

FEBRUARY 2026



This past weekend we held our In Town Retreat with our focus on The Church, The Bride of Christ. It was a sweet time of fellowship, fun, and refreshment in the word of God as we considered what it means to be the Bride of Christ. Check out the pictures in the newsletter. And, you can access the talks by visiting: <https://briarwoodpca.snappages.site/media/series/m2t7y5h/women-s-in-town-retreat-2026>

As you can imagine, an In Town Retreat needs a large amount of volunteers to make the event work. So a special thank you to everyone who made our event special:

Speakers:

Elizabeth Bondurant
Donna Evans
Amanda Leon
Lisa Looper
Melody Weaver

Women's Ministry Team:

Shannon Black
Lisa Bunn
Vanessa Cain
Ashley Draper
Rhonda Parsons

Cake:

Christian Terrell

Food:

Sherri Blahnik

Magazine:

Rebecca Galbreath

Brides Dresses:

Pam Alexander
Emily Baker
Bill Black's Mom
Lisa Bunn
Kathy Davis
Brenda Harrick
Meredith Peters
Jenn Redd
Leigh Ann Reese
Christian Terrell
Brittney Thompson

Youth Models:

Abby Allen
Millie Black
Greta Dickerson
Mitchell Leib
Amelia Merwin
Lily Kate Mure
Charlotte Redd
Katie Redd
Georgia Thompson

Photographer:

Elyse Quinn

Volunteers:

Ginnie Clark
Brenda Parks
Avery Pickens
Joy Weaver

Staff:

Heather Purser
Leigh Ann Reese

Thank you!!!!
Kristie



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Special points of interest

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February 24
- Mom2Mom
March 9



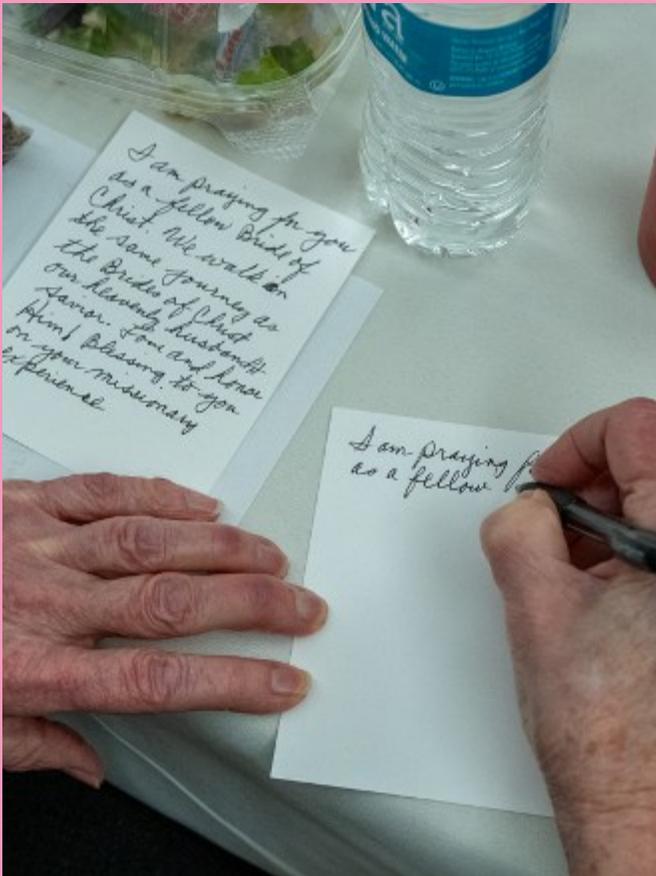
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COFFEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come enjoy light refreshments, coffee, prayer and a time to hear from our visiting missionary ladies!

Nursery reservations required at briarwood.org/nursery.
For more information, go to briarwood.org/women.

Women's Missionary Coffee



We need your help!

We would like to **ask that you write an encouragement card** with a favorite verse or two for our visiting missionaries.

The cards will be general in nature – please do not address them to a specific missionary. We do ask, as you write the card, that you pray for the missionary that will receive your card of encouragement. Our office will collect the cards and then we will divide them amongst all the women missionaries who can join us for the Missionary Coffee.

Along with the cards, we will provide each missionary with a gift card for them to make purchases of items that are needed.

**Please drop all cards off in the Women's Ministry Office (A106)
before Monday, February 23rd.**

Nursery will be available for the Missionary Coffee with reservations:

briarwood.org/nursery

In Town Retreat







2026 WINTER/SPRING

Women's Studies

MONDAYS

"GENESIS, PART 2"
MICHELE CANTLEY
A-202 AND ZOOM | 10:00 AM

TUESDAYS

"THINKING BIBLICALLY, LIVING COVENANTALLY"
MARY ANNE TURNBULL, KRISTIE HARRICK & AMANDA LEÓN
G-101 | 9:30 AM

"LET'S CONTINUE TO MEET THE LADIES"
CINDY REEDER
FH-A | 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

"IN HIS IMAGE"
VARIOUS WOMEN
G-103 & ZOOM | 6:30 PM

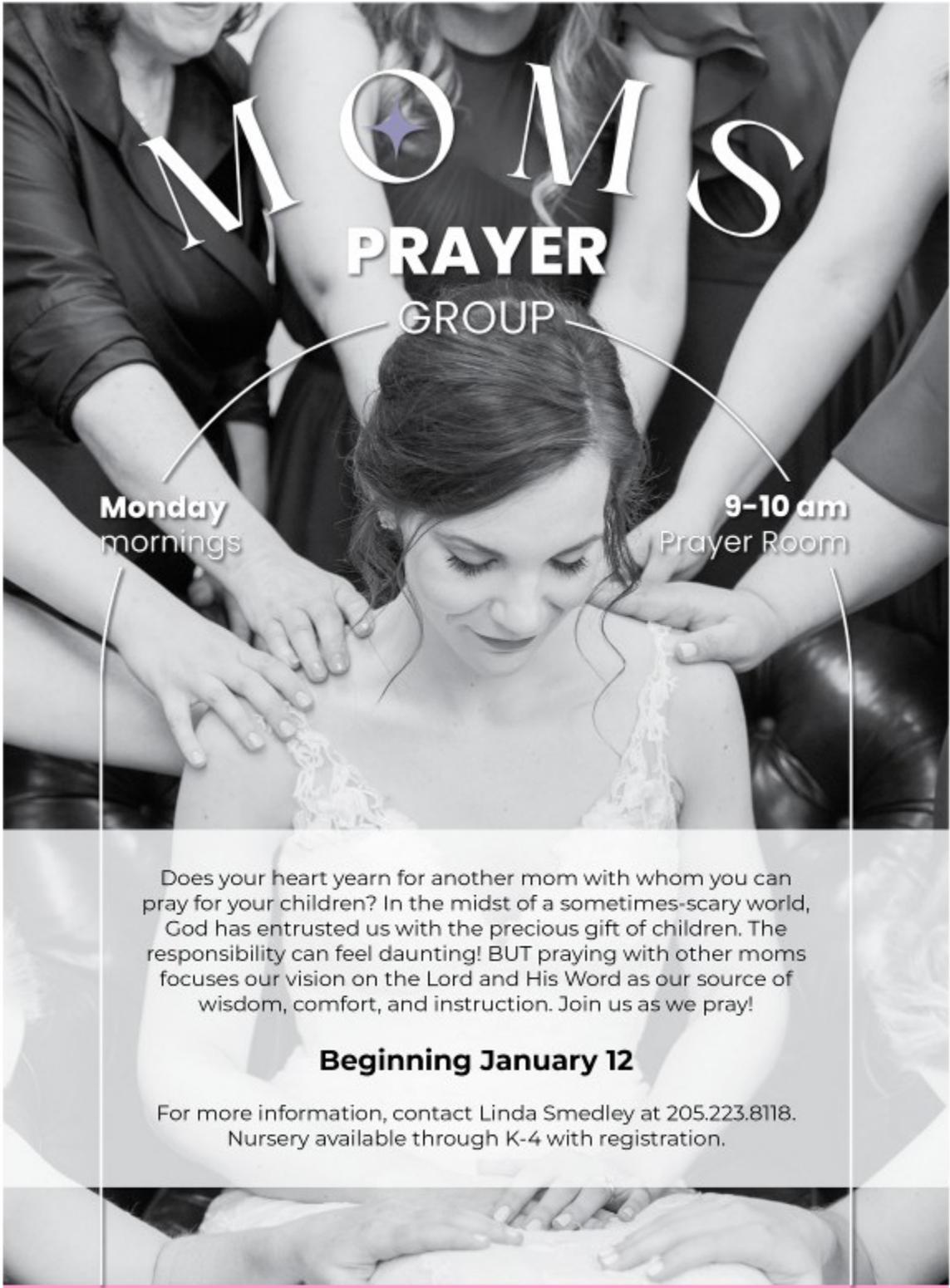
THURSDAYS

"SERMON ON THE MOUNT"
DONNA EVANS
G-101 | 9:30 AM

"HEBREWS, PART 2"
YVONNE WELCH
G-103 | 9:30 AM

REGISTER ONLINE AT BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN.

Childcare is available for weekday study by reservation only at briarwood.org/nursery.



MOMMS PRAYER GROUP

**Monday
mornings**

**9-10 am
Prayer Room**

Does your heart yearn for another mom with whom you can pray for your children? In the midst of a sometimes-scary world, God has entrusted us with the precious gift of children. The responsibility can feel daunting! BUT praying with other moms focuses our vision on the Lord and His Word as our source of wisdom, comfort, and instruction. Join us as we pray!

Beginning January 12

For more information, contact Linda Smedley at 205.223.8118.
Nursery available through K-4 with registration.

BRIARWOOD WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOM 2 MOM

telling the next generation



JANUARY 26, MARCH 9, APRIL 20

9:30 - 11:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL F

Join us once a month as older moms and younger moms gather around a table for fellowship, refreshments and encouragement.

For more information and to register, visit: briarwood.org/women.

Nursery available with registration.



BCS Moms Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS • 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Alumni House, Upper Campus
Starting January 14

Alumni House is open beginning 8:00 am

PATHWAY TO PREPARATION

A hands-on workshop on how to rightly understand the Word of God.

COMING IN APRIL

REGISTER ONLINE

BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN

Cost \$20 (includes materials and Saturday Lunch)

Ladies Fitness Class

Want to get fit and make new friends? Come try Fitness Together!

Each 60-minute class will consist of cardio, strength training, balance and stretching all to help with flexibility, joint stability and overall health.

Experience community, prayer and encouragement while we stay fit!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am-9:30am (all ages)

\$36/month or \$5/class

Monday and Friday

9:30am-10:30am (format allows use of a chair if needed)

\$25/month or \$5/class

M-111, Ballet Room

For more information contact Brenda Parks

brendabparks@gmail.com



Exciting News from Our Women's Ministry!



Women's Ministry Leadership Training

MARCH 5-7, 2026

ATLANTA, GA

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Vanessa Hawkins

Paula Miles

Kristie Harrick

MUSIC: Lori Sealy

Clay-Like Calling

God's Glory in our Weakness



women.pcacdm.org/lt-2026

We're thrilled to share that **our very own Kristie Harrick** will be teaching at **CDM's Women's Ministry Leadership Training!**

This annual training is designed for women who **encourage and equip other women in the Church**—whether you're leading a Bible study, serving in your local or presbytery women's ministry, or extending care to women in your congregation. The **Women's Ministry Leadership Training** exists to come alongside you—helping women grow in their faith, leadership, and ability to serve others with grace and wisdom.

Join us in celebrating Kristie as she uses her gifts to bless and equip women across our denomination!

Register [HERE!](https://www.women.pcacdm.org/lt-2026)



WOMEN'S MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

Munich, Germany

MAY 2-11, 2026

We are continuing our partnership with the PCA Women's Ministry International team to provide continued Women's Ministry Training in Europe.

We will lead a Women's conference at Gospel Church Munich and at Freien Evangelischen Gemeinde in Rosenheim, Germany.

Would you consider supporting our Women's Ministry Team through prayer support and financial support? If you are interested in supporting the team financially, please make checks out to Briarwood Presbyterian Church and in the notes line list the following: Germany Trip 2026.

All checks need to be turned in to the Women's Ministry Office or to a member of the team: Dana Cox, Kristie Harrick, Amy Lattner, Joy Moore, Linda Smedley and Christian Terrell.

REGISTER NOW: T&CW26

**turn
your
eyes**

**SEEING THE SAVIOR
IN THE PSALMS**

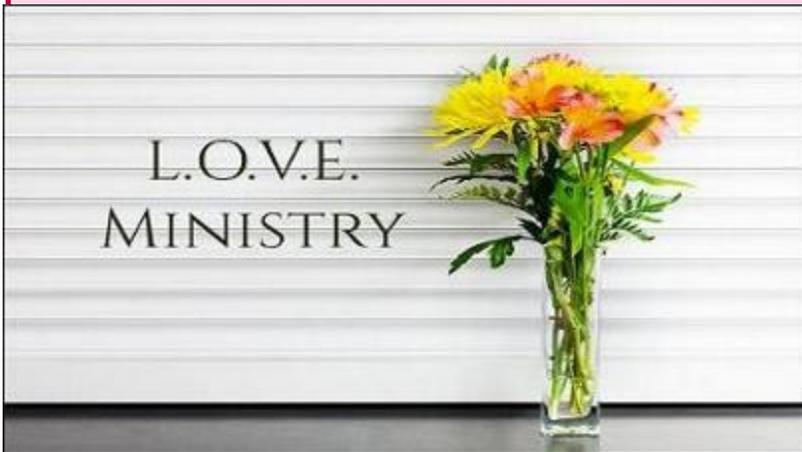
June 11 - 13, 2026 • Indianapolis, Indiana

**The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference
(TGCW26)**

June 11-13 | Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration is open. [Register here.](#)

L.O.V.E. MINISTRY



The LOVE Ministry is an outreach to Briarwood members who are no longer able to attend regular services at the church due to mobility or health-related issues.

Would you consider serving with our LOVE Ministry?

The LOVE Ministry has two teams. One team arrives early on Monday morning to prepare small vases of flowers into arrangements using the flowers from the Sunday Flower arrangements that were located in the Worship Center and the foyer.

The second team (where we need volunteers) then meets on Monday at the flower room to pick up vases of flowers to deliver to Briarwood members in senior living homes, nursing homes and assisted living homes. We have over 60 members we can visit each week if we have the volunteers.

The goal is to bring light into the lives of Briarwood members and others who are unable to actively participate in the weekly activities of the church. We want to remind them they are still apart of our covenant family and we care for them.

We would love for you to join us in this beautiful outreach. It is a wonderful activity for spouses to do together, small groups, moms with little ones, or even on your own.

For more information, contact or darby@turningheartsmministries.com.

Below is a thank you card from one of the recipients of the LOVE ministry, whose life has been impacted by this ministry.

“The joy your visits with lovely flowers is indescribable. I place my flowers outside to share with my fellow residents and caregivers. Everyone always comments on the beauty they bring. Thank you for all your work, traveling. God has honored your work, prayers, and gifts. I loved my cards from members.”



Want to reach the nations but not quite ready to pack your bags for a mission trip? God is bringing the nations to us! Did you know there are *adult learners* from 19 different countries coming to Briarwood each week for our ESL classes? We need volun-

teers to help us reach them by serving on our hospitality team, teacher team, and transportation team.

We offer ESL classes Tuesday mornings from 10-11:45am and Wednesday nights during Mid-week from 6:30-8pm. Come be a part of this exciting outreach by volunteering with us! You can impact the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ right here in Birmingham!

Do you enjoy preparing food and using your hospitality gifts? We need 8 ladies to join the Hospitality Team by bringing snacks once a month: either for our Tuesday morning or our Wednesday evening classes.

Do you enjoy meeting new people and building relationships? Our Teacher Team needs additional volunteers to serve weekly as Teacher Helpers in our classes. We have openings for 2 Tuesday morning and 3 Wednesday evening helpers. No preparation needed – just a heart to serve!

Perhaps you enjoy driving around town and would like to provide transportation for students to/from class (as needed). Our Transportation Team would be grateful for your help!

[Click here to volunteer.](#) If you have any questions, please contact our ESL/Friendship Partner Director, Courtney McGregor cmcgregor@briarwood.org .



Community Updates

Congratulations to Theodore and Kassie Woo who welcomed Theodore Arthur Woo II on February 5, 2026.

Congratulations to Austin and Katie Barr who welcomed Daniel Stephen Barr on October 24, 2025.



Congratulations to Micah and Hannah Darlington who welcomed Lucy Darlington on January 9, 2026.



Congratulations to Chadman and Ashley Ponter who welcomed Owen Ponter on December 11, 2025.



Encounter Sunday School annual Favorite's party.



Briarwood Women's Care Team



The Briarwood Women's Care Team's primary focus is to serve as advocates for women experiencing significant needs and/or in crisis, and to come alongside the staff and leadership as they minister to women in the congregation in difficult circumstances.

To find out more information, or to request help, visit:

briarwood.org/women-of-the-covenant/womens-care-team/



Women Business Leaders

Spring Luncheon 2026

Wisdom in Action

*Navigating Decisions with
Clarity & Purpose*

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 - 1:15 PM

The Club | Gold Room

Tickets: \$30



Keynote Speaker

Cheri Bachofer

Founder & Principal Executive
Coach at Forwarding Leaders

BRIARWOOD



MINISTRY

Welcome Desk Mentor Mom's Needed!

Thank you to all of the Mentor Moms (seasoned moms, you know who you are) that have served at the Nursery Welcome Desk this year! We are so thankful to the Lord for your willingness to welcome guests, greet members, and encourage young moms. Your warm presence and kind smile make a lasting impact and are vital to the heart of the nursery ministry. If you would like to serve as a Mentor Mom at the Nursery Welcome Desk in 2026, please sign up . If you have questions, please reach out to nurseryadmin@briarwood.org.