

IMPACT

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We need you to make an IMPACT! IMPACT Birmingham is an incredible opportunity for the Briarwood Church family to go into the surrounding communities and serve alongside its local ministry partners. There are locations all over the city that need your help. We hope you will join us and volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 19

On the morning of October 19, we will be partnering with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, food distribution, and repair projects.

The list of available projects will be posted at briarwood.org/impact.

Upon registration, you will receive more details via email as October 19 approaches, including addresses, recommended attire, and items to bring with you.

This will be an incredible opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ, get exposure to the many ministry opportunities available to us, and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20



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SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Let us help you find the right Sunday School Community for you!

Call us at 205-776-5208 or drop by the Membership Office.

College Community (W-202)	“Parables of Jesus”	Mark Purser
Graduates & Career (M-202)	“The Enemy Within”	Benny Parks
Branches (A-201)	“I Thessalonians”	Benny Youngblood
In One Accord (M-200)	“Hope in Times of Suffering”	Roger Butts
The Oaks (M-111)	“Gospel Multiplication”	Stephen King
Legacy (E-004)	“Galatians”	Dave Lewis
Encounter (E-006)	“Remembering”	Todd Carlisle
Covenant Keepers (E-008)	“Parenting”	Bobby Parks
Family Life (W-203)	“Gospel of Mark”	Norris Anderson
Growing in Grace (E-005)	“Attributes of God”	Glenn Draper
Heritage Builders (FH-B)	“The Life of David”	Olan Stubbs
Sojourners (E-007)	“Missional Living”	Bryan Wintersteen
Growing Together (G-103)	“New Testament Survey”	Rob Genin
Kingdom Seekers (E-003)	“Encounters with Jesus”	Dave Proctor
Next Step (E-010)	“Christ in the Old Testament”	Larkin Delk
Inside Out (FH-C)	“The Attributes of God”	Chuck Powell, Jeff Dunn
REAL Matters (S-201)	“From Womb to Tomb”	Howard Eyrich
Hearts and Homes (A-204)	“Colossians”	Ike Reeder
Discovery (FH-A)	“Christ in the 10 Commandments”	Jim Alexander
Mountain View (A-209)	“The Culture Wars”	Paul Cleveland
Abundant Life (G-101)	“Knowing God”	Mark Travers
Kingdom Builders (FH-D)	“The Attributes of God”	Larry Childs
Deeper Life (Chapel)	“Epistles of John”	Chuck Powell, Stephen Bunn
Homestead (FH-E&F)	“Hang On, Hope is On the Way”	Jay Mathews
Joyful Hearts (A-105)	“Elisha, a Righteous Prophet”	Mark Cushman
Women Impacting the World (A-205)	“Rooted, Established and Loved”	Mike Felton
Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)	“Gospel of John”	Yvonne Welch
International Community (E-218)	“The 10 Commandments”	Joel Richards

Find additional information and class descriptions at briarwood.org/ss.

FEATURED EVENTS

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | Though 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

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.

National Ministries Conference 2024 — Briarwood Missions | October 20 & 21 *

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 to hear our speaker H.B. Charles, Pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. Find additional details at briarwood.org/nmc.

* 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

Behold and Believe: A Bible Study on the “I Am” Statements of Jesus

by Courtney Doctor & Joanna Kimbrel | Women of the Covenant Bible Study

Seeing is believing. If we want to know who Jesus is and why He is important to our lives, we need to take a closer look at what He said about Himself. Jesus describes Himself as the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, and more. His bold words invite us to behold Him—and then to trust Him. Using the “I Am” statements in the Gospel of John, this book demonstrates how to observe, interpret, apply, and reflect on key Bible verses about Jesus’ identity. Weekly prayers, memory verses, brief commentaries, and discussion questions help women to see Jesus, trust Him alone for salvation, and proclaim His goodness to others. Price: \$11.99

The Message of Daniel (The Bible Speaks Today Series)

by Dale Ralph Davis | Women of the Covenant Bible Study

Many have heard the story of Daniel in the lion’s den, but there is much more to the book of Daniel than lions. Interspersed with memorable stories is a complex series of visions that touch on the whole scope of human history. In this *Bible Speaks Today* volume, Dale Ralph Davis explains the background, analyzes the stories and visions, and sifts through interpretative issues. Price: \$15

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Choirs — Beginning this Sunday, 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.

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.

Taste of Briarwood — September 22 in Fellowship Hall E & F following the 10:55 a.m. service. We'd like to invite all visitors to a lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Doriani to meet them and learn more about Briarwood. Contact Patti Claud at pclaud@briarwood.org to make reservations. Nursery will be provided upon request.

Women's Fall Studies — 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.

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.

Adult Ballet Class — Mondays from 9:00–10:30 a.m. This class is for adults 18 and older with open level and meets from September 9 to November 18. Find more information at briarwood.org/balletclasses.

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

Children Wednesday Nights — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 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.

Lay-counseling MidWeek Class — Wednesdays in A201 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Grow as a friend, ministry leader, or potential lay counselor at this class led by Dr. Greg Norfleet to help walk alongside others with wisdom, love, and skill. Call 205-776-5281.

Children's SS Teachers — 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.

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 8 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for our Children's Choir ministry and the volunteers that encourage our children in worshipping God through music. Thank the Lord for the rich blessing of our children and may the music always be close to their hearts when they need it most.

Monday, September 9 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the Shepherds Fold ministry as they equip individuals released from prison. Ask the Lord to show His blessings those going through the six-month transitional program. Pray for them to make a genuine life transformation after leaving prison and to become contributing members of society.

Tuesday, September 10 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for George with One Way Ministries. By using his gifts of technology, George reaches people in the middle east with online resources to connect them with local missionaries who can share Christ in closed countries. Pray for their lives and souls and for the protection of the secret believers that he is reaching in his ministry.

Wednesday, September 11 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Kristin Aldridge with CO SERVE in New Zealand; Bethany Joy Alms with Mission to the World in Nicaragua; Gary and Robin Alward with CO SERVE serving Internationally; and Imad Aubrey with Horizon's International in the Middle East.

Thursday, September 12 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for George and Jill Shamblin with Center for Executive Leadership in Alabama; John and Jan Sherard with Cru in South Carolina; Larry and Rita Sherbondy with Navigators in Pennsylvania; David Sorrell with Engage 360 Ministries in Missouri; and The Aspire Movement.

Friday, September 13 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders Jim Bradford, Louie Haynes, Albert Smith; deacons Mark Rose, Charles Terry, Marvin Keffer; and Special Connections Director Michael Johnson and wife, Amanda.

Saturday, September 14 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Jan Scruggs.

Pray for those in our church family who are homebound. May the Lord ease their loneliness. Ask the Him to give them peace, comfort and blessings that give them joy throughout their day. Pray also for their families and caregivers who help to take care of their daily needs.

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Matthew 28:5-8

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“The Gospel: Free, but Costly”

Luke 14:15–33

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 Great Banquet and will challenge us with many questions including, “Which part of Luke 14 do you need more, the free offer of the gospel and the Lord's banquet, or the call to give up everything for the Lord, whom we love and follow?” and “What does this parable require believers to do? Does it stir a commitment to any goal?”

Sunday Evening Worship:

"Biblical Theology of Technology"

Dr. Dan Doriani

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