SPORTSMAN’S BLAST 2020

REAL MEN SHARE THE GOSPEL

Friday, February 7
Speaker: Russell Thornberry

Over 20 exhibitors & interactive displays!
Doors open 4:30 p.m. • Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

$12 tickets at briarwood.org/blast
Dinner provided with purchase of ticket
FELLOW WORKERS FOR THE TRUTH
GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2020

Serving the Servants | Global Ministries Conference
February 23–March 1

Make sure you save the dates for this important event that will impact your life!

Be sure to complete the insert in Sunday’s bulletin or visit the Missions Office during the week.
The Briarwood Church Revitalization Ministry just completed our annual January Embers to a Flame Conference with sixty-one guests from four denominations and seven states. Pastors and church leaders met to study ten biblical strategies for church health. Pastors were reminded of our Briarwood 2020 theme, Lifestyle Stewardship, and verse, “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” (I Corinthians 4:2). And the priority we shared with the pastors was that church vitality and health, not simply numerical growth be the goal of a faithful pastor as he shepherds the flock of God.

For twenty years, Embers to a Flame has been equipping and encouraging church leaders to follow God’s Word and enjoy the benefits of church health. Our clarion call comes from Revelation 2, where God calls His church to “remember, repent, and recover.” Attendees, representing several denominations as well as three reformed seminaries, fully engaged with the biblical content and messages from Dr. Reeder. Church leaders were encouraged to implement the content through Briarwood’s fourteen-month coaching process called Fanning the Flame. Through the customized coaching process, pastors are equipped to implement each of the ten strategies in their churches. We praise God for several churches who have recently committed to engage with Fanning the Flame! This leads to a church-on-church discipleship process for the glory of God. This endeavor would not have been possible without our Briarwood family’s faithful stewardship and the incredibly hard work from our Church Revitalization Team. It is with great joy that we partner in the work of Church Revitalization!

We ask you to join us in thanking God for the progress to this point, and to continue to pray this ministry will extend into additional denominations in the United States and other countries of the world.

Bryan Winterstein
Global Missions Pastor
Pray for Pastor Alton and his wife Sandra as they minister in Fairfield, Alabama. Pray for them and the other leaders of Urban Hope as they devote time and energy to growing disciples of Jesus who are confident in their true identity in Christ and are agents of hope in Fairfield.

**Prayer Focus**

Alton and Sandra Hardy  
Urban Hope Community Church  
Fairfield, Alabama

**Serving in the Nursery**  
Sun., Feb. 2  
Leveraging Life/In One Accord

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**Jan 31**  
Bill & Linda White  
Daymark Counseling • Alabama  
Samuel & Carol Foucachon  
Global Outreach Mission • France

**Feb 1**  
Kevin & Taylor Wilkie  
Campus Outreach • Alabama  
Clay Fuqua  
CRU • US/Intl

**Feb 2**  
Beth Wilson  
Cru • North Carolina  
Craig & Heather Gahagen  
South American Mission • Peru

**Feb 3**  
Parks & Julie Wilson  
Worldwide Discipleship Assoc. • Indiana  
Ronnie & Amanda Garcia  
La Travesia • Puerto Rico

**Feb 4**  
John Bentley  
Briarwood Elder  
Phil Black  
Briarwood Deacon

**Feb 5**  
Lance Black  
Briarwood Elder  
Chris Blazer  
Briarwood Deacon

**Feb 6**  
Frank Barker  
Pastor Emeritus • Leadership Team  
Urban Hope Community Church  
Fairfield

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

IV. Christian Stewardship in Biblical Perspective  
*Lifestyle Stewardship*  
“The King and Christian Stewardship in the Kingdom”  
Luke 19:11–27  
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

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

II. Eternity in Biblical Perspective  
*If I Should Die Before I Wake…*  
“The Bible and Death…Spread to All Men”  
Romans 5; II Corinthians 5  
Dr. Harry L. Reeder III
Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer • All are welcome to gather for prayer Sun., Feb. 2 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

Women's Precept Study • I Samuel starts Thurs., Feb. 6. Books are $20 in the Women's Ministry office. Come join us!

Persecuted Church Prayer • Sun., Feb. 9 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Children's Communicants Class Parent Meeting • Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in S203. Communicants class for children in grades 4–6 begins Mar. 1. Call Page Dollar to sign up your child or with questions at 205-776-5526.

Special Connections • Our children, youth, and adults with special needs want to get to know you! Volunteers are needed during the services on Sundays as well as for other events. Training will be Mon., Feb. 10 in A105 at 6:30–8:00 p.m. Contact June Cork at 205-776-5291 or jcork@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Lunch • Tues., Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the FH. Trailblazers welcomes popular Christian musician Kevin Derryberry. Tickets are $8 in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

“Let your requests be made known to God.” • We have prayer cards in brown boxes by the kiosks around the church and your prayer requests (confidential) will be prayed for by our prayer team. If you have any questions, email dmatthews@briarwood.org.

Forgiven and Set Free Group • Free, confidential and caring small group Bible study for post-abortive women starting in February. Every woman who has had an abortion will benefit from this study. Contact Heather at 205-578-2022.

Learn the skills you need to make your marriage a great one, Feb. 14–16 at FamilyLife’s Weekend to Remember getaway in Montgomery. Register at weekendtoremember.com. Don’t miss this great opportunity to invest in each other.
Interested in foster care? Check out Lifeline Children’s Services Foster Parent Training Classes! The 10-week classes not only include the state curriculum, but teach the curriculum from a biblical perspective. To register and learn more, click the link at briarwood.org/fostercare or contact Grace at grace.crabtree@lifelinechild.org.

Missionary “Favorite Things” Goodie Bags • Pamper our 16 missionary women attending the upcoming Global Ministry Conference. Bring cute dish towels, spices, note cards, manicure items, lip balms, bookstore gift certificates or other “favorites.” Please no used items, heavy items, candles or scented items, or liquid items. Drop off at the Women’s Ministry office between Tues., Feb. 11 and Wed., Feb. 19.

Do you have a child who loves to sing and dance? MoTowne Productions is an auditioned summer musical theatre camp for current 3rd–11th graders. Auditions are Sat., Feb. 22. For details, go to motowneproductions.com.

Global Ministries Conference Nursery Volunteers • We need your help from Sunday night thru Wednesday night. If you are able to help, email Alison at acraig@briarwood.org.

A Message for Life • Watch a recording of guest speaker, Zanthia Turner, who spoke in the Sun., Jan. 19 morning worship services at briarwood.org/life.

Spring Soccer • Sign-up is open for both boys and girls, ages 5–14. Register with forms on kiosks at the church, at briarwoodsoccer.com or by calling 205-776-5114.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES
Our love and sympathy to Bradford Bondurant and family on the death of his mother, Theresa Bondurant, on Jan. 22; to Marji Abernathy and family on the death of her father, William F. Bussman, on Jan. 23; to Jim Carns and family on the death of his wife, member Judy Carns, on Jan. 25; to Karla Whitcomb and family on the death of her mother, Myralyn Smith, on Jan. 26; and to Max Bunn and family on the death of his grandmother, Betty Langer, on Jan. 27.

February 5 Dinner Menu
Chicken Pot Pie, Teriyaki Meatballs, Broccoli and Cheese, Garden Salad, Roll, Dessert

For reservations, visit briarwood.org/dinner or call 205-776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.
Love to knit or want to learn? • Join other knitters each Wed. morning from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in A205. Some of our projects: booties for Save-a-Life, chemo caps, missionary gifts, and prayer shawls. New learners are welcome. Contact Ellen Fox at ewfox@bellsouth.net or 980-1968.

CMMA Side-by-Side • A weekly Bible Study for wives of spouses in healthcare fields (either practicing or in training). We meet on Wednesdays in the Caroline House for fellowship and encouragement. Call Jan Parks at 205-807-9969.

Job Openings (more at briarwood.org/employment):

Administrative Assistant for the Shepherding Team Pastor. Full-time position with benefits for an active Briarwood member. Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, effective organization, and excellent communication skills required. Send résumé to Benny Youngblood at byoungblood@briarwood.org or call 205-776-5321.

Briarwood Christian School: Openings on the website. See details on other positions and how to apply by going online to briarwood.org/employment.