

# The Briarwood Vine

*Providing Christian hospitality, camping and retreat programs  
to serve, nurture and equip the people of God for God's work in the world.*  
January 2008

## HENRY HOWE TO THE RESQUE!

Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Briarwood Lutheran Ministries is serving as Interim Executive Director. This for no pay and has been since the end of September. Thank you Henry, you are a God send.

**ADVENT RETREAT** – Fifty children and sponsors participated and enjoyed this Retreat in December. Thanks to **Pastors Todd and Jamie Bruning** for the great job planning and presenting this wonderful event "Waiting For The Light" to help these young people discover the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Mark your calendars now for **2008 – Dec. 5-6.**

"COME AND SEE" BRIARWOOD on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. You are invited to enjoy a tour of the grounds, a presentation on Briarwood, and a complimentary lunch. "**Come and See**" the changes that have been made and hear about where we are going. See how you can be a part of this wonderful ministry. RSVP [jean@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:jean@briarwoodretreat.org) or call 940-241-2099.

## SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR NEEDED -

We are searching for a Summer Camp Program Director. The length of this position is January – August 2008, with the possibility of a year-round position. For more information, check our website or contact Pastor Mel Hammer [melvin.hammer@att.net](mailto:melvin.hammer@att.net).

**SUMMER STAFF NEEDED** – We also need young people to serve as summer staffers. There are a variety of positions available from leadership staff to lifeguards, cabin counselors to maintenance staff. Check our website for more information; call 940-241-2099 / email [henry@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:henry@briarwoodretreat.org).

CHRISTMAS GIFT LETTERS were mailed in December. Please make this a part of your end of year or New Year's giving. There are wonderful changes in the works at Briarwood, as well as a new and exciting summer camp program. Your partnership and support is always needed and much appreciated.

INVITE Jean Oswald, Development and Outreach Manager for Briarwood, to your congregation to meet with your council and/or congregation. We also encourage you to hold a "Briarwood Sunday". Jean will be happy to help you make this happen. You will learn about what's ahead for Briarwood, and how we can strengthen our partnership. Contact her at 972-754-6134 or email [jean@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:jean@briarwoodretreat.org).

## CHILDREN'S FURNITURE FOR SALE -

New Children's furniture (they are still in the boxes) is available to purchase for your Church or Preschool. We have 24 blue children's chairs with chrome legs, 20 1½" thick red and blue 24" X 48" floor pads, three activity tables with adjustable height legs and molded plastic tabletops (one blue, one yellow and one red). Email [henry@briarwoodretreat.org](mailto:henry@briarwoodretreat.org) or call 940-241-2099.

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2008

January 26	"Come and See" Briarwood
Feb 29/Mar 2	Lenten Retreat 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders
March 7-9	Retreat for Senior Citizens
March 29	Spring Workday
April 4-6	Mother-Daughter Retreat
April 18-20	Father-Son Retreat
May 2-3	Confirmation Retreat

Mark these dates on your calendar and check your mailbox, your email and our website for more information and future events.



### How to Reach Us

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