

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT

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: Ethan Bishop Knight Birth date: 09/16/1996

Spouse: Devyn Elana Knight Birth date: 02/02/1995

Anniversary: 09/10/2022

Children: (names, birth dates)

Your Home Address: 88 C St SW City: Jacksonville State: AL Zip: 36265

Cell Phone: 334-759-0144

E-mail: ethan.knight@campusoutreach.org

Mission Board

Name: Campus Outreach Birmingham

Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: E-mail &/or Web-site:

Your Work Address: N/A City: N/A State: N/A Zip: N/A

Phone: 334-759-0144 E-mail: ethan.knight@campusoutreach.org

Your home church: Grace Fellowship (Anniston, AL)

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

- Aaron Walker

Could we contact them regarding your application? Yes No

Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: 205-451-5281 E-mail: aaron.walker@campusoutreach.org

Who referred you to Briarwood for support?

Tyler Clark

List your Educational Background:

Bachelors of Science- Kinesiology (Jacksonville State University)

Employment Experience: (Please list your last three jobs)

Company Name: JP Services

Dates of Employment: Jan 2021- Aug 2021

Your Job Title and responsibilities: General contracting and handyman services

Company Name: David Daniels Transfer

Dates of Employment: Oct 2019- May 2020

Your Job Title and responsibilities: Mover

Company Name: Top O the River

Dates of Employment: Feb 2018- Sept 2019

Your Job Title and responsibilities: Server

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

1. 5 Campus Outreach Summer Beach Projects (3 as a student, 2 on staff)
2. Establishing Grace Fellowship Young Adult Ministry

What is your present practice of evangelism?

- I've built relationships with two fraternities on campus at JSU that I host bible studies with and share the gospel with one on one regularly. I also build relationships through other avenues such as rock climbing and working out to seek opportunities to share the gospel.

What "formal" evangelism training have you had?

- CO staff trainings and other CO programs (SBP and NYC)

What is your practice of discipleship/follow-up?

- I meet with younger believers weekly to model how to study the scriptures, confess sin, pray, and evangelize. Sometimes one on one and sometimes in small groups.

What is your personal practice of devotional study and growth?

- I have a daily regular devotional time in the scriptures, usually working through a book of the bible,

as well as regular reading of external christian literature (theology, doctrine, leadership, biographies, and fiction).

THEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

I grew up in an unbelieving family. Both of my parents struggled with substance abuse from a young age, and as a result of their substance abuse they set high standards of morality on me and my brother in an effort to “make us better than them”. Consequently, I relied on my good works and relative morality to justify myself from a young age.

As I entered my freshman year of college I experienced freedom from my parents imposed standards and decided to try what the world had to offer. I found myself pursuing anything the flesh could offer and felt more empty than when I held to their standards. I was questioning a lot of things when a CO bible study started in my fraternity during my sophomore year (Spring 2017). I learned that morality was not some arbitrary standard that man made, but a perfect standard that God made and embodied. He was utterly holy and I was not. I met up with the staff guy and he shared that I could find real satisfaction in Christ and submitting to his authority over my life. This obedience was not like the obedience to my parents standard that was begrudging and half hearted, but obedience that was rooted in the love of Christ shown to me by his incarnation, life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension.

I spent the next 2 years involved with CO and being integrated into the local church. I was convinced that there was a need for college students to hear the gospel and be disciplined into the church. I planned to go to Christchurch, NZ in 2020 to work with CO on the college campus, but Covid-19 closed the borders. I began doing bible studies through the local church with our young adults which eventually grew into a full fledged ministry. I decided to stay and continue ministry at JSU by relaunching CO JSU in Aug 2021, which had been absent from the campus since Aug of 2018.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

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

Evangelism

Nurture / Equip / Train

Support / Technical

Administration

Other, explain

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

- Full time (40-60 hours a week)

Exactly what will be your primary function in this work?

- Evangelism and Discipleship on the campus of Jacksonville State University

Where will your ministry be located?

- Jacksonville, AL

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

- CO Bible study material
- Summer Beach Project
- New Year's Conference

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

- The goal of my ministry is to evangelize and equip students to walk with Christ for the rest of their lives in the context of the local church. Students are invited into and encouraged to seek discipleship and service opportunities not just within the context of my ministry, but in the local body across all generations.

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 No

What was his/her income for the past year?

What are the sources of your present support commitments?

	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF EACH
Home Church	\$4000	1
Other Churches	\$0	0
Individuals	\$42,611	45 individuals

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

NA	\$	
NA	\$	
NA	\$	

Total Support Pledged	\$46,611	
Total Support Goal	\$63,480	

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	\$ 42,000	%70
Ministry expenses	\$ 4,000	%6.5
Administration	\$ 3,988	%6.5
Benefits, Insurance	\$ 10,469	%17
Buffer of 5%	\$ 3,023	%
	\$	%
	\$	%

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

N/A

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.

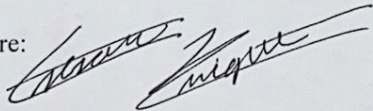
I believe that true faith produces repentance from sin and obedience to God, and that the necessity of repentance is such that none may expect pardon without it.

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:

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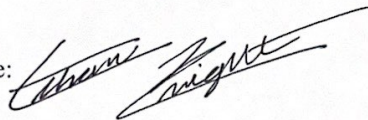
Date:

6/21/2023

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.

Signature:



Date: 6/21/2023

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

nmt@briarwood.org

or

The National Ministry Team

Briarwood Presbyterian Church

2200 Briarwood Way

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