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BTS SUMMER 2025 SEMESTER

LIVE BIRMINGHAM CLASSES:

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Critical Studies in Church History: Tim Keller	Dr. Ben Birdsong
Latin	Dr. Kirk Summers
Advanced Greek I (Exegesis)	Dr. Pat Sanders
Epistemology & Pedagogy	Dr. Cheryl Blackmon
Biblical Counseling & the Law	Dr. Howard Eyrich
Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life	Prof. Brandon Knight
Introduction to Theological Research & Writing	Dr. Amy Boe
Principles of Discipleship	Dr. Amy Boe
Advanced Hebrew I (Exegesis)	Dr. Jud Davis
Cross-Cultural Communication	Dr. Thad James
Biblical Premarital Counseling	Dr. Howard Eyrich

BIRMINGHAM INTENSIVES:

Introduction to Covenant Theology	Dr. Harrison Perkins
Advanced Marriage & Family Counseling	Dr. Andy Wisner
Christian Philosophy of Education	Dr. Cheryl Blackmon
New Testament Studies III	Rev. Mike Jones
Techniques of Church Planting	Dr. Paul Long, Jr.
Biblical Views on Justice in Society	Krista Bontrager
Christ & Culture	Ike Reeder
Systematic Theology VI (Eschatology)	Dr. Jeff Lowman
Introduction to Philosophy & Critical Thinking	Dr. Vic Minish
Critical Studies in Missions: Jesus & Islam	Dr. Amy Boe
Ministry to Children, Youth, & Families	Dr. Ben Birdsong

Summer Semester: Tuesday, May 27 – Friday, August 15

Drop/Add Period ends: Friday, June 6

No Classes July 4th

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Please email emily@bts.education if you have questions about classes.**

FEATURED EVENTS

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 are available for \$10. Register your child or purchase a shirt 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

Do Not Be True to Yourself: Countercultural Advice for the Rest of Your Life

by Kevin DeYoung | Graduation Book Recommendation

Kevin DeYoung delivers a motivational, biblical call to young people: serve God faithfully and, if necessary, counterculturally in the next season of life. *Do Not Be True to Yourself* includes practical advice for cultivating a Christ-centered worldview in every area of adult life, including relationships, work, church participation, and spiritual growth. This book makes a great graduation gift for both high school and college students. Price: \$6.99

Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know

by Melissa Kruger | Children's Graduation Book Recommendation

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

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 Christ-likeness as we learn to increasingly desire, discern, and practice what is good. In this book, Daniel Doriani, Michael Kruger, Jen Pollock Michel, and others explore biblical teaching on godly character and the practices and means of grace that promote virtue. Price: \$13.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

VBS Prep Day — Tuesday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall F. VBS volunteers, drop-in to pick up your t-shirt, manual, yard sign, and other VBS information.

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.

VBS Volunteers Needed — We need 25 more adult volunteers (classroom shepherds, greeters, floaters, and prayer team) and 40 more teen helpers! Email [Raleigh Macoy](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) at rmacoy@briarwood.org. Nursery classroom shepherds are also needed. Contact Sarah at ssewart@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214.

Camp Briarwood Summer Employment — Camp Briarwood 2025 counselor applications are available at campbriarwood.org.

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.

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 signup needed.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Job Opening: Maintenance/Custodial Manager — Candidate should possess strong knowledge in organization, HVAC, electrical, and carpentry. This position is full-time salaried with benefits. Contact Steve Goebel at 205-776-5230 or sgoebel@briarwood.org.

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 11 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of mothers and their love, guidance, and care. Pray for wisdom as they raise their children to love Him and to seek His heart. May the Lord bless them with the strength to face the challenges of motherhood and the joy of knowing that You are always with them.

Pray for the man and his family whom God has called to shepherd our church. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee as they trust God for guidance and wisdom. (Psalm 26:12)

Monday, May 12 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for North Star Soccer Ministries as they serve Birmingham's urban youth. This Christ-centered program teaches soccer skills while promoting personal growth and character development. Learn more or get involved at northstarsoccerministries.com.

Tuesday, May 13 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for relationships with international students to continue even as some will graduate and move back to their home countries or others get jobs in other cities. May these friendships continue despite distance. Pray for gospel opportunities to occur and for God to draw many to Himself through Friendship Partner relationships and One-on-One Bible Reading.

Wednesday, May 14 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Sashko and Ania Nezamutdinov with Mission to the World in Poland; Gregg and Julie Nicholson with United World Mission in Thailand; Bill and Cheryl Nikides with Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship serving internationals; and Kirk and Anna Norris with RUF serving internationals.

Thursday, May 15 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Jennifer and Todd Gerelds with Love Life in Alabama; John and Cindy Gibbons with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama; Chris and Mary Granberry with Sacred Road Ministry in Washington State; Mack and Chris Griffith with Mission to North America in Alabama; and Christian Service Mission.

Friday, May 16 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Ed Stakes, Gene Head, Jr., Don Murphy; deacons Fred Holladay, Nathan Ivey, Bryan Huffstutler; and Director of Counseling Greg Norfleet and his wife, Cindy.

Saturday, May 17 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Bruce Parsons, Bill Feist, Jo Taylor, Mary Jo Hand, Austin Johnson, Sharon Huffstutler, Paul Bankston, Jean Chase, Sharon Head.

Our love and sympathy to Debbie, Drew and Jared Plyler on the death of their mother and grandmother, Catherine Sandy, on April 29; to Phyllis Weaver and family on the death of her husband, member Don Weaver, on May 3; and to family and friends of member Carol Graves on her death on May 5.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Getting Along with Everyone without Going Along with Everything”

Romans 14:1–12

Dr. Dan Doriani

During the Greeting of Grace and Peace, men and boys will be asked
to come forward for the Mother's Day Chorus.

Sunday Evening Worship:

"The Words of a Wise Woman"

1 Samuel 25

Dr. Dan Doriani

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