

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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IN CHRIST

A BRIARWOOD CHRISTMAS

FEATURING

THE BRIARWOOD SANCTUARY CHOIR
AND THE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

AND GUESTS

THE BIRMINGHAM BOYS CONCERT CHOIR
AND THE BRIARWOOD BALLET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 6:00 P.M.



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BTS SPRING 2025 SEMESTER

LIVE CLASSES AT BRIARWOOD:

Theology of Public Worship	Dr. John Haines
New Testament Studies II (Pauline Epistles)	Dr. Matt Aernie
Beginning Greek II	Dr. Matt Aernie
Biblical Approach to Addictions	Dr. Howard Eyrich
Biblical Marriage & Family Counseling	Dr. Eyrich & Dr. Blackmon
Leadership Development & Deployment	Dr. Jay Haley
Special Topics in Public Theology: Work	Dr. Dan Doriani
Church History in America	Dr. E.J. Waldron
Counseling in the Local Church II	Dr. Greg Norfleet
Ministry of the Word II (Art of Preaching)	Prof. Jackie Gaston
Introduction to Theological Research & Writing	Dr. Amy Boe
Comparative Religions	Dr. Amy Boe

VIDEO CONFERENCE CLASSES:

Reformation & Modern Church History	Dr. Ben Birdsong
Introduction to Theological Research & Writing	Dr. Pat Sanders
Advanced Biblical Counseling	Dr. Andy Wisner
Apologetics & the Bible	Dr. Vic Minish
Old Testament Studies IV (Prophetic Literature)	Dr. Jud Davis
Conflict Resolution in the Church	Dr. Lombo Lombo
Beginning Greek II	Dr. Pat Sanders
Systematic Theology V (Ecclesiology)	Prof. Derrick Brite
Westminster Confession of Faith	Dr. Reed DePace
Beginning Hebrew II	Dr. Jud Davis
Hermeneutics	Dr. Thad James
Ethics	Prof. Jason Dollar
Old Testament Studies III (Wisdom Literature)	Prof. Kuna Griggs
Systematic Theology II (Anthropology)	Dr. Roy McDaniel
New Testament Studies II (Pauline Epistles)	Rev. Mike Jones

INTENSIVES:

Church Vitality (Lampstand Conference)	Prof. Ike Reeder
Biblical Counseling: Sexuality and Gender	Dr. Cheryl Blackmon
Systematic Theology III (Christology)	Dr. Jeff Lowman

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY:

Counseling Methodologies: Caring & Curing of Souls	Dr. Eyrich & Dr. Blackmon
Biblical Counseling & Human Physiology/Psychopathology	Dr. Mark Horne
Church Vitality and Planting (Lampstand Conference)	Dr. Tom Hawkes
Church Revitalization (Lampstand)	Dr. Brian Cosby
Contemporary Church Planting	Dr. Hunter Brewer
Biblical Counseling Practicum & Capstone Project	Dr. Mark Horne
D.Min. Dissertation	Dr. Roy McDaniel
Cultural Development & Culture Studies	Prof. Darin Stone

Spring Semester: January 21 – April 18

Drop/Add Period ends: January 31 • Spring Break: February 24–28

Lampstand Conference: January 23–26

Learn more about BTS or sign up for classes at bts.edu.

FEATURED EVENTS

“O, Come Let Us Adore Him” — The Briarwood Ballet | December 8 *

Celebrate the Advent season with the Briarwood Ballet as they lead us in worship with their presentation on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free. Learn more at briarwood.org/ballet.

Walk Through Nativity — Church Wide Event | December 11–13

Relive the Jesus life by visiting 12 biblical scenes with narrated drama using live actors and animals on the nights of December 11, 12 and 13 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. This event is completely free and open to the public. Over 700 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year's Walk Through. Sign up online at briarwood.org/nativity or call 205-776-5282.

“Hallelujah! Hope in Christ” — Briarwood Christmas Festival | December 15 *

Experience the joys of Christmas through musical and artistic presentations from the Briarwood Sanctuary Choir and the Festival Orchestra with guests, the Birmingham Boys Choir and The Briarwood Ballet in the Worship Center at 6:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Christmas Eve Services — Evening Worship | December 24 *

Join us for Family Candlelight Services at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. At 11:00 p.m. we will partake in the Lord's Supper with a Candlelight Communion Service.

The Lampstand Birmingham Conference — Church Revitalization | January 23–26

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. Find details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Christmas Matters: How the Birth of Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day

by Anna Nash & Katy Shelton | Adult Book

Because of busy lives or current struggles, many might find it difficult to focus on the birth of our Savior during the upcoming holidays. But despite circumstances, you can still experience the hope, comfort, and promises of Jesus this Christmas. This book's chapters parallel to the 24 chapters in the Gospel of Luke. Focus this holiday season not only on Jesus' birth but also on His life, His death, and His resurrection. Celebrate His birth as you rejoice in His resurrection. Price: \$11.99

The Crippled Lamb

by Max Lucado | Children's Book

The Crippled Lamb follows the story of Joshua, a lamb with a crippled leg, who feels left out because he can't run and play like the other lambs. But God has a special plan for Joshua's life, as He does for all who feel alone. Readers will feel a gentle tug on their hearts as the little lamb's prayers are answered in an amazing way on Christmas Day. Price: \$10.99

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

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, December 8 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray the Lord will bless the people in our community who will receive food brought to the church for the Mercy Ministry's Food Drive. Thank Him for those who generously gave to help with this need.

Praise the Lord for productive meetings and unity among the Pulpit Search Committee. Continue praying for the man who will be our next Senior Pastor.

Monday, December 9 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the Shepherds Fold Ministry as they equip individuals released from prison physically, mentally, and spiritually. Pray for the men in the six-month program to experience true transformation, receive community support, and access the resources needed to successfully reintegrate into society.

Tuesday, December 10 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the 2025 Lampstand Conference being held at Briarwood January 23–26. Pray for the preparations, the volunteers needed, and that many registrations will continue to be made. Pray especially for the speakers who will give presentations during the conference regarding church health and vitality.

Wednesday, December 11 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Steve and Lindsay Discher with Campus Outreach SERVE in the Philippines; Ngwane and Ncamile Dlamini with World Reach in Eswatini; Jeff and Amy Dowdy with Campus Outreach SERVE in Brazil; and Maged with UFM Worldwide in France.

Thursday, December 12 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Chris and Mary Granberry with Sacred Road Ministry in Washington; Mack and Chris Griffith with Mission to North America in Alabama; Luke and Kristen Hembree with Campus Outreach in Mississippi; Daniel and Courtney Hightower with Reformed University Fellowship at Jacksonville State; and the Christian Service Mission.

Friday, December 13 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Bruce Evans Sr., Keith Miller, Don Murphy Jr.; deacons Chris Blazer, Ken Gables, Colin McCown; and Shepherding Pastor Bob McGregor and his wife, Courtney, ESL/Friendship Partner Director.

Saturday, December 14 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Mike Forester, Robert Pugh, Lolly Wilson, Brian O'Brien

Our love and sympathy to Eric, Cal, Luke, Grey and Livi Reebals and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Fred Whaley Reebals Jr. on November 30.

Dear Father of comfort, make us mindful of those who are lonely during the holidays, especially those who have lost loved ones. Move Your people to reach out to them with Your love. Make them certain of Your presence and faithfulness to them. May they be comforted and know Your joy.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Second Sunday of Advent

“God’s Gifts: Adoption as Children of God”

Romans 8:12-17

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

Briarwood Ballet presents “O, Come Let Us Adore Him”

Celebrate the Advent season with the Briarwood Ballet as they lead us in worship at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free.

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

Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.