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Upcoming Preaching

in the Briarwood Pulpit



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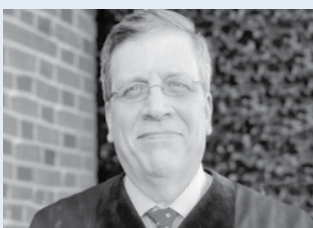
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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

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Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The General Assembly of the PCA was recently held in Memphis, Tennessee. This Assembly marked the 50th Anniversary of the PCA and was filled with reflections on the founding of the PCA as well as the home going of several leaders and remembrance of the Covenant Day School shooting. I personally had numerous people share that their church is praying for the Reeder Family and for Briarwood Church.

The tone of the Assembly was very positive with the Stated Clerk reporting that the PCA is back on a trajectory of slow growth after some declines during the Covid years. I was very encouraged to hear that the PCA is seeing growth in the number of men that are candidates for the ministry and in those who wish to be involved in church planting. This is great news!

Reverend Fred Greco from Katy, Texas was elected moderator. If there ever was a pastor whose personal gifting was to be a moderator, I think it is Fred.

The Assembly approved several changes to our Book of Church Order (BCO) which help clarify our position with regard to current cultural issues. These changes clearly speak to the importance of progressive sanctification and add clarity regarding requirements for being an elder or deacon. In my opinion this was a significant step for the peace and purity of the PCA.

The Assembly also approved an excellent Overture which will have the PCA petition the government to condemn the practice of surgical and medical gender reassignment, especially in minors.

If you are interested in watching any part of General Assembly, you can find video links on the PCAGA.org website. Overall, I was very encouraged by this year's General Assembly and am excited about the future of the PCA!

– Billy Ball

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Children's Book

***The Illustrated Westminster Shorter Catechism* by Andrew Green**

For almost 400 years families have been using The Westminster Shorter Catechism as a guide to understanding the basics of the Christian faith. This new, illustrated edition breathes fresh life into these timeless questions and answers, helping a new generation to learn the primary truths drawn from the Bible and laid out by our fathers in the faith. A valuable addition to any family's library. Cost: \$15.99

Adult Book

***Flight Path* by Janie Buck and Mary Lou Davis**

Flight Path is Dr. Frank Barker's biography. Dr. Barker was a fighter pilot until one particular brush with death. This led him to seminary where he was saved and later graduated. Over the next few decades, he established the church that would become the birthplace of the PCA. Cost: \$10.99

UPCOMING EVENTS

“In His Presence” — 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. 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.

Friendship Partner Orientation — Briarwood International Outreach | August 2

Friendship Partners connects international college students to American individuals or families. It is a wonderful cultural exchange as you build an ongoing relationship to be an effective witness for Christ. If you are interested, email cbrown@briarwood.org.

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

Join us for 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! See 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.

* Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.
Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

CHURCH FAMILY

Hospitalized — Ed Chan, Wayne Curles, Josh Peters, Lindsay Reese, Priscilla Tester

We Rejoice — with Wes and Kaitlin Schaeffer on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, on June 21 and with grandparents John and Allison Bentley; and with David and Claire Roebuck on the birth of their daughter, Isla Jane, on June 25.

Our Love and Sympathy — to Nina Tarpley and family on the death of her mother, Teresa LoMonaco, on June 22; to Ken Barton and family on the death of his mother, Sherry Barton, on June 23.

Worship Center Flowers — The flowers in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in honor of our military men and women who serve our country.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth of July — Church and school offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Super Summer 2023 — No Super Summer July 3–7. 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.

Women's Summer Studies — No study on July 4. Women's Tuesday studies will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For additional details, go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Men's Summer Studies — No study on July 5. 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.

Summer Evangelism Training — No training July 5. June 21–August 9. Join us for dinner, a brief lesson, and then going out to evangelize. For more details, go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Working Women's Fellowship Dinner — Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for dinner, fellowship and encouragement. Cost is \$7 at the door. Register at briarwood.org/women.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Begins August 27. This nine month class for 4th–6th graders requires outside work for the student and parents. If your child is interested, email rmacoy@briarwood.org. There are only twenty spots available.

Summer Mobilization Opportunities — Interested in getting involved in local missions? Email localmissions@briarwood.org or go to briarwood.org/mobilization to see a list of available opportunities.

Children's SS Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2023–24 school year, please let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

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

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for protection and direction for our staff and congregation. Pray God will give us His plan for Briarwood's future.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for the ministry of Save a Life in Birmingham, Alabama. Save-a-Life is dedicated to putting an end to abortion, not by legal and public policy, but by supporting one woman at a time, to spare her and her child from abortion.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Saltillo, Mississippi; First Presbyterian Church in Reform, Alabama; and Lincoln Memorial Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Tennessee, who are joining together for a Lampstand Spiritual Foundations retreat this Fall. Pray the Lord will lead these three congregations to a deeper walk with Him and to commit to pursue revitalization in their individual churches.

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| July 2 | Pray for Jim & Pam Alexander – Pastoral Care Pastor, Staff
Foundations Early Learning Center – Fairfield |
| July 3 | Pray for Steve Abernathy – Briarwood Elder
John Bentley – Briarwood Elder |
| July 4 | Pray for Kristin Aldridge – CO SERVE, New Zealand
Carroll Baker – Fellowship of Christian Athletes, South Carolina |
| July 5 | Pray for Bethany Joy – Alms Mission to the World, Nicaragua
Jack & Amy Baker – Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Alabama |
| July 6 | Pray for Gary & Robin Alward – CO SERVE, US/Intl
Latasha Allston – RUF, Washington DC |
| July 7 | Pray for Ryan & Kelley Akers – CO SERVE, Scotland
Amy Baxter – Campus Outreach, Birmingham, Alabama |
| July 8 | Pray for Seth Acuff – Briarwood Deacon
Hank Abbott – Briarwood Deacon |

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

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.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning:

“Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the LORD”

Psalm 33:12

Dr. Peter Lillback

Sunday Morning we welcome Dr. Peter Lillback back to the Briarwood pulpit. Dr. Peter Lillback is president and professor of historical theology and church history at Westminster Theological Seminary. He also serves as the president emeritus and founder of The Providence Forum and senior editor of the new *Unio cum Christo: An International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life*.

Sunday Evening Service:

Christianity in America Rally

Come and celebrate America and hear from speaker Dr. Peter Lillback. Family music group, The Hoppers, will perform. Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn. This service will not be live-streamed or available for online replay.

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook or Briarwood.org.
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