



BRIARWOOD
MIDWEEK

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MIDWEEK AT BRIARWOOD SPRING 2026

Wednesday night offers many new and exciting small group studies, so find the best fit for you and jump in! All ministry opportunities start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Join us for our dinner in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday evening from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship! All are welcome, even if you are not in a small group or another ministry opportunity. The cost is \$9 per adult, \$6 per child, or \$30 per family maximum. To register for dinners, go to briarwood.org/dinner and fill out the online form. Register no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the Wednesday you plan to attend. Thank you!

COMMUNITY STUDIES

PresbyWhat? –Shelby Myers	G101
Warrior: Spiritual War & World War II – Mike Wheeler	W202
Intro to Covenant Theology – Scott Redd	Chapel
In His Image –Various Teachers	G103

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Infants Nursery – Up to 3 years old (reservations required)	Nursery Hallway
CONNECT – K4–3rd grade	Children's Auditorium
IGNITE – 4th–6th grade	Gym
RAIDERS – 7th & 8th grades	The Barn
BYG – 9th–12th grades	The Barn

MINISTRY CLASSES

Personal Evangelism: The Bridge to Life – Eric Reebals	A105
Lay-Counseling in the Local Church (Part 2) – Greg Norfleet	A201
Adoption Connection – Carter Ralph (1/14, 2/11, 3/18 & 4/15 only)	Bride's Room
Sanctuary Choir – John Haines	Worship Center
ESL Classes – Courtney McGregor	School Third Floor Lobby – E313
Briarwood Inquiry Class – Wendy Long (1/21, 3/4 & 4/16 only)	A209
GriefShare – Jim Alexander	W203
New Focus – Chris Thompson	E003/005
Prayer for our Church – Joyce Ann Jackson	Prayer Room
Sign Language Beginner Class – Cherybe Thornton	S209
Baptism Class – Jay Shaw (1/21 only)	Bride's Room

Nursery reservations can be made easily online, on the Briarwood App, at briarwood.org/nursery, or by calling 205-776-5214. Please be sure the Nursery knows which study or class you are in each week.

Sign up for dinners, nursery and classes at briarwood.org/midweek.

FEATURED EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 18

Join us to celebrate the Sanctity of Life. Our Ministry Partners will be recognized in the morning worship and you can visit with them in the Fellowship Hallway following the services. View a list of Briarwood's Ministry Partners at briarwood.org/sanctity.

The Lampstand Conference — Church Revitalization | January 22-24

You are invited to attend The Lampstand Conference, a conference on Church Health and Revitalization, hosted here at Briarwood. Church members are eligible for a reduced registration rate. Find details and register at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | February 6-7

Ladies, join us for our In-town Retreat titled "The Church, The Bride of Christ." Fellowship together with fun, dessert, and giveaways on Friday night, then return Saturday morning for breakout sessions in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available on Friday evening with nursery registration and the Gym will be open for Fathers and children on Saturday. Register for \$45 per person at briarwood.org/women.

* 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

***Sunday Matters: 52 Devotionals to Prepare Your Heart for Church* by Paul David Tripp | Yearly Devotional Pulpit Recommendation**

Christians understand the importance of attending church, but many find their attention being pulled away from worship because of family, schedule, work, finances, and other distractions. With so much on their minds, how can churchgoers prepare their hearts to offer God the worship He deserves? In *Sunday Matters*, Paul David Tripp shares 52 devotions about the beauty and significance of church, helping Christians engage in vibrant gathered worship each week. Each short, accessible meditation highlights an essential spiritual topic, including divine grace, gratitude, our identity in Christ, and dependence on the Lord. Over the course of a year, *Sunday Matters* will strengthen each believer's personal relationship with God and fill churches with joyful, engaged, and passionate worshippers. Price: \$15.00 (includes tax)

***New Morning Mercies for Teens: A Daily Gospel Devotional* by Paul David Tripp | Teen Devotional**

This updated edition of *New Morning Mercies* features 366 engaging daily devotionals, adapted for teenagers. Each day includes a one-sentence, gospel-centered reading and an extended meditation, Bible verses, and a prompt for discussion or personal reflection. Focused less on behavior modification and more on helping teenagers encounter the living God, this book helps young people to fall in love with Jesus, find freedom and joy within His boundaries, and live for His glory. Price: \$14.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Winter / Spring Studies — Begins January 5. Ladies join one of our six studies this winter/spring. We have opportunities in person and online; in the morning and during the evening; and studies in the Old Testament and New Testament. For more information and to register, visit briarwood.org/women.

Men's Spring Studies — Begins January 5. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Traiblazers Breakfast — January 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Learn what artificial intelligence really is, how it affects the world around us, and the simple practical ways it can support your daily life. Sign up briarwood.org/traiblazers.

Infant Baptism Class — Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Jay Shaw will teach on the meaning of Infant Baptism and answer any questions. This class is open to all ages. To register, contact Leigh Anne Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

GriefShare MidWeek Class — Beginning January 7. Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Call 205-776-5227 to sign up.

Friendship Partner Program — Impact the nations by welcoming international students. Share a meal, introduce them to Birmingham, or take them out for coffee. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Spring applications are due by January 30. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org.

Become a Briarwood Member — January 21, 24, & 25. 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 Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

Men's Praying Breakfast — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Building. Please join us to pray for our church and the advancement of God's kingdom.

Securities Stewardship — When giving gifts of securities, please notify our Church Administrator at the time of your gift so that your contribution may be processed accurately and efficiently. Call 205-776-5205 or email bscruggs@briarwood.org.

Sunday Greeters Needed — 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. Email abarton@briarwood.org to volunteer.

Job Opening: Families, Youth, & College Administrative Assistant — Candidate will support the Youth, College and Family Ministries through day-to-day administrative tasks, event coordination, communication, and office management. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please send resumes to jshaw@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.

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, January 4 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Our purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Pray that we, as a Church, will seek the Lord daily in His Word and in prayer in order to glorify Him in our lives. Pray that all we do and say would be according to His Word. *“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your Name give glory.”* Psalm 115:1

Monday, January 5 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for UnBound 2:16 as they offer transitional housing and vital support services, including case management, job training, job placement, and Biblical discipleship through committed volunteer mentors.

Tuesday, January 6 — Missions Prayer Focus

Please pray for all of our campus ministry partners and their students participating in winter retreats. Pray that many will come to Christ or deepen their faith in a personal relationship with Jesus.

Wednesday, January 7 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Will and Alisa Copeland with World Gospel Mission in Kenya; Bradley and Sara Cordell with Mission to the World to Internationals; David and Vicki Creel with Far East Broadcasting Company in Cambodia; Scott and Jayne Cuidon with Ministry Essentials International in Croatia.

Thursday, January 8 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Mike Brunjes with Christ Presbyterian in Wallingford, Connecticut; Alonzo and Antoinette Brown with Strong Tower in Alabama; Cyril and Jenell Chavis with Reformed University Fellowship in Washington, DC; Tyler and Ginnie Clark with Campus Outreach in Alabama.

Friday, January 9 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood Elders Jon Adcock, Steve Abernathy, Steve Adams; Deacons Hank Abbott, Grant Alexander, John Asbeck; and Pastor of Pastoral Care, Jim Alexander and his wife Pam.

Saturday, January 10 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jane Mann, Mary Anne Bradford, Al Black, and Val Heise.

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

...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

...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19

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:

“Looking Forward; Running for the Joy Set Before Us”

Hebrews 12:1-13

Rob Looper

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Living in the Present”

Phil. 2:5-11

Jim Alexander

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