



**DECEMBER 2015**



### **Advent Retreat – The Wreath**

Join us for our Annual Advent Retreat, held especially for our 4th-6th Graders! This year we will be exploring the history of the Advent Wreath and why we celebrate this tradition in churches throughout the world. We will also be playing new games, learning new songs,

and end the night with a warm fire complete with s'mores!

The retreat starts opens at 11:00 am on Saturday and ends with worship on Sunday at 11:00 am. Cost is \$60 for first camper and \$30 for additional camper from same family.

Registration is available at <https://briarwoodretreat.campbrainregistration.org>. Contact Aaron Colwick ([aaron@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:aaron@briarwoodretreat.org)) for more information!

### **Lumberjack Retreat January 23, 2016**

Gentlemen, It's time!

Every year, we invite all the men to come out to Briarwood and help clear out some of the dead trees we have, and restock our firewood pile, which is used all throughout the year! Once we fill that we will have a separate pile that you may take wood home with you, free of charge!



We set a huge bar last year with how much wood we cut and split, so we let's try to beat that record!

After the chainsaws have been "holstered", we will have a steak dinner available prepared by our amazing kitchen staff, Carlos and Hilario, followed by some relaxing activities. And as always, we will have our annual poker tournament, complete with prizes for the winners!

If you choose to stay overnight, you will have a breakfast provided the following morning, and a custom worship designed for Lumberjacks! It's easily the best deal we have, so we highly encourage you to take advantage of it!

Price: Lunch Only - FREE! Lunch & Dinner - \$25 Overnight - \$35

Register today at  
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### **Holiday Brunch**

**December 6 10:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us for our holiday brunch on Sunday, December 6. Come for the fabulous food and great holiday fellowship!

### **Women's Family Retreat January 9-10, 2016**

"Women are..."

There are so many ways that the women in our life influence us. Come to our inaugural women's retreat at Briarwood Retreat

Center, and discover how we can learn from women in the Bible how to be proud leaders in the church. There will be activities designed to spark conversation about leadership, faith, beauty, and many other topics that we are faced with addressing every day.



The retreat will start on Saturday at 12:00 pm, but you are welcome to come out on Friday, January 8, and stay in Oak Grove to start your experience early! This event will be lead by women, but our program staff, Aaron Colwick and Daniel Crofts, and our Executive Director, Pr. Phil Geleske, might make an appearance!

This event is meant for women to bring those they would like to be a spiritual mentor for, such as a daughter, niece, granddaughter, neighbor, youth from church, or anyone who you wish to bond with during this awesome weekend!

Price: Adults are \$50, and campers under the age of 18 are \$25. If you wish to come Friday then add an additional \$25 for adults and \$15 for campers under the age of 18.

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### **Mark your Calendars!**

- \* Advent Retreat - December 5-6
- \* Christmas Sunday Brunch - Dec 6
- \* Summer Staff Reunion Dec 20-21

- \* Women's Family Retreat - January 9-10
- \* Men's Lumberjack Retreat - January 23-24
- \* Couples Retreat - February 12-13