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BTS is committed to biblical inerrancy, historic reformed theology, and protestant confessionalism. The Bible is our only rule of faith and practice, and all our classes are taught with biblical fidelity.

LIVE BIRMINGHAM CLASSES:

Theology of Public Worship	Dr. John Haines
Special Topics in Church History: Calvin's Institutes	Dr. Kirk Summers
Beginning Greek I	Prof. Bruce Horsley
Beginning Hebrew I	Prof. Bill Stroup
Ministry of the Word I (Models of Preaching)	Prof. Jackie Gaston
Systematic Theology IV (Soteriology)	Dr. Jay Haley
Introduction to Biblical Counseling	Drs. Eyrych & Blackmon
Counseling in the Local Church I	Dr. Greg Norfleet
Hermeneutics	Dr. Thad James
Introduction to Theological Research & Writing	Dr. Amy Boe
Biblical Theology of Missions	Dr. Amy Boe

VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Advanced Greek II (Gospel of John)	Dr. Pat Sanders
Early & Medieval Church History	Dr. Ben Birdsong
Biblical Counseling: Anthropology & Theory	Dr. Cheryl Blackmon
Introduction to Theological Research & Writing	Dr. Pat Sanders
Baptist Church History	Dr. Ben Birdsong
Presbyterian Church History	Dr. Jeff McDonald
Introduction to Covenant Theology	Dr. Reed DePace
Systematic Theology I (Theology Proper - God)	Dr. Roy McDaniel
Greek Textual Criticism	Dr. Pat Sanders
Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life	Dr. Bob Smart
Beginning Greek I	Dr. Pat Sanders
Beginning Hebrew I	Dr. Jud Davis
Old Testament Studies III (Wisdom)	TBD
Introduction to Apologetics	Dr. Vic Minish
Westminster Confession of Faith	Prof. Derrick Brite
Theology & Practice of Administration	TBD

BIRMINGHAM INTENSIVES:

New Testament Studies I (Gospels - Acts)	Rev. Mike Jones
Biblical Counseling: Sexuality & Gender	Dr. Chesley Kalehoff
Biblical Views on Justice in Society	Dr. Krista Bontrager and Monique Duson

Interested in Taking a Course?

Fall Semester: September 2 – December 12

As part of a diverse community of learners, you will be taught courses by pastor/professors that are academically excellent, biblically faithful, and ministry-oriented, equipping you for a life of ministry and humble leadership in Christ.

**Learn more about BTS or sign up for classes at bts.education.
Please email emily@bts.education if you have questions about classes.**

FEATURED EVENTS

Impact Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 1–3

9th–12th grade students, join us for our annual Impact Weekend, a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. This year, Ike Reeder will be our featured speaker on the topic of Authentic Fellowship and Will Carlisle will be leading worship. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Register online at briarwood.org/impactweekend.

Installation Service for Dr. Redd — Evening Worship Service | August 10

Come celebrate this new chapter in our church's life on Sunday, August 10 during the evening worship service. This will be a encouraging time of worship, celebration, and fellowship as we welcome the Redds into the Briarwood family.

* 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 Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert

by Rosaria Butterfield | Adult Biography

Have you ever wondered about Rosaria's conversion story? By the standards of our culture today, she was living a very good life. She had a tenured position at a large university in a field for which she cared deeply. She owned two homes with her partner, in which they provided hospitality to students and activists who were looking to make a difference in the world. In the community, Rosaria was involved in volunteer work. At the university, she was a respected advisor of students and her department's curriculum. Then, in her late 30s, Rosaria encountered something that turned her world upside down—the idea that Christianity, a religion that she had regarded as problematic and sometimes downright damaging, might be right about who God is, an idea that flew in the face of the people and causes that she most loved. What follows is a story of what she describes as a “train wreck” at the hand of the supernatural. These are her secret thoughts about those events, written as only a reflective English professor could. Price: \$15.00

Body Image: Valuing God's Good Gift

by Andrea Lee | Teen 31-Day Devotional

In this imperfect world, even good gifts—like your body!—come with major challenges. Whether you're struggling with shame, wrestling with questions about diet and exercise, or simply wondering what it means to live a God-honoring life in a female body, the Bible is filled with beautiful truths to help and encourage you. Andrea Lee writes as one who understands the pain of body-image struggles—and as one who can point you to the deep hope of the gospel. Two-page devotional readings, accompanied by prayers and reflection questions, will help you appreciate God's amazing design for you. Price: \$10.99

Featured books are available in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/bookstore.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

YBL Summer Series #3 — August 5 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Hear from Executive Director of Campus Outreach, Olan Stubbs, as he teaches on developing people both vocationally and spiritually. Register online at ybl.org.

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, August 17. 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.

Trailblazer's Lunch — August 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear meteorologist Jason Simpson speak on "Jesus Calming the Storm". Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Registration is now open for rising 4th through 6th graders. This nine-month class requires weekly homework and memorizing. Space is limited to 20 participants. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to register.

Briarwood Fall Soccer — Registration is now open for all boys and girls 5–15 years old. Call 205-776-5114, email soccer@briarwood.org, or go to briarwoodsoccer.com.

Sunday Greeters Needed — If you are looking for a way to serve our church, we would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages can participate! You can serve individually or as a family. Contact Allison Barton at abarton@briarwood.org to volunteer.

ESL Volunteers Needed — Do you have a passion for internationals? Do you speak English? Then you would make a great addition to our ESL ministry! All necessary training will be provided. Contact cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

Central Texas Flood Relief — In the wake of the devastating floods in Kerr County, we have an opportunity to come alongside those in need. First and foremost, please pray for those affected. Secondly, you can donate at ccpktx.org/kerr-county-flood-relief.

Children's Sunday School Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2025–26 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: 2nd Shift Custodian — Full-time position available for 2nd shift custodian who will work 1:30–10:00 p.m. with somewhat flexible hours. Health insurance and possibility of overtime is available. If interested, email brobinson@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: Grounds Manager — Briarwood is seeking a grounds manager for their property. Must be familiar with irrigation repair, lawn equipment, and some backhoe experience. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve at sgoebel@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, July 27 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Lord, give us Your heart for others. Help us see those who need an encouraging word. Give us strength to die to ourselves and to actively build others up in Christ. “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Monday, July 28 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Briarwood’s Adoption Connection and Fostering Hope as they support families on the adoption journey. Pray for one family completing the adoption of their foster children, and praise God for another who just adopted. Ask God to raise up more families to foster or adopt.

Tuesday, July 29 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for our ministry partners who serve in Iraq, Maher and Sahar, Salam and Mouna, and Saad and Maral. During this unsettling time of war in surrounding countries, pray for God’s power to intervene and protect His children. Pray for renewed strength as they continue to mentor and train new disciples to serve the Lord Jesus in their difficult circumstances. The flag of Iraq will be featured this Sunday.

Wednesday, July 30 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for David and Marilyn Simmons with South America Mission in Peru, Tim and Theresa with East West Ministries serving in the Middle East, Kana Singhapal with Campus Outreach SERVE in Thailand, and Alex and Kelley Sisson with To Every Tribe in Papua New Guinea.

Thursday, July 31 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Dan and Lucy Allison with Globeworks International Ministries in Alabama, Latasha Allston with RUF in Washington DC, Carroll Baker with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in South Carolina, Jack and Amy Baker with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama.

Friday, August 1 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders John Donaldson, Ken Blackmon, Al Craig; deacons Mason Murphy, Frank Price, Wes Schaeffer; and HR Coordinator Kim Vice and her husband Ethan.

Saturday, August 2 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Jean Cannon, Roy Costner, Ellen Fox, Larry Gazzini, LaTrelle Grayson, Margaret McCook, Tony Olmedo, Amy Warren, Nono Whitten, and Pat Gordon.

Our love and sympathy to Paul, Andrew, Amanda and Mike Cizek on the death of their mother and grandmother, Eunice Cizek, on July 19; and to the family of member John Lathram on his death on July 19.

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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:

“The Truest Love Story of All”

1 John 4:7–21

Rev. Rob Looper, National & Revitalization Pastor

Sunday Evening Worship:

“A Crescendo of Praise”

Psalm 103

Rev. Jim Alexander, Pastoral Care

Watch our live-stream on ROKU, Apple TV, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org.
Catch up with previous sermons and series on the Briarwood App.