

JUNE 25, 2023

# CHRISTIANITY ★ ★ ★ *in* ★ ★ ★ AMERICA 2023

PETER LILLBACK, SPEAKER  
JULY 2, 6:00 P.M – NO COST

Celebrate America while honoring our veterans.  
The Hoppers will lead our musical offering of  
worship. Following the service, join in  
a time of fellowship on the lawn.

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*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## **Sunday Morning:**

“The Christian’s Mysterious Power”

II Corinthians 12:7–10

Dr. Sandy Willson

Sunday Morning we welcome Dr. Sandy Willson back to the Briarwood pulpit. Dr. Willson is a frequent guest of Briarwood, last speaking at Dr. Reeder’s Memorial Service and the 2023 Global Missions Conference. Sandy is pastor emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church and president of The Gospel Coalition.

## **Sunday Evening Communion Service:**

II. Colossians

*The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ*

Colossians 1:9–14

Reverend Jay Shaw

Sunday Evening we will partake in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Elements are gluten-free. Learn about Communion at [briarwood.org/communion](http://briarwood.org/communion).

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook or [Briarwood.org](http://Briarwood.org).

Watch or listen to pervious sermons on the Briarwood App.

# LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,  
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11

As we walk together through the hard Providence of our Lord, we are grateful for the many ways in which He reveals Himself to us. He calls us to trust Him and reminds us that He has gone before us and will provide for us all that we need. I want to share just one of the many examples of this with you. In a very short period of time our Lord has provided our morning pulpit supply through August 27 with incredibly gifted and effective pastors who share Briarwood's comprehensive commitment to the Scriptures and who have a deep love and appreciation for both Pastor Reeder and the Briarwood Church family.

While we have already been blessed and encouraged by the pulpit ministry of Phil Tuttle and Rob Pacienza, we look forward in the coming weeks, by the grace of God, to have Sandy Willson, Peter Lillback and Kevin DeYoung minister the Word to us before we celebrate Communion together on the morning of July 16. Thereafter, Lord willing, we will benefit from the preaching and pastoral ministry of John Currie, Neil Stewart, Ligon Duncan, Peter Jones, Rick Phillips and Nate Shurden, which will take us all the way through August 27. Great is His Faithfulness! So, be encouraged and take time today to thank Him for His faithfulness, His graciousness and His loving kindness toward us as a church family.

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

– Bruce Stallings

Read Articles written by Briarwood Pastors and Staff on the Briarwood App.

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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### Children's Book

#### ***The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones**

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation and at the center of their story, too. Cost: \$14.99

### Adult Book

#### ***3D Leadership: Defining, Developing and Deploying Christian Leaders Who Can Change the World* by Dr. Harry L. Reeder III**

Pastor Reeder's book is an expanded, revised, and reformatted re-publication of *The Leadership Dynamic* with discussion questions at the end of each chapter. The book is devoted to equipping the Church and believers to multiply and mobilize leaders in all walks of life. Cost: \$12.00

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Christianity in America 2023 — The Hoppers in Concert | July 2 \***

Come and celebrate America while honoring our veterans! The Hoppers will perform Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This concert will be free of charge and open to all. Following the evening service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn.

### **“In His Presence” — The Briarwood Ballet | July 14**

Come worship with the Briarwood Ballet at the Barbara B. Barker Fine Arts Auditorium on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. as they present their annual contemporary showcase. Tickets may be purchased at [briarwood.org/ballet](http://briarwood.org/ballet). Cost: \$10

### **YBL Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | July 11**

You are invited to attend the Young Business Leaders Summer Panel Discussion series “Courage at Home” at Samford’s Cooney Hall Regions Room at 6:30 a.m. Find additional details and register at [ybl.org/events](http://ybl.org/events).

### **Impact Weekend — BYG (9th – 12th grades) | August 4–6**

Join us for our annual Impact Weekend — a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students’ houses. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Be on the lookout for the registration flyer in the mail. See [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth) for registration and more information. Cost: \$75

### **Women’s Retreat — Briarwood Women | September 22–24**

Ladies, join us for a time of rest, learning, and fellowship at our getaway retreat at Shocco Springs this September! Our speaker will be Lisa Looper and this year’s theme is Rest. Find details and register online at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

\* Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).  
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

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## CHURCH FAMILY

**Hospitalized** — Pam Alexander, Ed Chan, Wayne Curles, Bill Feist, Anna Grace Johnson

**We Rejoice** — with Hudson and Sarah White on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth ‘Ellie’ Rose, on June 8; and with JC and Nina Ogden on the birth of their son, Luka Bishop, on May 30.

**Our Love and Sympathy** — to Wayne Curles and family on the death of his wife, member Anne Curles, on June 10; and to Laura Hyche and family on the death of her father, Johnnie Johnson, on June 11.

**Worship Center Flowers** — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in memory of John Edward Bennett and Donna Smothers Walker from the wedding of Amy Walker and John Bennett on June 24.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Summer Studies** — Women's Tuesday studies will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For additional details, go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Men's Summer Studies** — Men's Wednesday studies on "Rediscovering Christian Disciplines" will be in the Fellowship Hall for a morning study at 6:30 a.m. and a lunch study at 11:45 a.m. See details and registration for lunches at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Super Summer 2023** — Children age K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to [briarwood.org/supersummer](http://briarwood.org/supersummer).

**Summer Evangelism Training** — June 21–August 9. Join us as we have dinner, a brief lesson, and then go out to evangelize. For details go to [briarwood.org/evangelism](http://briarwood.org/evangelism). Nursery is available upon reservation at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).

**Summer Mobilization Opportunities** — Interested in getting involved in local missions? Email [localmissions@briarwood.org](mailto:localmissions@briarwood.org) or go to [briarwood.org/mobilization](http://briarwood.org/mobilization) to see a list of available opportunities.

**10-Minute Choir** — Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments through the month of August. Meet in the choir loft 10 minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

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## EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

**Videographer** — Briarwood Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time videographer who can shoot, edit and manage video projects. If interested, email [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

**Director of Counseling** — Briarwood Presbyterian Church, PCA is seeking a Director of Counseling. An interested candidate should inquire with resume to [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or for more information call 205-776-5282.

**Hispanic Pastor** — Briarwood Presbyterian Church is seeking a bilingual pastor to shepherd our Hispanic congregation. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to [hmcDougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcDougall@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5404.

**YBL Small Group Coordinator** — Work with (YBL) Director in carrying out discipleship initiatives in Birmingham, including launching and training small groups, conducting one-on-one meetings. Please contact Rob Genin, [rgein@briarwood.org](mailto:rgein@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5455.

**Administrative Assistants & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of full and part-time ministry positions open: Board Directed Ministries, Nursery, Special Connections Ministry, Briarwood Christian School and Church Facilities.

See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for the PCA and those who attended General Assembly. Pray for strong leadership development within the PCA for the coming generations of God's people.

**Birmingham Prayer Focus** — Pray that our Summer Mobilization Opportunities will be fruitful and that many Briarwood families will be blessed through these acts of service. Pray for the ministry of Grace House in Fairfield, Alabama.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for all the new international students are arriving in Birmingham this summer. Pray for opportunities for you and other believers to interact with them and show them biblical hospitality. (The flag of Birmingham is featured in Sunday's worship service.)

**June 25** Pray for Brandon & Katrina Robbins – BTS, Briarwood Staff  
Prayers of Adoration: Psalm 8:1, Revelation 15:3–4

**June 26** Pray for Steve Adams – Briarwood Elder  
Prayers of Confession: Psalm 11:4, Psalm 19:12–13

**June 27** Pray for Max & Sarah Aeschlimann – Campus Outreach, Alabama  
Prayers of Renewal: Deuteronomy 10:12, Philippians 3:12–14

**June 28** Pray for Andres & Monica Acosta – World Reach, Argentina  
Prayers of Petition: John 15:7–11, Psalm 139:23–24

**June 29** Pray for Dan & Lucy Allison – Globeworks Intl, Alabama  
Prayers of Affirmation: II Corinthians 5:14–15

**June 30** Pray for Ryan & Kelley Akers – CO SERVE, Scotland  
Prayers of Thanksgiving: Exodus 15:13, 17, Leviticus 26:13

**July 1** Pray for Scott Summers – Briarwood Deacon  
Prayers: Psalm 73:25–28, Daniel 2:20–22

Prayer Guide adapted from *Handbook to Prayer, Praying Scripture Back to God* by Kenneth Boa, available in the Briarwood Bookstore.

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## CHURCH RESOURCES

### Christianity in America Rally Archive

In preparation for our upcoming Christianity in America Rally on July 2, listen to previous year's messages on the Briarwood App. Speakers include Pastor Reeder, Gary Palmer, James Lankford, Ben Carson, Tim Scott and more. On the App, go to Media, Special Media Archive, Christianity in America 2023 to access the audio files.

Watch or listen to sermons series on the Briarwood App on the "Media" tab.