

# M@B

MidWeek  
Briarwood

## WINTER/ SPRING 2012

**JANUARY 11—APRIL 25**

**A COMPLETE LISTING OF  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**



**Briarwood**  
Presbyterian Church, PCA

# M@B

MidWeek @ Briarwood

**Begins Wednesday, January 11.**

Carve out time on Wednesday nights for connecting and learning at Briarwood. Here are brief descriptions of the many opportunities providing fellowship and growth for everyone.

Start with a chat over Sherri's sumptuous fare!

**Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:30**

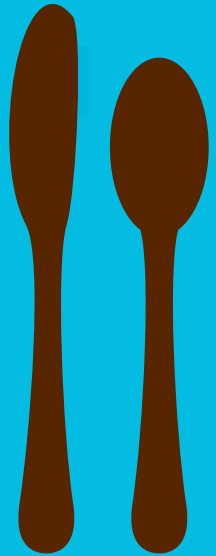
Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship. All are welcome, even if you are not in a small group or ministry opportunity.



\$5 per adult  
buffet or salad bar  
\$3 per child under 12  
\$20 per family maximum

Find out what's cookin'  
and make your reservations  
online at [briarwood.org/dinner](http://briarwood.org/dinner).

Please make or cancel reservations  
by noon on Tuesday of  
the week you plan  
to attend.



You can also call the reservation line at 776-5238.  
Dinners last fall were popular, so make your reservations early!

# adult classes

We've made some changes to our usual MidWeek line-up, so find the best fit for you and jump in!

All ministry opportunities are from 6:30–8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

For more information contact Dave Matthews at 776-5211 or [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org).

evangelism  
training

## **EV2 (Everyday Evangelism)**

**Dan Allison — S109**

Come investigate the new and improved Everyday Evangelism, EV2, taught by Dan Allison. This 7-week program includes the same material as Evangelism Explosion with a new presentation.

It includes on-the-job training, visiting church visitors and answering their questions as they answer ours. Can be taken for seminary credit at BTS.

Contact Dan Allison, 776-5289, or [dallison@briarwood.org](mailto:dallison@briarwood.org).

**3E is coming—April 11, 18 and 25—Chapel**

counseling  
training

## **Lay Counseling Training Class**

**Dr. Howard Eyrich — A209**

The Lay Counseling Training Class is a two-semester course that begins in the fall. It not only equips you to begin counseling at the lay level, but it builds your knowledge base to more

effectively conduct personal ministry whether over the fence, over coffee or in various roles in the church. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your skills for personal ministry as well as test the waters to see if the Lord may direct you to become active in the counseling ministry. Visitors are welcome, but classroom space is limited. Contact Sharon or Jennifer for details at 776-5281 or [altadena@briarwood.org](mailto:altadena@briarwood.org).

music  
ministry

## **Chancel Choir / Briarwood Orchestra**

**Choir Room (M208) / Worship Center**

Singers and instrumentalists college age and up, please join us as we prepare to lead God's people in worship each week, as well as present our annual Spring Concert with a full symphonic orchestra. For more information, contact Kellie Stewart at [kstewart@briarwood.org](mailto:kstewart@briarwood.org)

or 776-5229.

**Baptism Classes—January 11, March 14, May 16—Bride's Room**

marriage  
and family

### **The Art of Marriage**

#### **The Millers and the Youngbloods — Chapel**

This Family Life Ministry video series brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family including Dennis and Barbara Rainey, Dave Harvey, Nancy Leigh DeMoss, and others. It also weaves together God's Purpose and Plan, Biblical Roles, Overcoming Isolation, Communication and Conflict, Forgiveness and Real Intimacy to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage. Cost: \$35 per couple (includes two manuals).

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co-ed  
studies

### **Philippians : Precept Upon Precept**

#### **Bobby Wilson — S108**

How to have joy! How do I live the Christian life joyfully regardless of people or circumstances? What is the purpose of suffering and the Christian perspective on death? Do I have "the mind of Christ?" Discover true, deep-down joy in your life that the world cannot take away! You will study the book of Philippians inductively at home, and during the weekly class we will discuss the lesson you studied! Workbook available for \$40 (includes tax and shipping). Call 907-0097 or email [Bwilson@world-reach.org](mailto:Bwilson@world-reach.org).

### **Apologetics**

#### **Apologetics Resource Center — G103**

Evangelism and worldview cultural engagement (apologetics) are the two weakest areas in the Christian's life. Come and be strengthened, encouraged and equipped to follow Christ in being "salt and light" (1 Peter 3:15, Matt. 5:13-16). Led by the ARC staff, this study will cover topics such as responding to agnostics and atheists, evolution, relativism, pluralism, Mormonism, attacks on the authority of the Bible, and more. Feel free to bring guests with questions.

### **Missions—James Through Urban Eyes**

#### **Jason Williams — S107**

The Book of James is one of the most practical and useful resources for understanding the importance of applied theology in the Christian life. In this study we will look at James' implications on a number of topics related to urban ministry: Humility, Racial Reconciliation, Impartiality, Dangers of Wealth, Pure Religion, Obedience, Stewardship, Holistic Ministry and many others.

### **Reaching the Lost in the 21st Century**

#### **Various Teachers — Fellowship Hall E&F**

#### **Meets January 11–March 28**

Men & Women of the Covenant presents a special 10-week study in which we will focus on how to overcome the barriers we face day-to-day in sharing our faith. Where does God have each of us specifically and who is He placing in our lives to reach for Christ? The group will begin in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Fellowship Dinner.



**Moments in Mark: Miracles, Messages, and Ministry**  
**Donna Evans — M213B**

The Gospel of Mark could also be entitled “The Stories of Jesus.” Short, fast-paced, and to the point, Mark composed a narrative mini-series that moves quickly from scene to scene as ordinary lives are forever changed with just a word or touch from Jesus.

We’ll use those stories to help us answer questions such as: Who was Jesus? What is the kingdom of God? What does it look like? Where do I fit into God’s redemptive plan? Cost: \$10.

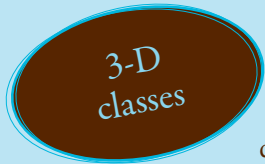
**“How Do I Love You? Let Me Count the Ways”**  
**Barbara Barker — S104**

It seems that in the Christian world today the focus is always on God’s love for us. We sing songs that tell God that we love Him and we even find ourselves quite moved by our own worship experience in church, but is this the true measure of our love for Him? This study is open to women of all ages. Cost: \$10.

***Grace Based Parenting: Set Your Family Free* (by Tim Kimmel)**  
**Laura Black and Candy Prater — N111**

This study offers a refreshing new look at parenting. Rejecting rigid rules and checklists that don’t work, Dr. Kimmel recommends a parenting style that mirrors God’s love, reflects His forgiveness, and displaces fear as a motivator for behavior. Cost: \$12.

Register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) or contact the Women’s Ministry office at 776-5311 or [flong@briarwood.org](mailto:flong@briarwood.org).



**Dinner/Discussion/Dialogue**  
**Pastor Reeder — Bride’s Room**  
**Meets January 18 and April 18**

Enjoy the Fellowship Dinner, then come ask Pastor Reeder any question pertaining to theology, Bible, doctrine, etc. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Adelaide Williams, 776-5208 or [awilliams@briarwood.org](mailto:awilliams@briarwood.org).



**Birmingham Theological Seminary**

BTS offers courses for credit, or you can audit one for your personal development. See also “Lay Counseling Training Class” under Training. Contact the Seminary office at 776-5650 to register.

- Old Testament I                      Dr. Frank Barker            5:30–7:30 p.m.    W203
- Counseling in the Local Church II    Dr. Howard Eyrich        6:30–8:30 p.m.    A209
- New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)\*    Brandon Robbins        6:30–8:30 p.m.    M202

\*Tuition-free for new and inactive students. Inactive students are those who haven’t taken a BTS course in more than two years. Contact the BTS office for information.

crown  
financial

### **Crown Financial Studies** **A105, A205, S109**

Do you want to learn about biblical stewardship? Come and hear about Crown's 10-week Financial Study at an informational meeting on January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in A105A.

Those who register will meet in a small group for the next ten weeks.

Contact Dave Matthews at [dmatthews@briarwood.org](mailto:dmatthews@briarwood.org) or 776-5211. Course materials: \$50 for singles, \$60 for couples.

pastoral  
care

### **GriefShare**

**W202** (above the Worship Center Foyer, next to the elevator)

A 13-week seminar and support group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each session includes a discussion based on a series of excellent video presentations dealing with many aspects of grief. Participants are welcome to

start attending anytime during the quarter. Contact Mark Cushman,

776-5227, 776-5350 or [mcushman@briarwood.org](mailto:mcushman@briarwood.org). Cost: \$15 for workbook.

outreach

### **New Focus**

**Chris Thompson — E003/005**

New Focus is an outreach ministry of the Mercy Ministry.

In addition to offering financial literacy for those who call for assistance, we also teach participants how to get and keep a job. Volunteers are needed to coach the participants in

applying

the principles learned in class.

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| • Informational Meeting | Wed., January 11 | 6:00 p.m. |
| • Coaches training      | Wed., January 11 | 6:45 p.m. |
| • Classes begin         | Wed., January 18 | 6:30 p.m. |

### **Career Focus**

**E007**

Learn how to live out your purpose in your work. Strengthen or rebuild your career by rethinking how you see your work from a biblical perspective. If you are unemployed, underemployed, or just frustrated with your career, this hands-on course will help you develop the tools you need to strengthen or rebuild your career. Learn how to thank God it's Monday as well as thank God it's Friday.

**For information on New Focus/Career Focus, contact:**

**Chris Thompson at [cthompson@briarwood.org](mailto:cthompson@briarwood.org) or 776-5239**

**or Dale Callahan at [dcallahan@uab.edu](mailto:dcallahan@uab.edu).**

### **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

**School second floor lobby**

Want to get involved in missions? Volunteer to help with the ESOL classes.

We have jobs from putting up signs or serving snacks to teaching English.

We will train you! Contact Panda Irwin at 776-5343 or [pirwin@briarwood.org](mailto:pirwin@briarwood.org).

# children and youth activities

Beginning January 11, our Covenant Children will find activities designed just for them during MidWeek. Contact the Children's Ministry at 776-5269 or [jevans@briarwood.org](mailto:jevans@briarwood.org). Contact the Youth Ministry at 776-5269 or [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

## nursery

### **Infants through 3 years**

**6:00–8:30 p.m.**

No reservations required.

For more information contact the Nursery at 776-5214.

## children's activities

### **Pioneer Club (K4–4<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**E102, E103, E104, E105, E106, E107, E108, E109**

A Christ-centered program teaching Christian values by means of Bible study, music, crafts and more.

A PARENT MUST SIGN IN THEIR CHILD AT THE AGE-APPROPRIATE ROOM.

### **56 Club (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders)**

**Bible Study and Gym Time**

**E004, E006, E008**

A PARENT MUST SIGN IN THEIR CHILD IN THE GYM LOBBY.

## youth ministries

### **Raiders**

**7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**G101**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will continue their incredible MidWeek gatherings. Come and invite a friend. Please pick up your Raider from the Gym parking lot at 8:30 p.m.

### **BYG (Briarwood Youth Group)**

**7:00–8:30 p.m.**

**Mtn. View Building**

BYG is a time for 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students to be challenged by God's Word and to be equipped to impact others for Christ.