

*For God's glory,
we are committed
to equipping Christians
to worship God and
to reach Birmingham
to reach the world
for Christ.*



Search for Our Next Pastor Begins!

We are excited to announce the establishment of the Briarwood Pulpit Committee, which will be tasked with seaching for our next Senior Pastor. This committee is made up of 12 Briarwood members that represent a wide cross-section of our congregation.

Please be in prayer for the following members as they as they go about their work:

Stephanie Adcock, Billy Ball, Caroline Carlisle, Jim Carlson, Larkin Delk, Jeff Flannery, Jr., Meredith Hamblen, John Livingston, Nathan Sasse, Sharon Slay, Ethan Tidmore, Bryan Word, and alternates: Glenn Draper & Kellie Stewart.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEN'S FALL STUDIES

*Men, join one of three available studies for fellowship, discipleship, and learning.
Please contact Eric Reebals with questions or for more information.*

Mondays at 6:30 a.m.

“Book of Jonah” led by Rob Looper
Fellowship Hall E & F • Starts September 9

Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

“Book of Hebrews” led by Eric Reebals & Stephen King
Cajun Seafood House • Starts September 10

Fridays at 6:30 a.m.

“The Pilgrim’s Progress, Part 2” led by Benny Parks
Fellowship Hall E & F • Starts September 13

*Coffee and refreshments provided at early morning meetings.
For more details go to briarwood.org/men.*

WOMEN'S FALL STUDIES

*Childcare is available for weekday study by reservation only.
Please visit briarwood.org/nursery to register.
Books are available in the Briarwood Christian Bookstore.*

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

“The Book of Esther” led by Michele Cantley
A202 and Zoom • Starts Monday, September 9

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

A Woman’s Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything
By Lydia Brownback led by Cindy Reeder and Mary Lou Morrison
FH-A • Starts Tuesday, September 10

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Behold and Believe: A Bible Study on the “I Am” Statements of Jesus
by Courtney Doctor, Joanna Kimbrel led by Mary Anne Turnbull
G101 • Starts Tuesday, September 10

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

“A Study on Jonah” led by Kristie Harrick
G103 • Starts Wednesday, September 4

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

“The Book of Daniel: God’s Sovereignty in Our Suffering” led by Donna Evans
G101 • Starts Thursday, September 5

Register for Women’s Studies online at briarwood.org/women.

FEATURED EVENTS

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.

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. 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.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 19

Save the Date: On the morning of October 19, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects ranging from yard work, painting, distributing food to repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Additional info will be posted at briarwood.org/impact.

* 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

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) meets 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meets 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.

Children's SS Teachers — Sunday School is an asset to the spiritual growth as it allows conversations about the Lord and guides students. We need help in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Contact Hannah Grace Walker at hwalker@briarwood.org to serve. Two K4 Sunday School teachers are also needed. Contact Raleigh Macoy to volunteer at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Lay-counseling MidWeek Class — Starting this Wednesday, September 4 in A201 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Wanting to grow as a friend, ministry leader, or potential lay counselor? This class led by Dr. Greg Norfleet will help you walk alongside others with wisdom, love, and skill. Call 205-776-5281 with any questions.

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 Openings: Assistant to Director of Women Business Leaders — This role will serve inward administratively and outward in ministry to women through small groups, event planning, social media and grant writing. Visit briarwood.org/employment for complete position description and application information

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, September 1 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the faculty of Birmingham Theological Seminary as they start the fall semester. Praise God for this Seminary as it provides sound biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ's Church.

Monday, September 2 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for North Star Soccer Ministries as they pour into the lives of Birmingham's urban youth. This faith-based soccer club teaches soccer skills and nurtures knowledge and character in a Christ-centered environment. Pray as they build bridges with local businesses and communities to make a lasting impact on the lives of these young people.

Tuesday, September 3 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the new students who have just arrived for university study in Birmingham. Pray that they will make connections with Christians, be moved to visit churches, and for Jesus Christ to captivate their hearts as their Lord and Savior. Also pray for the Christians ministering to them in Birmingham to be Gospel minded, loving, and good listeners.

Wednesday, September 4 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Andres and Monica Acosta with World Reach in Argentina; Ryan and Kelley Akers with CO SERVE in Scotland; Levente and Andrea Albu with CRU in Romania; and Pedro and Priscila Albuquerque with CO SERVE in Brazil.

Thursday, September 5 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Tyler and Courtney Rollason with Campus Outreach in Georgia; Dan and Peggy Ruppel with Mastermedia in California; Vicky Samaritano with Cru in New York; Matthew and Erica Schmidt with Engage 360 Ministries, Inc. in North Carolina; and Urban Hope Community Church.

Friday, September 6 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders Ken Blackmon, Clay Hamblen, Warren Smedley; deacons John Rollins, Scott Summers, Drew Vaughan; and Shepherding Pastor Benny Youngblood and wife, Belinda.

Saturday, September 7 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Mary Sue McClurkin, Jan Scruggs, Jim Phillips, Pat Dortch, and Wendy Long.

We rejoice with Shane and Jessica Davis on the birth of their daughter, Suzanne Olivia, on August 20, grandparents Matt and Michelle Davis, Duane and Nancy Pritchett, great-grandparents Toby and Suzie Potter.

We offer our love and sympathy to Susie, Summer, Michael, Susanna Joy and Matthew Schor and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Anne Stowe, on August 22; to Nathan Ivey and family on the death of his grandmother, Mildred Richards, on August 22; and to Susie, Summer, Michael, Susanna Joy and Matthew Schor and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Charles Lamar 'Chuck' Stowe, on August 26.

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 Gracious Gift of Limitations”

Psalm 131

Pastor Russ Ramsey

Christ Presbyterian Church, Cool Springs, Tennessee

Russ Ramsey is a pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tenn., where he lives with his wife and four children. He grew up in Indiana and studied at Taylor University and Covenant Theological Seminary. Russ is the author of *Rembrandt Is in the Wind: Learning to Love Art through the Eyes of Faith, the Retelling the Story* series, and *Struck: One Christian's Reflections on Encountering Death*.

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Gift of Singleness?”

1 Corinthians 7:6–9, 32–35

Saeyoung Park

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