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BRIARWOOD VBS 2025

JUNE 2-6 • 9-NOON

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

There are three weeks in the life of our church where I am reminded why I love Briarwood so much—Walk Through Nativity, Global Ministry Conference, and Vacation Bible School. I'm sure there are other wonderful weeks but for me personally, these are the BIG THREE, and I believe every member should try and take part in each of these in some way each year.

One of these, Vacation Bible School, is fast approaching, and I would like to encourage you to find a way to be a part of the fun. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, or a friend. You can sign them up at briarwood.org/vbs. VBS is a big, fun, week-long celebration, and I know it will be a great way to kick off a fun filled summer at Briarwood. This year, we will be UNDER CONSTRUCTION and learning all about Nehemiah.

Our VBS mission project will fund a new Mustard Seed house at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, which provides housing for families who have a relative under care in the hospital.

Volunteering and Prayer

We also need help! There are multiple ways to contribute to VBS. We need volunteers who can help with greeting, registration, offering counting, crafts, classroom shepherding, praying, and decorations. We will also need 100 teen helpers. The needs are endless and it takes around 250 adults to pull this off each year. In a culture where it is becoming increasingly harder to recruit volunteers, thank you to those who have already signed up to serve this important ministry. If you haven't signed up yet, come join the fun. I promise you won't regret it! There is nothing better than being part of the spiritual growth of our children. I may be the one planning VBS, but the volunteers are the ones who pull it off year after year.

Please pray for Vacation Bible School—for the final preparations, the weather, stamina for our volunteers, and safety for all attending. More importantly, would you pray that the children and adults attending would grow in their faith and that the Lord would be glorified through this week? I can't wait to see what He will accomplish during one of my favorite weeks of the year!

Registration Information

Visit briarwood.org/vbs to register, order t-shirts, or for teen helper sign-ups. Email Raleigh Macoy to help at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Fun Fact: You do not have to have a child attending to help; between 60–70% of volunteers don't have a child participating!

– Raleigh Macoy, Children's Sunday School / VBS Director

CHURCH RESOURCES

Holy Week 2025 Sermons & Messages — Did you miss any of Briarwood's Holy Week sermons or messages? Watch or listen on the Briarwood App. On the App, go to: Media – Special Media Archive – Holy Week 2025.

FEATURED EVENTS

Spring Music Concert — Evening Worship | May 4

Join us for “Hope in Christ!” on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This musical offering of worship will feature inspiring works from Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” along with scriptures, anthems, and hymns all centered on the Gospel Message.

Men’s Masterclass Saturday — Men of the Covenant | May 17

Come fellowship and learn a hobby on Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is required but the event is free for men of all ages. Dads, bring your sons! See the list of activities and register online at briarwood.org/men.

VBS 2025 — K5 – 6th Graders | June 2–6

Vacation Bible School will be June 2–6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Register your child or sign up as a volunteer online at briarwood.org/vbs.

Super Summer 2025 — Children’s Ministry | June 9 – July 31

Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

* 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 Death of the Deadly Sins: Embracing the Virtues That Transform Lives

edited by Daniel M. Doriani | Adult Book

Pride. Greed. Anger. Envy. Sloth. Gluttony. Lust. These sins have endured since the beginning, but they do not need to endure in a believer’s life. This book explores their counterpoint virtues—showing how we can drive out vice with Christlikeness as we learn to increasingly desire, discern, and practice what is good. “This compelling book features a distinguished cast of authors, men and women, digging deeply into human sin and God’s remedies. The theme is not rebuke but restoration. The tone is not punitive but positive. Designed for either personal or small-group study, the book draws on sages and especially Scripture through the centuries to serve up heartening fare that will nourish the drive to do what we say that we believe to be right. Savor these studies in virtue for a boost in overcoming your internal vices with God’s life-changing good.” –Robert W. Yarbrough, Professor of New Testament, Covenant Theological Seminary. Price: \$13.99

Wherever You Go, I Want You To Know

by Melissa Kruger | Children’s Book

Use this beautiful rhyming storybook to tell your children your biggest dream for their potential and aspirations—that whatever they do and wherever they go, they will love and follow Jesus through life’s journey. Keepsake Edition Price: \$14.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Trailblazers Tour — Wednesday May 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Barber Motorsports. Join us to tour Barber Gardens with lunch to follow at Saw's Grand River BBQ following the tour (on your own). Free but space is limited! Register at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Briarwood Ballet presents: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — May 10 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and May 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium at Briarwood Christian High School. Come join us in the magical land of Narnia as the Briarwood Ballet brings this timeless tale to life! Tickets are available at briarwood.org/ballet.

Briarwood Soccer Club Tryouts — Tryouts for ages 12–18 will be May 12–14. Tryouts for ages 10–11 will be May 19–21. Register and find information at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

Graduate Information Needed — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form at briarwood.org/seniors.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg) for May Mission Trips. Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Email cmmaadmin@briarwood.org with any questions.

Summer Soccer Camp — June 9–13. All players ages 7–14 are welcome. Cost is \$140. Register and find details at briarwoodsoccer.com or call 205-776-5114.

Briarwood Audio / Video Team — Worship God and serve in the church by contributing your talents to the Sunday AV Team. Tasks include running worship slides, operating live-stream cameras, and more. Volunteer and paid positions are available. If you are interested, email lmckee@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/mediateam.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need 75 more adult volunteers and 55 more teen helpers! Email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at sstewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Pickleball — Tuesdays and 2nd/4th Thursdays from 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Join us for open play. We have extra paddles if you don't have one. No sign up needed.

Job Opening: Young Couples Pastor — Seeking a pastor for our Young Couples Ministry. Candidate must have leadership skills, shepherding gifts and management skills as well as PCA ordained or ordainable. Send resume to pclaud@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5282.

Job Opening: AV / Media Specialist — Full-time position to support the Briarwood AV Department. Audio mixing and production experience is required. Send your resume to Landon McKee at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Church Administrator — Briarwood is seeking a full-time Church Administrator who will oversee all financial, operational, and personnel matters affecting the church, staff, and members. If interested, send your resume to lreese@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, May 4 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is clearly heard at tonight's Spring Worship Concert "Hope in our Risen Lord." Give thanks for all who are in the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra who will lead us in worship.

Praise the Lord for His steadfast love toward our church! Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they seek God's presence and continued direction. (Psalm 26:3)

Monday, May 5 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Praise the Lord for the more than 300 members who faithfully served our ministry partners through IMPACT Birmingham. Pray that the Lord will guide them to continue engaging with these ministries throughout the year, sharing Christ's love and bringing hope and transformation to Birmingham.

Tuesday, May 6 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the women's ministry team traveling to Athens, Greece May 2-10. They will primarily work with the House Damaris, a safe house for women and children founded by Argyris and Dina Petrou. They will also assist and encourage our other ministry partners and church planters: Mark and Anastasia Petrou, Eric and Hara Petrou, and George and Phaedra Tolia.

Wednesday, May 7 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Jorum and Evah Mugari with Mission to the World in Zimbabwe; David and Nakandi Mugume with 18:26 Network in Uganda; Victor and Nosizo Nakah with Mission to the World in South Africa; and Ty and Ginna Nash with Mission to the World in Thailand.

Thursday, May 8 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Debbie Friley with Navigators in Florida; Tom and Linda Fritz with Cru in Georgia; Chris and Kristin Gadsden with Cru in Missouri; Rob and Carla Genin with Young Business Leaders in Alabama; and Birmingham Urban Young Life.

Friday, May 9 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Mike Sanders; Louie Haynes; Mike Mungenast; deacons Matt Heard, Chris Hyche, Philip Holcombe; and Church Administrator Matt Moore and his wife, Tammy.

Saturday, May 10 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Linda Cobb, Steve Greenall, Mary Jo Hand, Austin Johnson, Don Weaver.

Our love and sympathy to Steven Ballenger and family on the death of his mother, Phyllis Holland, on April 28.

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness. Psalm 26:3

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Love Fulfills the Law”

Romans 13:8–14

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

Spring Music Concert

“Hope in Christ!”

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