

# THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• MARCH 1, 2019 •

**FAITH  
PROWSE**  
2019



## OPERATIONAL GOAL:

# \$2,224,172

Committed Missionary Support, Local International Outreach, Global Ministry Operations

## STRETCH GOAL:

# \$2,405,772

Church Planting Malawi, Latin America Pastors Theological Training, Chinese Church Revitalization, Equipping African Pastors, Ministry to the Persecuted Church, Mongolian Church Planting

## HALLELUJAH GOAL:

# \$2,547,772

Iranian Evangelism & Discipleship, Russian Reformed Seminary, Honduras Medical Outreach, Pakistani Girls Home for Orphans, Turkish Refugees Evangelism, International Church Planting

EARLY BIRD ENDS THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 3

RETHINK HOW YOU SEE THE BIBLE

STAND TO REASON  
PRESENTS



# HAS GOD SPOKEN?



April 26-27, 2019 • Briarwood Presbyterian Church  
[rethinkapologetics.com](http://rethinkapologetics.com)

\$35 Early bird registration ends March 2

\$25 Briarwood Member Student rate by April 1

# What is Faith Promise?

*For over 50 years, God has allowed Briarwood to send out missionaries and support them financially and prayerfully. Our annual missions offering is called Faith Promise. We ask every member of Briarwood to prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance as to the amount—over and above your regular tithes and offerings—that He would have you give to world missions.*



## *Based upon Biblical Principles*

The Bible teaches us to obey the Lord in the giving of His tithe and to honor Him in the giving of our offerings. Faith Promise is a type of offering whereby we have the opportunity to give to support world mission—systematically, sacrificially and supernaturally. Systematically, by prioritizing an amount each month that we give after the tithe; sacrificially, by denying ourselves of something so that we may support missions; and supernaturally, when our Lord provides resources for giving that are beyond our understanding.

## *Encourages God's People*

By Faith, we anticipate prayerfully what He will give to us. By a Promise, we consecrate those funds when they arrive as offerings to the Lord. Sometimes the Lord gives more resources to us so we are able to fulfill these commitments; other times He stretches our resources like the “fishes and loaves” with the feeding of the 5,000. No matter the way He does it, it always strengthens and encourages us when He proves Himself faithful.



## *Stimulates Us to Worship and Pray*

As the Lord provides resources to us, in an act of worship we give them back to Him and are moved to praise Him even more. Then we call upon Him in prayer to discern what the Lord wants to do through us and where He wants us to place these resources. “Lead us, O Lord, and guide us to ever increasing faithfulness with what you have entrusted to us for the praise of Your Holy Name.”

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

## Sunday Morning - 8:00 and 10:55 a.m.

Global Missions in Biblical Perspective

*Leading the Nations to Jesus*

"3 Lessons from a Missionary Letter to a Missionary Supporting Church"

Philippians 1

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

## Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

2019 Global Ministries Conference

*Leading the Nations to Jesus*

"Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"

John 12:21

Pastor Bryan Wintersteen

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.*

## Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Mar. 3 – Family Matters/In One Accord

## PRAYER FOCUS

Faith  
Promise

Pray that we will gain an increased understanding about participation in Faith Promise and prayerfully choose to take part in reaching the world for Christ through our missionaries. May God lead us to trust Him in our pledges and to give faithfully as He provides.

**Mar 1** Alonzo & Antionette Brown  
Strong Tower • Alabama

Daniel & Jessica Souza  
Campus Outreach • Brazil

**Mar 2** Catherine & Paul Brown  
Crown Financial • Alabama

Stephen & Laura Spanjer  
Won by One Intl • Germany

**Mar 3** Cedric & Alicia Brown  
Navigators • Maryland

Dony & Sharon St. Germain  
El Shaddai Ministries Intl • Haiti

**Mar 4** Stephen & Lisa Bunn  
College Golf Fellowship • Alabama

Dan & Donna Standridge  
Crossworld • Italy

**Mar 5** Dick Chenoweth  
Briarwood Elder

Hucks Buchanan  
Briarwood Deacon

**Mar 6** Will Clark  
Briarwood Elder

Jamie Burns  
Briarwood Deacon

**Mar 7** Ray Tucker  
Membership Pastor • Leadership Team

Urban Hope Community Church  
Fairfield

**Hear All Five of Dr. Neil Stewart's Messages** • If you missed any of our conference speaker's messages, they are all now available online at [briarwood.org/gmcaudio](http://briarwood.org/gmcaudio).

**Pastor's Inquirers' Class** for newcomers and prospective members begins this Sun., Mar. 3. Class includes two Sun. mornings (Mar. 3 and 10), two Wed. nights (Mar. 6 and 13), and a luncheon (Mar. 17 only for those who are planning to join). Attending doesn't obligate you to join. For more information or to sign up for the class, go to [briarwood.org/pic](http://briarwood.org/pic), email Wendy Long at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org) or call 776-5208.

**Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer** • You are invited to gather for prayer Sun., Mar. 3 at 5:00 p.m. in W202. All are welcome.

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be observed Mar. 3 in the evening service. Members of the congregation are invited to prepare their hearts to receive Communion. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**40 Days For Life** • Mar. 6–Apr. 14. Join a nationwide, grass roots, interdenominational campaign to open hearts to the sanctity of human life through prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach. For more information, contact Ed Stakes at [bestakes@gmail.com](mailto:bestakes@gmail.com) or 533-3634; or register at [40daysforlife.com/birmingham](http://40daysforlife.com/birmingham).

**Persecuted Church Prayer** • Sun., Mar. 10 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Lunch with Evangelist Scott Dawson** • Tue., Mar. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. An evangelist for the 21st century, Scott has the ability to share the good news of the Gospel with enthusiasm and clarity. Tickets are \$8 in the Bookstore and online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**Yucatan Spring Break Trip** • Join Olan and Lynna Stubbs, Mar. 25–30, to serve on this short-term mission trip with construction projects, visiting homes and hosting a VBS. Families with children 6 and up are welcome. Go online to [reel-life.org/trips/yucatan](http://reel-life.org/trips/yucatan).

**Trailblazers Spring Trip** • Join us as we travel to Savannah and Amelia, St. Simons and Jekyll Islands this coming Apr. 8–13. Email Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) or see the brochure at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) for details.

## BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

- We rejoice with **Jon and Rebekah Vermeer** on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Caroline**, on Feb. 14 and with grandparents **Terry and Sonja Steelman**; and with **Benjamin and Taylor Jones** on the birth of their daughter, **Catherine Ann**, on Feb. 20 and with grandparents **Jack and Kaye Mathews**.
- Our love and sympathy to **Kara Ganter** and family on the death of her father, **Grey Till**, on Feb. 18.

**Meals needed** • Show the love of Christ to ladies of the *Forgiven and Set Free* Bible study by preparing a meal for one of their meetings. Call Heather at 529-8875 to volunteer.

**VBS 2019** • Coming June 3–7. We are busy making plans so mark your calendar now to attend. Registration opens in April. Interested in volunteering at VBS? To sign up, email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org). To sign up to help in the Nursery, click on the Nursery VBS Volunteer form at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Joy Fitness** • Want to meet new friends, have fun and get in shape all at the same time? Come try this class for active agers 55 and up. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Ballet Room. For information contact [brendabparks@gmail.com](mailto:brendabparks@gmail.com).

**Pocket Change** • Deposit into wall containers around the church to be used by the Exec. Mercy Ministry Team to distribute food for those in need. Coin canisters are available at the Altadena House to collect at home.

**Job Openings** (more at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment)):

**Worship/Music Ministry Associate.** Seeking an individual for this full-time position who is musically gifted and called to engage younger generations in multi-generational worship. Contact Penny Philley at 776-5229 or [pphilley@briarwood.org](mailto:pphilley@briarwood.org).

**Admin Assistant for Women's Ministry.** Part-time position for a Briarwood Church member working with the Women's Ministry Director. Proficiency in Microsoft Office required. Send résumé to Leigh Ann Reese at [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Power Point Operator.** College age and up. Needed for Sunday services and Wednesday rehearsals. Music reading a plus. Contact Frank Barker III at [fb3@briarwood.org](mailto:fb3@briarwood.org).

**Sr. High Ministry Staff.** Seeking a female to shepherd and disciple our Sr. High school girls through personal ministry and recruiting and training volunteers. This full-time position will work under the Youth Director and with other youth staff. Call the Briarwood Student Ministry at 776-5269, or send résumé to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**College Women's Coordinator.** Full-time position requiring the ability to shepherd, disciple, and connect with college-aged women. For information or to submit résumé, email Rachel Laster at [rlaster@briarwood.org](mailto:rlaster@briarwood.org).

**See details on other positions and how to apply by going online to [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).**

## BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

March 6

Beef Tips and Rice, Chicken and Rice, Green Peas,  
Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, Roll, Dessert

For reservations, visit [briarwood.org/dinner](http://briarwood.org/dinner)  
or call 776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.

# HOW YOU CAN SERVE IN MISSIONS



- Join the Global Missions Team
- Go on a short term missions trip
- Become a Friendship Partner to an international student
- Pray for one of Briarwood's 230 global missionaries
- Make a Faith Promise pledge
- Pray for a specific country or people group
- Take an international student to lunch
- Read a missionary biography
- Become an advocate for a missionary
- Pray for one of our 110 national missionaries
- Commit to serve overseas as a missionary
- Join the monthly Persecuted Church Prayer Team
- Serve locally with one of our 20 urban missionaries
- Invite an international student in your home for a meal
- Volunteer as a teacher for ESL
- Serve on the BIO Team for local international outreach



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