

THE BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• FEBRUARY 28, 2020 •

FAITH
PROVISIONS
2020



OPERATIONAL GOAL:

\$2,268,372

Committed Missionary Support, Local International Outreach,
Global Ministry Operations

STRETCH GOAL:

\$2,408,372

Bangladesh Church Planting, Indigenous Church Planting, Indonesia Church Planting,
International Church Revitalization, Latin America Mobile Bible Institute,
Ministry to the Persecuted Church, University Ministry New Zealand

HALLELUJAH GOAL:

\$2,558,372

African Orphan Ministry, Kuala Lumpur Church Planting, Middle East Evangelism,
North Korean Mission, Norway Church Planting, Pacific Island Church Revitalization,
Panama Church Planting, Russia Church Planting



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Don't forget to spring forward



next Saturday
night and move
your clocks
forward one hour
before retiring.



You don't
want to be late
for church!

Sunday, March 8

What is Faith Promise?

For over 55 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 missions—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.

2020 Global Ministries Conference

Fellow Workers for the Truth

"Briarwood's Stewardship of World Missions: A Biblical Case Study"

Philippians 1, 4

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

2020 Global Ministries Conference

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"In a Manner Worthy of God"

III John 5-8

Pastor Bryan Wintersteen

Serving in the Nursery

Sun., Mar. 1

Covenant Keepers

PRAYER FOCUS

**Faith
Promise**

Pray that God will increase our understanding of the wonderful privilege of participating in the Faith Promise. Pray that He will enable us to pledge as He provides, choosing to be part of reaching the world for Christ as we give through our global ministry partners.

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| Feb 28 | Linwood Bragan Crosswinds Foundation • Alabama | Joe & Vasilka Handley Asian Access • Japan |
| Feb 29 | Jonathan & Julie Bromhead Church Planter • New Jersey | Paul & Crystal Henry Mission to the World • New Zealand |
| Mar 1 | Alonzo & Antoinette Brown Strong Tower • Alabama | Michael Horsley Navigators • Kenya |
| Mar 2 | Catherine & Paul Brown Crown Financial • Alabama | John & Melody Hunt Campus Outreach • Thailand |
| Mar 3 | Jim Carlson Briarwood Elder | Jamie Burns Briarwood Deacon |
| Mar 4 | Dick Chenoweth Briarwood Elder | Michael Bush Briarwood Deacon |
| Mar 5 | Michael Wichlan Shepherding Pastor • Leadership Team | Aspire Movement Birmingham |

Hear All Five of Dr. Richard Pratt's Messages ▪ If you missed any of our conference speaker's messages, they are all now available online at briarwood.org/gmcaudio.

Church Revitalization Ministry Prayer ▪ All are invited to gather for prayer Sun., Mar. 1 at 5:00 p.m. in W202.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Mar. 1 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.

Foundations Early Learning "Lunch & Learn" ▪ Wed., Mar. 4 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. We'll carpool from the church to this Briarwood-supported preschool in Fairfield. Call Pat at 205-730-6333 for details.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University ▪ Learn the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. Classes will begin Wed., Mar. 4, in M111. Contact DAveat dmatthews@briarwood.org to register or call 205-776-5211.

Parenting Teens in the Digital Age ▪ Thurs., Mar. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in The Barn. Come for lunch as we address your teen's use of phones, apps, etc. RSVP by Mar. 3 at briarwood.org/onthemenu.

Persecuted Church Prayer ▪ Sun., Mar. 8 in G103 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us to pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor's Inquirers' Class begins Mar. 8. The class for for newcomers and prospective members includes two Sun. mornings (Mar. 8 and 15), two Wed. nights (Mar. 11 and 18), and a luncheon (Mar. 22, required if planning to join). Attending classes doesn't obligate you to join. For information or to sign up, go to briarwood.org/pic or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Special Connections 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 Tues., Mar. 10 in A105 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. RSVP to June Cork at jcork@briarwood.org or 205-776-5291.

BRIARWOOD FAMILIES

Our love and sympathy to **Barry Wood** and family on the death of his stepmother, **Ruth Wood**, on Feb. 17; to the family of member **Ivy Wittichen** on her death on Feb. 21; to **Ben Lashley** and family on the death of his grandfather, **Jesse Brown**, on Feb. 24; and to **Duane Pritchett** and family on the death of his father, **Jerome 'Jerry' Pritchett**, on Feb. 24.

Trailblazers Sunday Lunch ▪ Mar. 15 at 12:15 p.m. Alabama State Senator Dan Roberts will speak on the "State of the State." Tickets at briarwood.org/trailblazers and in the Bookstore.

Trailblazers Travel ▪ Come to The Cove, May 11–13 to hear Stuart and Jill Briscoe. See briarwood.org/trailblazers or email Sharon at sjohnston@briarwood.org.

F. I. T. (Fitness Inspiring Togetherness) Class ▪ Meets on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Ballet Room for 50 and beyond. Cost is \$25/month (first class is free). For information, email brendabparks@gmail.com or go to questrecreation.org.

Camp Briarwood ▪ Registration is now OPEN for rising 1st–10th graders! Both Day and Overnight Camps are available. Brochures are on church kiosks, at campbriarwood.org, or available by calling the Quest Office at 205-776-5237.

Summer Cheer Camp ▪ June 8–12 from 9:00 a.m.–noon. Does your daughter love to cheer? Registration is now open for Cheer Camp for ages 4–10. Contact the Quest Ministry for more information at questrecreation.org, call 205-776-5237 or see briarwood.org/cheer.

VBS 2020 ▪ June 1–5. Interested in volunteering at VBS? To sign up, email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org. To sign up to help in the Nursery, click on the Nursery VBS Volunteer form at briarwood.org/nursery. Registration for attending children will open in April.

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.

Service Signing ▪ Invite your friends who have issues with hearing to worship in the 8:00 a.m. service. This service is signed by an interpreter every week.

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

Administrative Assistant for Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama. Full-time position with benefits. This job requires computer software skills—Word, Excel, Shelby (training available), basic skills in maintaining/updating websites and using social media to promote the ministry as well as the ability to multi-task. If you are interested, send résumé to Bobby Parks at bjparks@briarwood.org.

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

ARE YOU CALLED TO MISSIONS?



1. Are you growing as a Christian and desire for God's name to be magnified among the nations?
2. Do you have a burden for the lost and regularly share the Gospel?
3. Are you seeking to be biblically equipped and trained in missions?
4. Does your local church affirm your spiritual gifts and call to missions?
5. Does your character reflect a strong witness for the Gospel?
6. Do you consistently pray for missionaries and the impact of their work?
7. Have you served on a short term mission trip?
8. Are you drawn to people of different cultures?
9. Do you possess a strong faith and trust God for the impossible?
10. Are you a self-starter who perseveres under trials?
11. Do you live within your means and give sacrificially to missions?
12. Are you actively participating in the Great Commission locally by making disciples?

If you would like to discuss your personal engagement in world missions or the possibility of joining the Global Ministry Team, email Heather at hmcdougall@briarwood.org to arrange an appointment with our Global Missions Pastor, Bryan Wintersteen.

BRIARWOOD MIDWEEK

March 4

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

For reservations, visit briarwood.org/dinner
or call 776-5238 by Tuesday at noon.