

# BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application should be completed and submitted by computer if possible. The spaces provided are merely starting points for your responses and are designed to adjust to the length of each entry. Use the TAB key or the arrows on your keyboard to advance from one field to the next.

The requested information is to assist us in ministering to you most effectively. Please include a **photo** or **prayer card** with this application along with any other information you believe will be helpful to our Team.

After this information has been received in the Missions & Multiplication Office, it will be forwarded to the National Ministry Team. After review by the Team, you will be notified regarding a personal interview with the Team, if the ministry to which God has called you is determined to be compatible with the present goals and strategies of Briarwood's National Ministry.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: **Joel Ledbetter**

Birth date: **1/24/87**

Spouse: **Kate Ledbetter**

Birth date: **12/17/86**

Anniversary: **6/19/10**

Children: (names, birth dates)

- **Owen, 8/25/15**
- **Micah, 9/22/17**

Your Home Address: **115 E Chandler St**

City: **Carrollton** State: **GA**

Zip: **30117**

Phone: **828-338-9515**

Cell Phone: **828-338-9515**

E-mail: **Joel.Ledbetter@CampusOutreach.org**

### *Mission Board*

Name: **Campus Outreach Birmingham**

Address: **P.O. Box 43737**

City: **Birmingham**

State: **AL**

Zip: **35243**

Phone: **205-776-5500**

E-mail &/or Web-site: **cobirmingham.org**

Your Work Address: **Campus Outreach Berry College and University of West Georgia**

Your home church: **Kings Chapel Presbyterian Church (in process of becoming Associate member of Briarwood)**

Who is the person that most influenced your decision to go into missions?

**Josh Etness**

Could we contact them regarding your application? **Yes**

Phone: **678-878-8733**

Who referred you to Briarwood for support? **Olan Stubbs**

List your Educational Background:

- **2009- Berry College: Bachelors of Science (Psychology of Religion)**
- **2011- Reformed Theological Seminary (Masters in Counseling)**

Employment Experience: (Please list your last three jobs)

Company Name: **Campus Outreach**

Dates of Employment: **2018-Present**

Your Job Title and responsibilities: **Area Director**

- **Lead, develop and care for all of the staff within our area (currently at Berry College and the University of West Georgia).**
- **Help to lead the Campus Directors in thinking and stewarding the Campus Movement.**
- **Serve on the COB leadership team to think for and lead the overall COB movement.**
- **Evangelize, Establish, Equip, and Export students by developing relationships, sharing the Gospel, leading Bible studies, helping students grow spiritually, and discipling students.**

Company Name: **Campus Outreach**

Dates of Employment: **2015-2018**

Your Job Title and responsibilities: **Campus Staff and Counselor**

- **Evangelize, Establish, Equip, and Export students by developing relationships, sharing the Gospel, leading Bible studies, helping students grow spiritually, and discipling students.**
- **Pursue Jesus & develop in character, leadership, theology, and ministry skills**
- **Assess and counsel students in the Birmingham region who are struggling with things such as addictions, depression, self-harming behaviors, and relationship problems**

Company Name: **Trinity Presbyterian Church**

Dates of Employment: **2013-2015**

Your Job Title and responsibilities: **Youth Director**

- **Overseeing, developing, and implementing weekly youth programs for students grades 6 - 12 that consist of worship, Biblical teaching, discipleship, fellowship, and community outreach.**
- **Presenting the Gospel through instructional and relational ministry at TPC.**
- **Incorporating TPC's youth into the life, ministry, and service of the church and other regional mission opportunities.**

What training and practical Christian experience have you had that will assist you in your ministry (pastor, youth leader, camping, etc.)?

- **Masters in Biblical Counseling**
- **Over 7 years on staff with Campus Outreach: evangelism, establishing, equipping, and exporting college students**
- **Elder at 7 Hill Fellowship (2018-2020)**

What is your present practice of evangelism?

- **Build relationships with college students on campus: be present on campus consistently throughout the week, learn names/faces, initiate conversation, and invite them to campus Outreach events/gatherings.**
- **I try to have at least one Gospel Appointment each week where I ask students to share their spiritual background, share my testimony, and share the Gospel using a number of different passages and tools learned during my time with Campus Outreach (primarily share the Bridge Diagram). I try to include men I am discipling to join me in evangelism and Gospel Appointments.**

What “formal” evangelism training have you had?

- **Multiple CO Staff Trainings**
- **Summer Beach Project**

What is your practice of discipleship / follow-up?

- **At the end of each school year, I evaluate where the men I have been sharing the Gospel with are at in their walk with God. As I am able, I will try to disciple a few key students who are involved with Campus Outreach.**
- **Meet weekly to read the Bible, for accountability, prayer, and training in evangelism/discipleship.**

What is your personal practice of devotional study and growth?

- **I currently am reading through a community bible reading plan that goes through the New Testament every year, and the Old Testament every three years.**
- **I have a stack of prayer cards that I consistently pray through (sin struggles/growth areas, family, friends, lost, work, goals, nations)**
- **I am in a discipleship group at our church with one of the pastors and a few other leaders within the church.**

## **THEOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Please write a brief testimony about your conversion and why you want to go (or have gone) into support based ministry.

**Before becoming a Christian, I lived a life of legalism, addicted to following “the rules” and trying to pay for my own sin. On the outside, I appeared to “have it all together” and was extremely judgmental towards others who did not meet my standards. On the inside, all I felt was guilt as I constantly saw my own sin, but had no way of dealing with it. Much of the time, I felt depressed and punished myself in hopes that God would forgive me. I prayed for forgiveness over and over again, but did not grasp what Jesus accomplished on the cross.**

**During my freshman year at Berry College, God used Campus Outreach staff and student leaders to free me from my guilt and shame. I was pursued and cared for as they began sharing the beauty of the Gospel, that Christ’s death and resurrection could free me from the prison of guilt that I lived in. I will never forget having Hebrews 8:12 explained to me...that through Christ, God not only forgives me of my sin, but also “remembers it no more”. After these truths permeated my heart, I had a strong desire to live in the freedom found in the Gospel and point others to that same freedom.**

## MINISTRY INFORMATION

In what type of ministry will you be engaged as a missionary?

- **Evangelism**
- **Nurture / Equip / Train**

Will your ministry be part-time or full time (according to your agency's standards)?

- **Full Time**

Exactly what will be your primary function in this work?

- **Lead, develop and care for all of the staff within our area (currently at Berry College and the University of West Georgia).**
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Where will your ministry be located?

**"Area East"- Currently at University of West Georgia and Berry College**

What specific programs will you be using as you carry out your ministry?

**We meet as a team each semester and set goals together for reaching the campus. We have a combination of spiritual surveys, Gospel Appointments, large group meetings, small groups, evangelistic bible studies, and discipleship groups each year.**

Please describe the ways by which your ministry intentionally serves the spiritual and functional health of local churches.

**I believe CO Staff and students are a great resource and gift to local churches. A number of our staff serve as elders, deacons, children/youth ministry volunteers. Our pastor frequently asks for input on the life and ministry of our church. Over the years I have lead a community group, volunteered in children's ministry, been a member of the welcome team, invited and pursued new members, and preached while our pastor was on sabbatical.**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please indicate the sources of commitments toward your PERSONAL support that have been made to this point. Do not include money you may raise for the general fund of your board.

Please use ANNUAL amounts.

Will your spouse receive any income in addition? **Yes**

What was his/her income for the past year? **She recently started a small business where she will be working about 10-15 hours/week from home (probably will make about \$10,000-20,000 in the next year)**

What are the sources of your present support commitments?

	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF EACH
Home Church	\$ <b>2400</b>	<b>1</b>
Other Churches	\$ <b>7644</b>	<b>3</b>
Individuals	\$ <b>99,260</b>	<b>86</b>

Other sources of income over \$500.00,  
(pensions, dividends, honorariums, etc.)

	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Total Support Pledged	\$ <b>109,304</b>	
Total Support Goal	\$ <b>120,000</b>	

Major non-monetary gifts received valued over \$500 each; please itemize.  
**N/A**

Please indicate the allocation of your support:  
Please indicate gross amounts.

	Amount	Percent
Salary, Living expenses	\$ <b>78,150</b>	<b>%</b>
Ministry expenses	\$ <b>6000-8000</b>	<b>%</b>
Administration	\$ <b>6,730</b>	<b>%</b>
Benefits, Insurance	\$ <b>29,061</b>	<b>%</b>
	\$	<b>%</b>
	\$	<b>%</b>
	\$	<b>%</b>

If you are to raise money for the general fund of your board, what is your goal? **N/A**

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## DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

I believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, without error in the original writings.

I believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe that by one man, Adam, sin entered the world; that for salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy spirit through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely essential.

I believe in the deity and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He died upon the Cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world, and that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, from whence He will return with power and glory.

I believe that true faith produces repentance from sin and obedience to God, and that the necessity of repentance is such that none may expect pardon without it.

I believe in life after death; that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

I believe in the resurrection of the saved into everlasting life in heaven and the resurrection of the lost or unsaved into eternal punishment.

I understand and agree with the above doctrinal statements, and if at any time there is any change in my beliefs, I shall make it known to the National Ministry Team of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Signature:



Date: 10/26/22

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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. When our National Ministries Conference occurs, we would expect your attendance when called upon to participate.
2. Please notify the Missions Office as to when you will be in the Birmingham area at least one month in advance of your visit, so we can plan to meet with you or arrange for you to speak at an event here at the Church.
3. It is the policy of the Briarwood National Ministry Team that all missionaries we support will maintain regular correspondence with the Team (at least 4 times a year) to keep the Team up-dated on your work, so that we can better pray for you. A lack of communication could result in your support being discontinued.
4. We will require the submission of an annual report to our National Ministry Team. Report forms will be sent to you. If we do not receive this report from you, financial support will be suspended until we do receive it. Funds will be held in escrow and forwarded upon the reception of the Report. Your signature indicates your understanding and your willingness to comply.
5. Please notify the Missions Office if you change governing boards.
6. Please notify the Missions Office if at any time the focus of your ministry changes or your ministry becomes part-time.

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Signature:

Date:

**Please complete all parts of this Application and return it to:**

**[nmt@briarwood.org](mailto:nmt@briarwood.org)**

**or**

**The National Ministry Team  
Briarwood Presbyterian Church  
2200 Briarwood Way  
Birmingham, AL 35243**

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