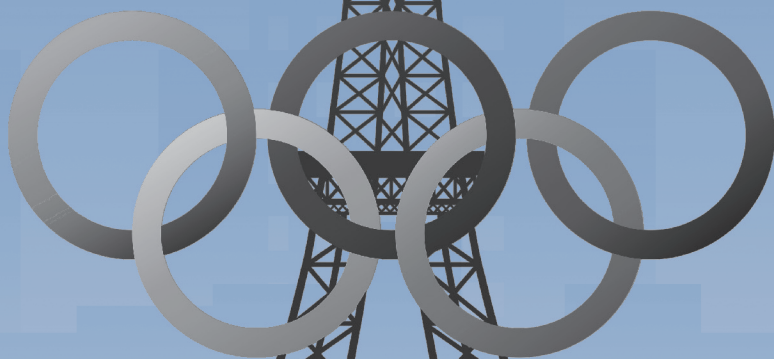


# Women's Fall KICKOFF

August 24, 2024



10 AM – 12 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

REGISTER ONLINE AT [BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN](http://BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN).



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# WOMEN'S FALL KICKOFF

*Ladies, I am sure you are asking what will we do at the Women's Fall Kickoff and why is the Eiffel Tower and Olympic Rings on our flyer for the Women's Fall Kickoff?*

## WHAT WILL WE DO?

The primary focus of the Fall Kickoff is to gather the ladies of Briarwood together for fellowship, food and fun! We will even have some door prizes and a special guest!

## KICKOFF SCHEDULE:

The doors will open right at 9:50 a.m. — we won't open early. Then we will have some scheduled "events" throughout our time together. We will end promptly at noon.

## WHAT IS THE THEME?

Our last Fall Kickoff we did a Mad Hatter's Tea Party Themed gathering. So the Eiffel tower and the Olympic rings lets you know that this year's theme is focused on the Paris Olympics. This just gives direction to how we decorate and the foods that we may have at the event. It also impacts how you are to dress... no we are not making you come dressed as a swimmer or a boxer!

## HOW SHOULD WE DRESS?

Everyone is to dress in a shirt that is the color of one of the Olympic Rings: black, red, yellow, blue, or green. Dress comfortable – this is a very relaxed event. Jeans, shorts, khakis, etc. just make sure you wear one of the colors of the Olympic rings.

## WILL THERE BE FOOD?

We will serve light refreshments. If you are able to help with the finger food then please sign up online. We ask that food be dropped off in containers that can be thrown away. Dollar Tree has excellent one dollar containers. All food items are to be dropped off on Friday, the 23rd by 4:00 pm in the Kitchen serving area. We will refrigerate the cold items. If you would like to volunteer as a server, please sign up online.

## REGISTRATION:

Please plan to attend and invite your friends. We want to end our summer and kick off our fall with a fun time of fellowship together! There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

Nursery is available for those who register ahead of time. Go to [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) to make nursery reservations.



## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Men's Fall Football Kickoff — Men's Ministry | August 14**

Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men and young men are invited to our Men's Football Kickoff Dinner! Come hear how local high school head coaches, Matthew Forester, Robert Evans, and Chris Yeager, model their Christian faith and have success at the highest divisions. Tickets (\$10) online at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cade.smith@lifelinechild.org) with questions.

\* 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

### *A Sheep Remembers*

by David Calhoun | Adult Book

Each of the ten chapters in *A Sheep Remembers* contains a version of the Twenty-third Psalm, followed by commentary on the verse; writings from shepherds that help us to understand sheep and their ways; prayers, quotations, and stories that illustrate the theme; and the author's own personal testimony. This is a striking and profound little volume that will give much spiritual help to readers at all stages in the Christian life. Price: \$10.00

### *Something Scary Happened (Comfort for Children in Hard Times Series)*

by Darby A. Strickland | Children's Book

Miles is a happy little lamb until something bad happens. All of a sudden, Miles feels like he is alone in a deep dark valley, but it is there in the valley that he meets his good Shepherd who promises to always be with him, no matter what. Counselor and trauma expert Darby A. Strickland uses the story of Miles to help parents and caregivers share the comfort of taking their fears to the good Shepherd by applying Psalm 23 to difficult experiences. Through a special section at the end of the book, Strickland helps parents recognize the feelings and behaviors children might have in response to their trauma and guides them in how to help children talk about what scared them. Price: \$12.99

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Persecuted Church Prayer** — Sunday, August 11, at 5:00 p.m. in G-103. All are invited to this time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Bruce & Sonya Stallings Reception** — August 11 after the evening Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor Bruce and Sonya Stallings for their many years of service at Briarwood.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — August 14, 17 and 18. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**Canned Food Drive** — Sunday, August 18. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein. That 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** — 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](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**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. Register at [briarwood.org/fostering](http://briarwood.org/fostering).

**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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/men).

**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](http://bit.ly/wbl-summer-series).

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

**Job Opening: Briarwood International Outreach** — Seeking a Briarwood member for a 25-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and a heart for internationals. Send inquiries and resumes to [hmcDougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcDougall@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: CMMA Administrative Assistant** — Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama is looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant. If you are interested, contact CMMA at 776-5470/5471 or [cmmaadmin@briarwood.org](mailto:cmmaadmin@briarwood.org).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Sunday, August 11 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the teachers as they plan and prepare for the fall Bible studies for our men's and women's ministry. Pray especially for the fellowship time at the upcoming Men's Kickoff on August 14 and at the Women's Kickoff on August 24.

## **Monday, August 12 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Life on Wheels ministry. They use mobile units in the Birmingham, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa area to provide ultrasounds to serve women, save babies and share Jesus. Pray for the women who come to the mobile units to feel safe, supported, and loved.

## **Tuesday, August 13 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for the curriculum details being finalized for the Lampstand mentoring training in Pennsylvania coming up in October. Also pray for the connections that took place between pastors and church leaders at General Assembly as they reach out to learn more about their interest in Briarwood's Lampstand Conference.

## **Wednesday, August 14 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Hugh and Martine Wessel with Mission to the World in France; Mickie West with But God Ministries serving Haiti; Tim and Rosamma Weston with International Students Inc serving Internationals; and R and K with Reaching & Teaching International Ministries serving in the Middle East.

## **Thursday, August 15 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Bob McPherson with Cru in Alabama; Ryan and Megan McVicar with Red Tree Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Kevin and Judith Moore with Mission Increase in Alabama; Tammy Murden with Navigators in Colorado; and Urban Hope Community Church.

## **Friday, August 16 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our Briarwood elders John Bentley, John Goolsby, Mike Sanders; deacons Chase Roberson, Seth Steelman, Tony Wright; and Mercy Ministry Pastor Chris Thompson and wife, Lynn.

## **Saturday, August 17 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Debbie Doriani, Debbi Gazzini, Claudia Hawkins, Merle Howard, Jo Taylor.

We offer our love and sympathy to Michael and Miles Stewart and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Kathryn Stewart, on July 23; to Bob Shaw and family on the death of his stepmother, Margaret Shaw, on July 28; Cathy Craig and family on the death of her mother, Mary Jo Williams, on July 31; and to Jim Ragland and family on the death of his mother, Cloris Ragland Fuchs, on August 4.

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

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:**

“Wounded, Healed”

Psalm 69:1–21

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“In a Manner Worthy”

Ephesians 4

Bruce Stallings

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org).  
Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.