



JUNE 2015



Spots Filled! Register for Summer Camp today!

We are already starting to see some weeks fill up with registrations so get your campers signed up today! Week 5 and 6 have plenty of available spots so sign up for Young'ns, Yearlings, Adventurers, Explorers, or Mission DFW high school!

Register online for camp at <https://briarwoodretreat.campbrainregistration.com>

Mission DFW: Campers in Service!

Mission DFW! Through this program we learn from Christ's example and take the form of servants for the Lord. Mission DFW allows us to go out into the Dallas/ Fort Worth area and share God's love.

Campers get the experience of Briarwood and the vast opportunities of service that DFW has to offer. This is the experience of a lifetime and a great way to spend the summer! Now the Mission DFW program is available to Junior High as well as High School age campers! For more information check our website.



**Guitar Camp Has Been Moved to Week 6:
July 26-31**

Guitar Camp is a week for those that wish to come learn or improve upon their guitar playing skills by including time each day for the participants to work with some of our camp songs. The group will have the opportunity to display their new skills for their peers while participating in singing a longs and worship sessions. Open to any skill level!

A Day of Dedication

More than 600 people attended the dedication of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Mission Center at Briarwood. Despite a week of record rain for Briarwood, we were able to navigate from the entrance driveway, through the parking lot and into a huge tent where we were led by a multi-congregation Dedicatory Choir under the direction of Kitty Barnard of Faith, Flower Mound. In our worship Bishop Kanouse shared an inspirational message, we celebrated the exciting news that \$3,190,636 was raised by DiscipleLife Alive in support of this effort and we dedicated this beautiful center to the glory of God.

This was truly an exciting event, where we also had the opportunity to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our ministry at Briarwood. We give thanks to all whom through their gifts made this day possible and ultimately we thank and praise God for the blessing we know as Briarwood!

"2015 Run for the Roses Gala" is Highly Successful!

Over 130 people gathered in the new Christ Evangelical Lutheran Mission Center at Briarwood for fun, food, fellowship and to support the ministry at Briarwood at the annual "Run for the Roses Gala." In keeping with the derby theme guests were treated to wonderful mint juleps prepared by Pastor Olin Knudsen and Briarwood Chef, Carlos Carrasquillo's beef tenderloin with mushroom demi glaze and chicken with white garlic cream sauce served with roasted fingerling potatoes, baby carrots and asparagus.

2014 honorees included Mr. Bruce Osle, Volunteer of the Year; Outstanding Congregational Support, Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, Plano; and Ambassadors of the Year, Bishop Kevin and Billye Jean Kanouse.



Sponsors for the Gala included Platinum Sponsor: Faith, Flower Mound; Gold Sponsors: Pastor Olin and Carolyn Knudsen; Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Worth; Thrivent North Central Texas Chapter and Thrivent Financial; and Bronze Sponsors: Bishop Kevin & Billye Jean Kanouse; Bob Pangrac, Thrivent Lutheran; Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, Plano; The Salon Professional Academy, Anna & Phil Geleske; Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church, Arlington; and Tim and Laura Talafuse. Other Sponsors were Terry Hefner of Aurora Laser engraving; HB Photographic Imagery; Thrivent, Dallas County Chapter, West Fort Worth Chapter, Trinity river Chapter, and Dallas-Tarrant Chapter; Total Wine & More; Jim and Holly Trester; and United-Classic auctioneers, Mike Jones.

Over \$53,000 was raised to support the ministry of Briarwood and our heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who gave in support of this event. We also want to thank the planning team who worked tirelessly to assure the success of the gala! Planning Team members included: Holly Trester, Pastor Olin and Carolyn Knudsen, Laura Talafuse, Jacquie McConnell, Katrina Colwick and Anna Geleske.

Mark your Calendars!

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| * Pre-Camp Work Day - May 30 | * Women's Family Retreat - Aug 28-30 |
| * Summer Staff Training - Jun 4-19 | * Confirmation Retreat - Sept 25-26 |
| * Summer Camp - Jun 21-Aug 7 | * Fall Festival/Thrivent Cook-Off - Oct 2-3 |
| * Sunday Brunch - Aug 23 | * Golf Outing - Oct 9 |