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## Standard Time

**We are reactivating the Church Council.** This is an administrative group in our church that has not been functioning for some time. The Council is made up of the staff, Deacon Officers, ministry and program leaders and the chairpersons of each committee. None of us needs another meeting; however, this is a needed move to help us open up more lines of communication in our church. Although most of the groups listed above are active in their ministry roles, these groups do not communicate with each other often enough. We want to do a better job informing our congregation of coming events and potential action items. So, we are asking this group to come together for a meeting on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 PM. Please make this a priority on your September calendar. We will plan on meeting once a quarter after that or more often if needed.

**Our Annual Sunday School Appreciation Banquet is Saturday night, August 28.** This is for present and newly enlisted Sunday School leaders. Dr. Steve Parr, Director of Evangelism and Sunday School work for the Georgia Baptist Convention, will be our guest that night. Steve is an excellent speaker and motivator. He is very knowledgeable when it comes to the nuts and bolts of Sunday School ministry. He will lead us in a training time from 5:30-6:45 PM and will speak again after the banquet which begins at 7:00 PM. Teachers and their spouses are especially invited along with division and department directors (and their spouses). Let's gear up to give God our best in this new Sunday School year!

**AWANA starts back up on Wednesday, August 25** (the same night as our Fellowship Café). This year we are expecting more kids than ever! It also looks like we are going to have more adults involved than ever before. Thanks to all of you who have willingly "stepped up" so that boys and girls can be impacted through this Scripture memorization ministry. Special thanks go out to Kirk and Mindee Dunagan for serving as our Commanders this year and to Dedra Cooper who has served so faithfully and effectively in that role for the last five years. We appreciate you guys!

**Looking ahead**—The Oconee County Ministerial Association (of which I am a part) is planning a "Public Safety Personnel Appreciation Banquet" on Saturday evening, November 20 from 5:00-6:30 PM. This will take the place of the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. This banquet will give us the opportunity to say "thanks" to some of the most dedicated and selfless individuals we know. Firefighters, Sheriff's Department personnel, first responders, EMS workers, police men and women—all those and more will be invited. We will need lots of people in order to pull this together; please let me know if you would like to help.

*Pastor Rick*

**RAFTING Retreat Trip!**

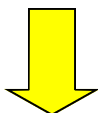
September 11-12, 2010 for grades 7th and upwards (minimum age 12 years)

**Ocoee River**, Tennessee

Class 3 and 4 rapids, camping, cooking, and other semi dangerous activities are included in this weekend retreat. Leaving Saturday morning and returning Sunday afternoon.



Cost—\$64.00 sign up deadline TBA



Students are responsible for two meals as we travel to and from the river.

**Bring Your Friends or Come and Make Some Friends!**



**September's Sunday Events**

**Sunday School 9:30 - food!**

**Worship 10:45**

**Sunday Nights in September:**

**September 5 - Labor Day No Activities**

**September 12 - FCA Fusion**

Fusion meets at NOHS

**Sept. 19 - SHOUT! 7 PM Outback**

**Sept. 26 - "Roots" Discipleship - 6pm**

More: [www.briarwoodyouth.blogspot.com](http://www.briarwoodyouth.blogspot.com)

***Your time to Volunteer!***

***Help Mae!- Children Church***

*We would like for you to be a part of the team. Check with Maegan about when the next training event will happen.*

***Help in Awana! - Wed. Night***

*Awana needs you to assist as a listener or in another role. A weekly commitment is required! Check with Big Mike.*

**[www.briarwoodbaptist.com](http://www.briarwoodbaptist.com)**

**September's Prime Time Events!**



***A monthly worship event on Sunday evenings!***

Coming August 29, 2010 at 7 PM, and September 19 at 7 PM

Location: **Outback** behind the fellowship Hall.

A worship event for High School, College Students and those that love them. Come share in the fun as we worship and grow together.

**Youth Revival in November 7-10**

**Craig Tackett** is coming back!

***Are you ready to rumble? Mow? Farmer boy?***

Please pick 3 friends, enemies, rivals, school-mates but find 3 people and begin to actively pray for their salvation!

HOST Needed for prayer breakfast in October!

Parent Drivers needed for Reverse Trick or Treat!

**Reverse Trick or Treat - Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Sunday, Nov. 7.**

**Where are they NOW!**

**Drew Epting** graduated from OCHS in 2003 and Augusta State in '07. He is recently married to Jes Hyatt and they live in Milledgeville, GA were they are campus ministers with Campus Outreach. Drew and Jes were married on July 29, 2010. 😊

For the last couple of years Briarwood is one of Drew's sponsoring churches, so we are helping Drew reach students with the gospel message. Yes, Drew is on Facebook if you want to wish him well.

Ps... Drew's sister Abbye is alive and starting a new ministry with Campus Outreach at Clemson University.

Pss...Cobern or Ben, Drew's brother, just graduated from UGA.



## MUSIC & WORSHIP NOTES

Technology, Psalm 8 and Briarwood

*"You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You make him ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet....  
Psalm 8:5-6*

As David reflects on the expanse of the heavens, he wonders why God cares about human beings. Compared to the glories of the universe we seem tiny and insignificant. Yet God has chosen to make us in His image, a little lower than the heavenly beings.

With this prized position comes a high privilege and heavy responsibility. Psalm 8 tells us we are to be good stewards of everything and that includes how we participate in the praise of God.

There are many opinions on the use of technology in church. Almost as varied as opinions on music in worship. Those who lead worship use technology for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, it's trendy. Sometimes we imitate "successful" churches. Sometimes as a hook to catch younger, technologically-savvy people for our church. Sometimes simply because we can.

A good steward of technology will not let technology rule over worship. This is not as easy as it sounds. Psalm 8 encourages us to place two factors at the center of our consideration. . First, does our use of technology actually help people participate in the praise of God.. Second does it point our hearts to God?

At Briarwood our goal is to use our computers and software, our projectors and audio equipment to facilitate worship. We continually strive to make the best use of what we have and look for ways to improve our equipment and our methods.

We are in need of some help in with our worship technology. Most of our equipment is obsolete and we don't have enough operators for the equipment we have. If you are interested in meeting either of these needs contact Greg Steele in the Music & Worship office or media chairman Greg Brooks. I look forward to what God has in store for Briarwood!

Grace & Peace,

Greg



Find us on Facebook!

Lord, Where Are You When Bad Things Happen? By Kay Arthur  
11 sessions - **Wednesdays beginning Aug. 25 9:30-11:30 am in Room 306**

Isaiah Part 2 - Comfort My People By Kay Arthur  
10 Weeks; 9 Lessons - **Wednesdays beginning Aug. 25: 9-11:30am & Sundays beginning Aug. 29: 5-7:30pm Meets in Room 304**

Have A New Kid by Friday By Dr. Kevin Leman  
6 sessions **Sunday evenings beginning Sept. 12 6:-00 -7:00 pm Room 301**

Financial Peace University By Dave Ramsey  
13 sessions **Sundays beginning September 12 5:30-7:30 pm in Room 307**

Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still By Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Priscilla Shirer  
7 sessions **Sundays beginning October 10; 5:30-7:00 pm in Room 305. Led by Betsy Ricks & Wednesdays beginning Oct. 6; 9:30-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall Led by Michelle Freeman**

Parenting: The Early Years By Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott  
6 sessions **Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 24 6:-00 -7:00 pm Room 301**

The Three Chairs By Bruce Wilkinson By Bruce Wilkinson  
4 sessions - **Sundays beginning November 14 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 306**

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