenda at brendabparks@gmail.com for information and registration.

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 25 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Lord, help us to love, respect and honor one another in all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Monday, August 26 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for The Aspire Movement ministry as they prepare for another school year. Pray for the mentors as they walk alongside students, encouraging and training them to become leaders guided by Jesus.

Tuesday, August 27 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for Foundations Early Learning and Family Center as they work to build a strong foundation of faith, learning, and growth for preschool aged children. We praise God for His provision of a new facility! Pray that all the renovations will be completed in time for the upcoming school year.

Wednesday, August 28 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Mario and Keila Xoca with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Mexico; Andrew and Davinia Young with Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales; David and Esther Zadok with Grace and Truth in Israel; and Kyle and Becky with Crosslink Development International in Central Asia.

Thursday, August 29 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Jose and Anna Portillo with Vive Charlotte Church in North Carolina; Neil and Leandra Quinn with Good Shepherd Church in Michigan; Paul and Peggy Reynoso with Navigators in California; Brandon and Katrina Robbins with Birmingham Theological Seminary in Alabama; and Restoration Academy.

Friday, August 30 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders Jim Blackmon, Kevin Gush, Dale Sitton; deacons David Roebuck, Tyler Sullens, Jonathan Sanders; and BCS Superintendent Gus Martin and wife, Felicity.

Saturday, August 31 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Jim Hollon, John Donaldson, Scott Graves

We rejoice with Cale and Morgan Kreger on the birth of their son, Penn Timothy, on August 12; and with Graham and Hayley Travers on the birth of their son, Matthew Charles “Charlie,” on August 15, and with grandparents Mark and Darby Travers and great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan.

We offer our love and sympathy to Phillip Wood and family on the death of his father, Phillip Wood, Sr., on August 15; to Cal Markert and family on the death of his father, Charles Paul Markert, on August 16; and to Annette Blake and family on the death of her sister, Amy Sue Sims, on August 17.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Romans 12:10

Receive each day’s prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
In your Briarwood App settings, enable “Weekly Prayer Guide” notifications.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“The Good Neighbor”

Luke 10:25-37

Dr. Dan Doriani

This Lord's Day, Dr. Doriani continues in his teaching on the parables and teaching of Jesus Christ. In this sermon, Dr. Doriani will preach on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and will challenge us with many questions including, “Does compassion come to you easily or not? Do you feel compassion even for distant people, or do you tend to think they brought their troubles on themselves?” and “Can you think of a person or group that you might begin to see as a neighbor?”

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Issues with Family Today”

Jay Shaw, Family Pastor

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