

JULY 16, 2023

BIRMINGHAM
CONFERENCE
ON THEOLOGY
AND LIFE

AUGUST 11-13, 2023

ROSARIA BUTTERFIELD
PETER JONES



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LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

What is the Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life?

The Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life is Briarwood's Conference on facing cultural and contemporary issues from a Biblical Perspective. This conference, held at Briarwood, is open to all churches, denominations, and individuals who are interested in learning how they can exchange "Gospel Truths for a World of Lies."

Who are the Conference speakers?

This year's speakers are Dr. Rosaria Butterfield and Dr. Peter Jones.

Dr. Rosaria Butterfield is an author, speaker, pastor's wife, homeschool mom, and former professor of English and women's studies at Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY). She is the author of several books, including *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert* (Crown and Covenant, 2012), *Openness Unhindered* (Crown and Covenant, 2015), *The Gospel Comes with a Housekey* (Crossway, 2018), and *Five Lies of our Anti-Christian Age* (Crossway, 2023).

Dr. Peter Jones is Associate Pastor at New Life Presbyterian Church (Escondido, CA), Director of truthXchange, and Scholar in Residence at Westminster Seminary, CA. Born in Liverpool, Peter attended the University of Wales, then did his graduate work at Gordon Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School, and Princeton Seminary. Dr. Jones has published numerous books including *Spirit Wars* (1997), *Gospel Truth, Pagan Lies: Can You Tell the Difference?* (2000), *The God of Sex: How Worldview Determines Sexuality* (2006), and *Whose Rainbow: God's Gift of Sexuality: A Divine Calling* (2020).

How do I sign up for this Conference?

This conference is completely free and open to all. No registrations are required for either Friday or Saturday's events. Nursery will be available upon registration at briarwood.org/nursery. We encourage you to invite friends from other congregations or walks of life to hear the truth of the Gospel proclaimed in this age of chaos, confusion, and insanity.

For additional details and the full conference schedule, go to briarwood.org/events.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Children's Book

***I Am: 40 Reasons to Trust God* by Diane Stortz**

I Am will help children develop an understanding of God's character and His love for them. As they grow to know, love, and trust the great I Am through these 40 stories, devotions, and prayers, they will learn the many names and titles of God. Cost: \$12.99

Adult Book

***Knowing God* by J. I. Packer**

For half a century, J. I. Packer's classic has helped Christians around the world discover the wonder, the glory, and the joy of knowing God. *Knowing God* brings together two key facets of the Christian faith—knowing *about* God and *knowing* God through a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Written in an engaging and practical tone, this thought-provoking work seeks to renew and enrich our understanding of God. Cost: \$13.99

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Series Panel Discussion — Young Business Leaders | August 2

You are invited to attend the Young Business Leaders Summer Panel Discussion series at Samford's Cooney Hall Regions Room at 6:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. 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' homes. Come and allow the Lord to impact your life and learn how to have an impact on others! Go to briarwood.org/youth for registration and more information. Cost: \$75

Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life | August 11–13

Come hear from speakers Rosaria Butterfield and Peter Jones at this year's Conference on Theology and Life. Additional information and registration details will be provided on the church website at briarwood.org/events.

Lunch with James Spann — Briarwood Trailblazers | August 29

Have lunch with the Briarwood Trailblazers and meet with James Spann on Tuesday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For details, contact Sharon Johnston at sjohnston@briarwood.org or buy tickets online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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.

The Lampstand Lancaster Conference — Church Revitalization | September 28–30

Hear from Thomas Hawkes, Sandy Willson, Rob Looper, John Currie, and Bryan Wintersteen at The Lampstand Conference on Church Health and Revitalization held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA. Details at briarwood.org/lampstand.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

CHURCH FAMILY

Hospitalized — Wayne Curles, Coraline Wolfe, Bruce Evans, Easton Lee, Susan Greenall, James Robert Pate, Terry Chase

Our Love and Sympathy — to Jerry Pierce and family on the death of his wife, member Barbara Pierce, on July 7; and to Genar Reed and family on the death of her son, Carter Reed, on July 10.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briarwood Night at Birmingham Legion Soccer Match — July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Protective Stadium. Come join us for a night of fun as we watch Birmingham Legion FC take on the Charleston Battery. Find game details and tickets at briarwoodsoccer.com.

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.

Women's Summer Studies — Women's Tuesday studies 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 — 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 — 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.

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.

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.

ESL Volunteers Needed — Adults from over 15 nations come to learn English on Mondays and Wednesdays! We would love more volunteers in teaching, assisting, and hospitality. Volunteer Training is in early August. Contact Caroline at cbrown@briarwood.org to get involved.

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.

EMPLOYMENT & JOB OPENINGS

Nursery Administrative Supervisor — This position is full-time with benefits and supports the director of the nursery with day-to-day needs, interacts with parents, and supports nursery staff who are working in the rooms. Contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org or 205-776-5214 for more information on hours, pay and responsibilities

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 each of us to seek the Lord with all our hearts.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for the ministry of Christian Service Mission in Birmingham. Christian Service Mission exists to connect resources with needs through relational partnerships to help communities thrive by coming alongside local churches in order to build healthy communities.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for Fabiana and Diego Silva Vidal with Campus Outreach in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Praise God they are finding favor with new students. Pray their conversations with students will call attention to the inner hunger for happiness and show them the unique source of satisfaction for this hunger can be found only by faith in Jesus Christ.

July 16 Pray for Matt & Tammy Moore – Church Administrator, Staff
Urban Hope Community Church

July 17 Pray for these Briarwood Elders:
Jim Bragan, David Battles, Hucks Buchanan

July 18 Pray for Imad Aubrey – Horizon’s International, Middle East
Hunter & Vicki Brewer – Church Planters, Tennessee

July 19 Pray for Phillip & Emily Avery – Campus Outreach SERVE, US/Intl
Cedric & Alicia Brown – Navigators, Maryland

July 20 Pray for Simon & Laura Ayala – World Reach, Colombia
Alonzo & Antionette Brown – Strong Tower, Alabama

July 21 Pray for Gantumur & Delgertsesteg Badrakh – Cru, US/Intl
Joey & Margaret Carter – Campus Outreach, Troy University

July 22 Pray for these Briarwood Deacons:
John Asbeck, Tim Ayers, Brett Butler

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great
and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3*

CHURCH RESOURCES

Upcoming Preaching in the Briarwood Pulpit

View the schedule of upcoming preachers by going to briarwood.org/summerpreaching or see the list on the Briarwood App. Upcoming preachers include John Currie, Neil Stewart, Ligon Duncan, Peter Jones, Rick Phillips, and Nate Shurden.

Keep up with the “Pulpit Guests” sermons series on the Briarwood App.
On the App, go to “Media” – “Sermons & Services” – “Current Sermon Series”

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Communion Services:

“The Family Meal”

Matthew 26:26–30

Rev. Benny Parks

This Sunday morning, Reverend Benny Parks preaches from God's Word and leads us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Elements are gluten-free. After each service, an alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be collected. To learn more about our Communion practices go to briarwood.org/communion.

Sunday Evening:

V. Colossians: The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

“Spoiler Alert! Mystery Revealed!”

Colossians 1:24–2:5

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

Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.