

# BRIARWOOD



## MINISTRY

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**Psalm 145:4**



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# NURSERY MINISTRY

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## More Than Childcare

The nursery takes great joy in providing excellent care to the children you entrust us with. We hope that through our ministry, you are freed up to attend and fully engage in our worship services, events, and Bible studies. We value the safety and physical wellbeing of your children while you are worshipping— *but that's only the beginning of our care.*

Even from the earliest of days, we prioritize your child's soul. Studies show that children's brains can grow faster and learn more when they're in a safe and nurturing environment. Through tenderly meeting physical needs, your children are able to better absorb God's Word and begin to be formed by it. It's never too early to start teaching your children the Truth! The spiritual health of your children is a major focus of the Nursery Ministry where we:

Sing God's Word  
Hear God's Word  
Pray God's Word

We aim to lay the foundations for your children to worship God through spending quality time singing worship songs, enjoying a Bible lesson, and praying Scripture.

## Generational Impact

One of the central verses we focus on in the nursery is Psalm 145:4;

*"One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts."*

We believe it's our responsibility to tell the younger generations of God's great works in hopes that they will come to saving faith through Jesus Christ. God uses every age and stage to proclaim His name and we need all of them. The older generations bring wisdom and seasoned life experience while younger generations bring energy and youthful joy, and both are so important.

## Did You Know?

Not only do we minister to children on Sundays, but we also care for children during church events upon request, and have drop-in childcare throughout the week for members. We would love to partner with you to minister to your children all week long.

## Not Gifted in Nursery Ministry? No Problem.

There are many creative ways to serve the Nursery Ministry. You don't have to be a teacher or even be gifted in taking care of children. We also need volunteers to:

1. Pray for the children, parents and staff,
2. Bring breakfast for the staff and volunteers,
3. Sing or bring a musical instrument to lead children in praise songs,
4. Donate plastic grocery bags you have stored in a closet,
5. Help at the Nursery Welcome Desk,
6. Serve on the Nursery Committee.

Whatever your gifts are, we would love for you to volunteer with the Nursery Ministry!

*For more information, visit [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).*

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 18 \***

On the morning of October 18, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This day of service will kick off our Local and National Ministries Conference as we seek to IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Register for projects at [briarwood.org/impact](http://briarwood.org/impact).

### **Local & National Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | October 19–20 \***

Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 to hear from guest speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National ministry partners during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details and see how you can volunteer to help during this conference at [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

\* Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### ***Real Change: Becoming More Like Jesus in Everyday Life***

**by Andrew Nicholls & Helen Thorne | MidWeek Recommendation**

Every honest Christian knows the need for change. But how to get there? How do you move forward from struggles both big and small with your faith? This small group resource gives Christians an opportunity to apply a biblical view of change to their lives and relationships and learn more about how God changes us to become more like Jesus. The change that His Gospel produces will make your life and your relationships truly beautiful. Nicholls and Thorne's book is based on the CCEF model of change from David Powlison's course, *Dynamics of Biblical Change*. This easy-to-use six-lesson format, and included leader's guide, guides Christians toward an honest discussion of their own struggles while providing an understanding of how a relationship with Jesus Christ brings change. Price: \$9.99

### ***Ethan's Challenge: A Family Story of Paul's First Missionary Journey***

**by Arnold Ytreeide | Children's Book**

Thirteen-year-old Ethan is happiest when he's hiding between sacks of grain in his mother's storeroom. There, he's safe from the world and doesn't have to be brave or clever like his grandfather Jotham or his father Amon. But with his famous relatives, Ethan seems destined—or maybe doomed—for adventure. Before long, Ethan is hundreds of miles from home on a journey with the most famous Christian missionary, running from an angry mob wielding clubs and axes and wanting to kill them. As a reluctant Ethan travels with Paul, Barnabas, and Mark, he begins to learn the importance of courage in the face of trials and of sharing the good news of Jesus. Readers of all ages will enjoy the real events and places of Acts 13–15 from the relatable perspective of thirteen-year-old Ethan, who is the descendant of the beloved characters from Arnold Ytreeide's hugely popular Christmas and Easter series. Price: \$16.87 (currently in stock!)

Featured books are available in the Bookstore or online at [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Become a Briarwood Member** — September 24, 27 and 28. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**WBL Faith & Work Luncheon** — Wednesday, September 24. Join Women Business Leaders for their annual Faith & Work Luncheon featuring speaker, Joanna Meyer of the Denver Institute for Faith & Work. Register online at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**WBL Event for Single Women** — Wednesday, September 24, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. featuring a special Q&A session with the author of *Women, Work and Calling* and Director of the Denver Faith and Work Institute, Joanna Meyer. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**Trailblazers Tailgate Lunch** — Friday, October 17 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Wings and drinks provided. Register online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Youth Communicants Class** — This September & October we will have a class for teens who are ready to become members of Briarwood. Please pray and discuss with your teenager. Email Jay Shaw at [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org) if interested.

**Children's Choirs** — 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.

**Women's Fall Studies** — Women, pick from classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics and information at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Men's Fall Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Join us for dinner, classes and activities for the entire family each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find additional information at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**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](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org) for more information.

**Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant** — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to [sblahnik@briarwood.org](mailto:sblahnik@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: CMMA Administrative Assistant** — The ideal candidate will be proactive, organized, adept at managing multiple tasks, and have a ministry mindset with great communication skills. Send resumes to [mday@briarwood.org](mailto:mday@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: Grounds Manager** — Must be familiar with irrigation repair and lawn equipment. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve at [sgoebel@briarwood.org](mailto: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](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Sunday, September 21 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the faculty of Birmingham Theological Seminary as they teach this fall semester. Praise God for this seminary as it provides sound biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ's Church.

## **Monday, September 22 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for Sav-A-Life Vestavia as they work to end abortion by supporting women and transforming lives through free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, prenatal care, and parenting programs. Pray that God will provide the 45 volunteers needed each week to fulfill their mission.

## **Tuesday, September 23 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for Blanket Fort Hope, a local ministry serving child survivors of human trafficking. Pray for God's guidance as they provide housing, trauma care, counseling, education, and the hope found in Christ.

## **Wednesday, September 24 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Bobby and Lolly Wilson with World Reach serving internationally; Mario and Keila Xoca with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Mexico; Andrew and Davinia Young with Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales; and David and Esther Zadok with Grace and Truth in Israel.

## **Thursday, September 25 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Scotty and Sylvia Hollins with Blueprint, Inc. at the University of Alabama; Buster and Gina Holmes with Cru/Master Media in California; Kyle and Maggie Hooper with Navigators in Virginia; and Joel and Jamie Irvin with Mission to North America in Indiana.

## **Friday, September 26 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our Elders David Moore, Sam Duffey, and Zach Ivey; Deacons Tyler Sullens, Barry Shirley, and Lee Woodfin; and Worship Pastor John Haines and his wife Jenny.

## **Saturday, September 27 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Judy Belcher, Hugh Brindley, JoAnne Cofer, Banks Farris, Janet Greer, Carole Lee, Jonathan Sanders, Jim Griffin, and Susan Johnson.

Our love and sympathy to Sue Leveille and family on the death of her brother, Donald Just, on August 29; to the family of member Dick Baker on his death on September 8; and to Dale Sitton and family on the death of his sister, Lynne King, on September 9.

We rejoice with Ernie and Caroline Brown on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer "Jenny" Elizabeth, on September 4 and with grandparents Leon and Kelly Chadwick.

*...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*

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services:**

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

“Walking in a Manner Worthy”

Ephesians 4:1-6

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“The Lord Roars from Zion”

Amos 1:1-2:5

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

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