

AUGUST 2026



As I begin my tenth year at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude.

I am so thankful for the women of Briarwood: for your engagement, encouragement, and faithful support. The Lord has blessed our church with remarkable women who have servant's hearts and a deep love for His Church.

I am thankful for our Ministries Team. It is a privilege to serve alongside such wonderful pastors who faithfully love the church and are committed to her spiritual growth. I am also incredibly grateful for my supervisor, Benny Parks, whose encouragement and leadership have given me the opportunity to grow and flourish in my role as Women's Director.

I am thankful for coworkers who have become some of my dearest friends. And I am especially grateful for the wonderful women who have faithfully served as my administrative assistants through the years: Christian Terrell, Laura Franks, Katie Russell, Amanda Leon, Heather Purser, and Leigh Ann Reese. Each of you has blessed this ministry in unique ways, and I am deeply thankful for your faithful service.



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Many of you know that Heather Purser stepped down as my Administrative Assistant at the end of June. It has been such a joy to work with Heather every day. We shared countless laughs, a few tears, meaningful conversations, memorable event adventures, and, most of all, a wonderful friendship. Heather, you will be greatly missed in this role. But, as I have told every administrative assistant before you – “You are stuck with me forever!”

As you see Heather around church, I hope you'll take a moment to thank her for her faithful service and for the many ways she ministered to all of us during her time as Administrative Assistant.

With Heather's departure, the Lord graciously provided the opportunity for someone new to step into the role. Except this time, it's not exactly someone new. It's my very first administrative assistant, from my first year at Briarwood: Christian Terrell! Christian, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome you back to this role. And just as I told Heather – “You are stuck with me forever, too!”

Please join me in giving Christian a warm welcome back. I am excited to see how the Lord will continue to use her to bless the Women's Ministry in this new season.



WOMEN'S
FALL KICKOFF

GALS ON THE GREEN



AUGUST 15 • 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN

Join us for the Women's **Fall Kickoff!**

Gather for **fellowship, food and fun!**

And learn more about
Briarwood's Women's Ministry
and how you can get involved!

We hope to see you there!

Please Register your attendance
at briarwood.org/women



What to Expect

Casual Attire
Food and Refreshments
Done by 12:00

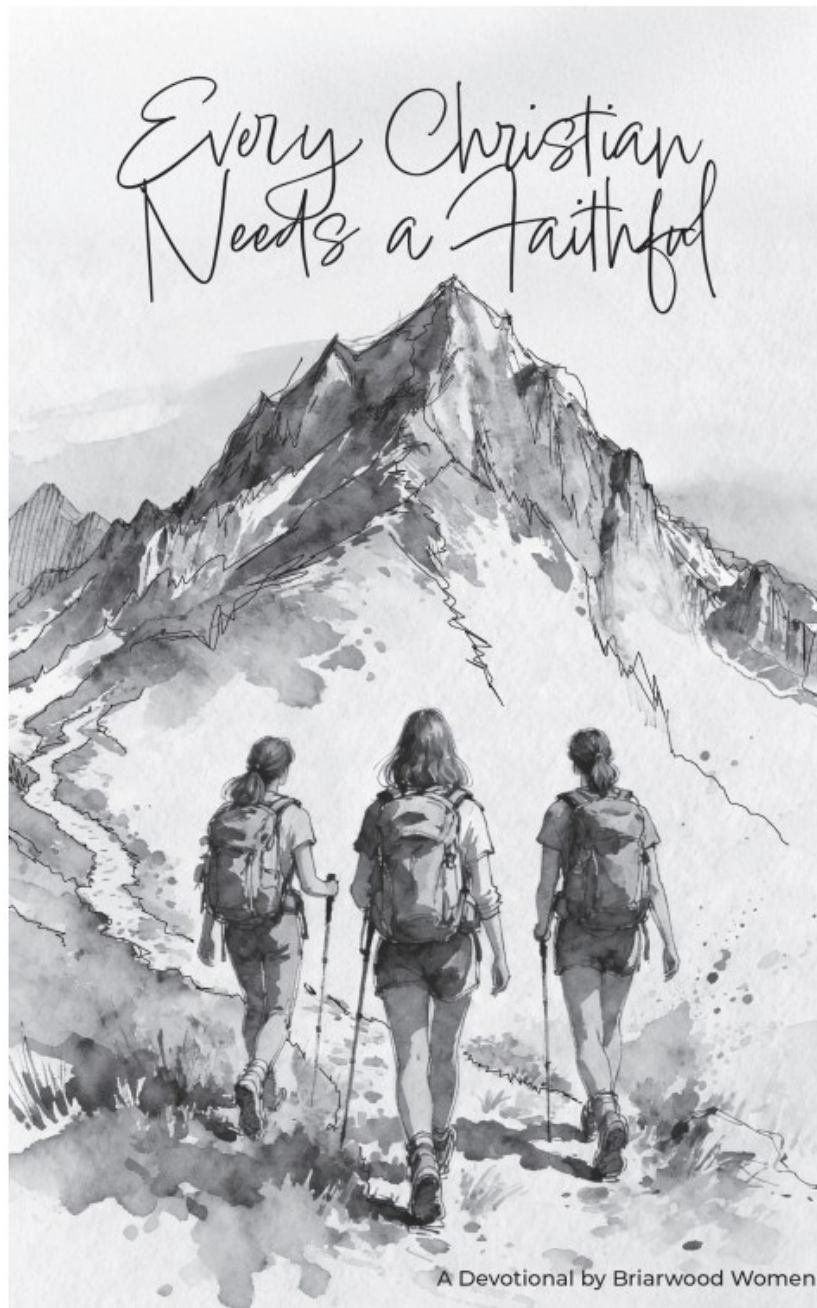
The August Women's Devotional

**"Every Christian
Needs a Faithful"**

Written by
Briarwood
women

Now Available
in the women's
ministry office
A106—\$5

Devotionals
also available
Sunday, August 2
outside of the
bookstore and
the chapel.



Thank you to our authors!!

**Madison Banegas, Caroline Black, Elizabeth Bondurant,
Sarah Boyd, Cierra Bragan, Caroline Brown, Michele Cantley,
Cariline Carlisle, Dana Cox, Donna Evans, Rebecca Galbreath,
Jackie Kalehoff, Morgan Kreger, Kristin Landers, Amanda Leon,
Sue Lewis, Danae Lloyd, Lisa Looper, Mallory Marshall,
Emily McCarty, Syndey McCrae, Jess Merkle, Heather Purser,
Alyse Quinn, Jenn and Naomi Redd, Sonja Steelman, Jenna Viets,
Melody Weaver, Leah Weber**

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BRIARWOOD WOMEN'S FALL STUDIES

*Come grow
with us!*

Starts week of Sept. 7

BRIARWOOD.ORG/WOMEN



Genesis
Michele
Cantley
Room A-201
10:00 AM

Beginning MONDAY, September 14
Genesis, Part 3

Please join us for Part 3 of our study of Genesis. We will be studying the Joseph cycle this semester (Genesis 37-50). Come see God's faithfulness to his servant Joseph throughout his life. Learn about Jacob's blessings for his sons, who will become the 12 tribes of Israel.

Beginning **TUESDAY**, September 8th
Joshua: Every Good Promise Fulfilled

In this 10-session, verse-by-verse study of the book of Joshua, Jen Wilkin helps us see how God's commands, though sometimes difficult, are always rooted in His steadfast love for His people. Israel's story is our story. We battle not against flesh and blood as they did, but we courageously war against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, trusting in the finished work of the true and better Joshua, Jesus Christ.

Beginning **TUESDAY**, September 15th
Finishing our Course with Joy by J.I. Packer

How old are you? How many days do you have left of the earth? Are you thinking about or planning for the last years. Our study will talk about what the world says to the young olds, the medium olds and the oldest olds. But what does the Bible say for those years as well as these years? This study welcomes women of all ages.



Joshua:
Every Good
Promise Fulfilled
by Jen Wilkin
Mary Anne
Turnbull
Room G-101
9:30 AM

Finishing Our
Course with Joy
by J. I. Packer
Cindy Reeder
Fellowship Hall A
9:30 AM

Beginning **WEDNESDAY**, September 9th
Ruth

The book of Ruth contains one of the Bible's best-known and most-loved stories. Join us each week as we enter into an uncertain time in the lives of Naomi and Ruth; and, as we enter into an uncertain time in the history of Israel. Over our weeks together we will explore God's faithfulness, God's sweet and bitter providence, God's redemption thru Kinsman-Redeemer, and God's covenant.

Ruth
Kristie Harrick
Room G-101
6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Beginning **THURSDAY**, September 10
Revelation

What would you write to your struggling friend? The book of Revelation is the Apostle John's letter sent to seven real churches who were knee deep in compromise, complacency, suffering, and persecution. John encourages them not to give up or give in, but to remember that a Christian's ultimate reality is not our sin and suffering, but the already conquering kingdom of Jesus Christ. Revelation tells us what all churches at all times must know: Jesus has overcome and won the victory over Satan, sin, and death!

We will be studying the first three chapters of Revelation and John's letter to seven churches. The Message of Revelation by Michael Wilcock is a supplemental book that we will be using.

**Revelation:
Letters to the
Churches**

Donna Evans
Room G-101
9:30 AM

**In His Image
by Jen Wilkin**
Yvonne Welch
Chapel
9:30 AM

THURSDAY

Beginning **THURSDAY**, September 10
In His Image

God's desire for each one of us is that we would be like Christ. This fall we will study Jen Wilken's book "In His Image," and reflect on God's character. By exploring the characteristics of God – His holiness, love, justice, goodness, mercy, grace, faithfulness, patience, truthfulness and wisdom - we will better understand who God intends for us to be. His attributes should impact how we live and lead to freedom

We welcomed Curtis Anderson Terry "Curt" on February 13, 2026
God gave us 39 joy-filled days with him. We feel blessed to have received an extra measure
of God's grace through His church at Briarwood since we found out in September 2025
about Curt's life-limiting diagnosis of Trisomy 18. Thank you for praying for Baby Curt and us
before his birth, during his life, and after his death.

**A Message
from
Shea &
Charles Terry**



*For you created my inmost being; you knit me
together in my mother's womb. I praise
you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are wonderful, I know that full
well.*

—Psalm 139:13-14

Happy BIRTHDAY

Kathleen Bishop turned 96 on July 16!
She is a member of the
Joyful Hearts class.



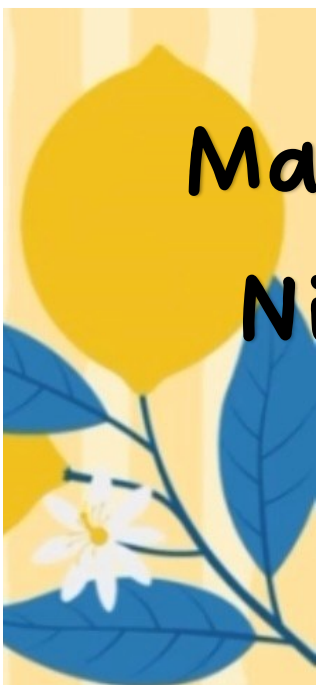
Summer FELLOWSHIPS

JUNE &
JULY



Evening Dinners





Mahjong Nights

WOMEN'S SUMMER
DROP-IN BIBLE STUDY

Hosea

An Unlikely Bride (1)

JUNE 9 • MORGAN KREGER

Relentless Pursuit (2-3)

JUNE 16 • DONNA EVANS

The Patient Lion (4-5)

JUNE 23 • YVONNE WELCH

"What shall I do with you?" (6-8)

JUNE 30 • ELIZABETH BONDURANT

You Reap What You Sow (9-10)

JULY 7 • KRISTIE HARRICK

How Can I Give You Up? (11)

JULY 14 • CIERRA BRAGAN

Covenant Tension (12-13)

JULY 21 • CHRISTIAN TERRELL

Our Faithful Bridegroom (14)

JULY 28 • MICHELE CANTLEY

TUESDAYS
9:30 AM
CHAPEL

NURSERY
AVAILABLE BY
REGISTRATION

We hope you enjoyed your time in the book of Hosea!

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to follow up with Kristie or any of the teachers.



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/