Briarwood Children's Ministry

Fall 2025

SPECIAL **EVENTS** CALENDAR

Connect: K4-3rd Grade

Ignite: 4th-6th Grade

Aug. 24

Promotion Sunday

Aug. 27

Ignite **Kickoff** Sept. 19

Passport Night

Oct. 3

Ignite Mother/ Daughter & Father/Son Event Oct. 19 & 20

SHINE

Local & National Ministries Conference

Nov. 14

Passport Night

Dec. 3 Ignite Tacky Christmas Party

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO BRIARWOOD.ORG/CHILDREN.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Briarwood's Children's Ministry desires to partner with parents to lead children to a saving, growing relationship with Christ by presenting the gospel, training children to worship, and equipping them to impact others for God's glory.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for K4 – 6th Grade Children meet each Sunday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. Visitors can sign their children in at the Sunday School table located on the 2nd Floor S Hallway of the School Building. Classroom locations are listed below. Please email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org with any questions you may have.

K4 & K5 • 2nd floor E hallway of the School Building 1st – 3rd Grade • 2nd Floor N Hallway of the School Building 4th – 6th Grade • 2nd Floor S Hallway of the School Building Special Connections Children • N-110

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

K4–3rd Grade Children meet during the 8:00 & 10:55 Worship Services in the Children's Auditorium for a time when they can truly learn what it means to praise the Lord and grow in their relationship with Him!

SUNDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:

Through children's choirs, the lives of our covenant children will be blessed as they learn to enthusiastically "sing unto the Lord a New Song!" Our Children's Choirs meet each Lord's Day evening during the worship hour at 6:00. Both groups (preschool and elementary choirs) are released from the worship service to their choirs. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips.

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

CONNECT is our group for K4–3rd graders who meet each Wednesday during MidWeek from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Children's Auditorium. Each week, CONNECT students have a Bible lesson, missions skit, songs, recreation, and lots of fun!

IGNITE is our group for 4th–6th graders who meet each Wednesday during MidWeek from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Briarwood Gym. Our goal is to teach IGNITE students to "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness."

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

September 19 Passport Night

October 3 Ignite Mother/Daughter & Father/Son Event

October 19 & 20 SHINE

November 14 Passport Night

December 3 Ignite Tacky Christmas Party

For more information, visit briarwood.org/children.

FEATURED EVENTS

MidWeek at Briarwood — Church Wide | September 3 - November 12 *

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 class information and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

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! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

* 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 Sing! Hymnal by Keith and Kristyn Getty | Hymnal

The Sing! Hymnal blends music, poetry, and hymns that beautifully bring Christian theology to life. With each verse, rich lyrics echo the timeless truths of Scripture and proclaim the unchanging message of salvation. For centuries, Christians have used these treasured resources in private and corporate worship, and The Sing! Hymnal now presents the profound beauty of hymnody to the next generation. The hymnal hosts a collection of timeless classic and contemporary hymns, created to deepen worship and foster unity among God's people through the power of song. It features liturgical readings, psalms paired with popular hymns, and useful indexes. This resource is perfect for church services and group gatherings, as well as private and family worship. Price: \$19.99 (currently in stock)

Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church by Keith and Kristyn Getty | Adult Book

We all share in the unique privilege and responsibility of singing. Singing together as the Church transforms our lives, our families, our churches, and our witness. In this book by popular Christian artists Keith and Kristyn Getty, five key aims are presented to help us experience this singing: 1) to discover why we sing and the overwhelming joy and holy privilege that comes with singing; 2) to consider how singing impacts our hearts and minds and all of our lives; 3) to cultivate a culture of family singing in our daily home life; 4) to equip our churches for wholeheartedly singing to the Lord and one another as an expression of unity; and 5) to inspire us to see congregational singing as a radical witness to the world. God intends for this compelling vision of His people singing—a people joyfully joining together in song with brothers and sisters around the world and around His heavenly throne—to include you. Price: \$5.00

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Choirs — Beginning September 7. 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.

Youth Sunday Night D-Groups — Beginning September 7 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at The Barn. All 7th – 12th graders are invited to come for discipleship groups with their peers. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Men's Fall Studies — Beginning September 8. 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.

YBL Fall Breakfast — Friday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Come hear from one of Alabama's top entrepreneurs, Shegun Otulana. Tickets are \$30, tables for 8/\$240. Register at ybl.org/events.

Trailblazer's Lunch — Sunday, September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear from U.S. Congressman Gary Palmer. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Youth Choirs — Beginning September 14. All 7th–12th graders, please join us at The Barn each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. You are welcome to hang out at The Barn after choir dismisses. Please contact Chris Neugent for more information at 205.401.2623.

Children's Passport Night — Friday, September 19 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register online at briarwood.org/children. The Children's Ministry needs ministry safe volunteers to help with crowd control. Email Emily Baker if interested at ebaker@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.

Women's Fall Studies — Women, pick from classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics and information at briarwood.org/women.

Youth Wednesday Nights — Students gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Barn. Raiders (7th–8th graders) meet 6:30–8:00 p.m. BYG (9th–12th graders) meet 7:00–8:30 p.m. For information, contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org.

Children Wednesday Nights — Children K4–3rd grade will meet in the Children's Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. for CONNECT and 4th–6th grade in the Church Gym for IGNITE. Contact Jake Stallings at 205-776-5305.

BIO Campus Ministry Director – Full-time position available to provide leadership in reaching international students and scholars at UAB for the purpose of evangelism and discipleship. Send inquiries and resumes to cnorfleet@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, September 7 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the teachers of the Women's Fall Bible studies. We are thankful for their commitment as they "equip women to know God and to glorify Him in our home, church, community, and world."

Monday, September 8 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Restoration Academy as they work to advance each student's life according to the two greatest commandments—to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as themselves. Also, pray for the teachers and leaders to be strengthened, encouraged, and guided by wisdom as they faithfully serve and lead with love.

Tuesday, September 9 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the international students who have just arrived in Birmingham. Pray that these students would make connections with Christians, visit churches, and turn to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Also pray that the Christians who minister to them would be Gospel-minded, loving, and good listeners. The flag of India will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, September 10 — Global Ministry Partners

Jeff and Chris Viljoen with Campus Outreach SERVE in South Africa, David and Joan Walker with Cru serving Internationally, Aaron and Fern Webb with Campus Outreach SERVE serving Internationally, and Hugh Wessel with Mission to the World in France.

Thursday, September 11 — National Ministry Partners

Rob and Carla Genin with Young Business Leaders in Alabama, John and Cindy Gibbons with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama, Spencer Goss with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, Alabama, and Chris and Mary Granberry with Sacred Road Ministry in Washington.

Friday, September 12 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Josh Jones, Leon Chadwick, Carter Harsh; deacons David Stearns, Andrew Russell, Bryan Wintersteen; and Lead Pastor, Scott Redd and his wife Jenn.

Saturday, September 13 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Rhonda Beacham, Nathan Chang, Cindy Janney, and Zeke Sillers.

Our love and sympathy to Shelle and Ashton Henderson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Wayne Knight, on August 23; and to the family of member Lynn Green on her death on August 31.

...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.



THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ "Confidence, Suffering, and Glory" Ephesians 3:1–13 Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Sunday Evening Worship:

"Make Every Effort to Come"
2 Timothy 4:9–21
Dr. Olan Stubbs, Campus Outreach Executive Director

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