

October 1, 2023

IMPACT

BIRMINGHAM

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October 21

NMC Kick-Off Event

Join us Saturday morning, October 21
for IMPACT Birmingham as we kick-off
our 2023 National Ministries Conference!

We are trusting the Lord that over
500 Briarwood members will volunteer to
be mobilized in the Birmingham area to be
the hands and feet of Jesus.



Find info and register at briarwood.org/impactbirmingham
or use the QR code above.



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR SEASON OF PRAYER

Monday, October 2 | Congregation — Using Our Spiritual Gifts

Father, thank You for giving each of Your children a spiritual gift to use to build one another up and to expand Your kingdom on earth. Please give us wisdom and strength to use our gifts for Your glory. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”* 1 Peter 4:10

Tuesday, October 3 | Interim Pastor Search — God Bring His Candidates

Pray for the search committee as they seek the Lord to bring us candidates for the Interim Pastor position who are gifted in preaching the Word and shepherding Briarwood during this challenging time. Pray that the Lord would be preparing our Interim Pastor to *“...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”* 2 Timothy 4:2

Wednesday, October 4 | Leadership — Shepherding / Community Pastors

We praise You, O Lord, for each of our Shepherding and Community Pastors who shepherd with Acts 20:28 in mind. *“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers, as they care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”*

Thursday, October 5 | On Mission — Partnering in Ministry

Lord, we ask that You bind us together as a Church with love for one another and unity in spirit that we will partner together to share the Gospel of Christ in Word and deed to our city and the world. *“Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”* Psalm 34:3

Friday, October 6 | Thanksgiving — God’s Faithfulness

We thank You Lord for Your faithfulness. *“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”* Exodus 34:6–7

Saturday, October 7 | Personal — Joy of the Lord

Father, fill us with Your joy that we may be satisfied in You and strengthened by You. *“...And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”* Nehemiah 8:10

Sunday, October 8 | Lord’s Day Worship

Lord, we gather today as a congregation to give You thanks and to worship You in the splendor of Your majesty. We ask You to bless our worship team as they lead us and Dr. Dan Doriani as he preaches your Word. *“Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.”* Psalm 111: 1–3

Receive each day’s prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.
For additional information, go to briarwood.org/seasonofprayer.

FEATURED EVENTS

“In His Presence” — Briarwood Ballet | October 1 *

Come experience worship with the Briarwood Ballet on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Go to briarwood.org/ballet for additional information.

Ladies Luncheon with Mary Beeke — Briarwood Women | October 2 *

Join us Monday, October 2 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F to hear speaker and *Table Talk* contributor Mary Beeke. Go to briarwood.org/women to register and to find information.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 21 *

Saturday, October 21 we kick-off our 2023 National Ministries Conference with IMPACT Birmingham. We are trusting the Lord that over 500 Briarwood members will volunteer to be mobilized in the Birmingham area. Register at briarwood.org/impactbirmingham.

National Ministries Conference 2023 — Briarwood Missions | October 21–23 *

Join us Sunday, October 22 and Monday, October 23 to hear our guest speaker Dr. Eric Watkins from San Marcos, California, and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday night. For details on the conference, go to briarwood.org/nmc.

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

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Following God Fully: An Introduction to the Puritans

by Joel Beeke & Michael Reeves | Adult Book

Who are the Puritans? Why are they important for me today? If you have asked questions like these, this book is for you. It provides an introduction to the Puritans that reveals a people intent on pursuing God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Price: \$15

5 Puritan Women: Portraits of Faith and Love

by Jenny-Lyn de Klerk | Adult Book

These writings show the lives of Christian women in their beauty of holy living and provide practical wisdom for the home and the church. Each chapter tells her story of devotion, lament, and family. By studying their faith journeys, modern readers can learn more about their roles in church history and glean insights into the Christian life. Price: \$13

The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

by Arthur Bennett | Prayer Book

In the Puritan practice, the spirit of prayer was regarded as of first importance and the characteristic of genuine spirituality. This book has been prepared not to “supply” prayers but to prompt and encourage the Christian as he treads the path on which others have gone before. Available in both paperback and leather covers. Price: \$14.99/\$24.99

Featured books are available to purchase online at briarwood.org/bookstore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WBL Fall Luncheon — Thursday, October 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club. Hear Julie Sparkman share about “The Impact of Personal Transformation” in your workplace and the world. Find information and purchase tickets at wblbirmingham.org.

Disaster Response Training — Saturday, October 7 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come receive disaster response training from Mike Kenamer. Go to the website for additional information and to register at briarwood.org/disastertraining.

Pathway to Preparation Training — October 13–14. Join us for a hands-on workshop for women who are interested in growing their skills as Bible teachers, small group leaders and/or individuals just interested in enhancing their understanding of how to rightly understand the Word of God in their personal study. Register at briarwood.org/women.

Trailblazers Coffee and Learn — October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear Registered Dietitian Amanda Bronner share about “Heart Healthy Eating.” Contact johnston@briarwood.org to sign up or for questions.

Working Women’s Dinner — October 17 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for an evening of food while we enjoy fellowship, engagement and encouragement from those with shared experiences. Register at briarwood.org/women.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes — Start collecting your items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pack a shoe box with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child’s life with the love of Jesus! Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be available in the ministries lobby beginning October 29.

Trailblazer OCC Packing Party — You can drop donations at the Membership Office or bring them with you to the Trailblazer Packing Party on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email johnston@briarwood.org for information.

Thrift Store Volunteers Needed — New Direction Thrift Store in Fairfield is open for business and seeking volunteers. Store hours are Tuesday–Friday from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Call store manager Alan Russell at 205-915-7095 to get involved.

Our Season of Prayer Meetings — Sundays at 5:15 p.m. in A-105. Our Church Family gathers weekly to pray together as we seek the Lord to lead us during this intermediate phase we are in. Email pclaud@briarwood.org with any questions.

Women’s Fall Studies — Women, pick from eight available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

Men’s Fall Studies — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Wednesday night dinners, classes and activities for the entire family. Dinner is from 5:15–6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Register for dinners and nursery at briarwood.org/midweek.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Briarwood Prayer Focus — Pray for the NASCAR race on October 1. Pray for those who are sharing the Gospel and for many to come to know Jesus.

Birmingham Prayer Focus — Pray for Local Missions and Mobilization as they host the Disaster Response Training on October 7. A team will be created and mobilized to assist those in our community who have experienced loss from a natural disaster. Pray about attending. Visit briarwood.org/disastertraining to register.

Missions Prayer Focus — Pray for our ministry partner Grace House. Pamela Reed Phipps and her staff are faithfully caring for 40 girls and teens in their foster care homes. They need women willing to walk alongside these hurting girls through mentoring, providing meals, and Bible studies. Men can support from afar by caring for the grounds and helping with special projects. Pray these girls would see that they are loved deeply by their Creator and heavenly Father.

Global Ministry Partners — Pray for Scott and Jayne Cuidon with Ministry Essentials International in Croatia, Dave Culmer with Mission to the World in Bulgaria, Edmund and Elyne Daniel with Globeworks International Ministries in Malaysia, and Jeff and Barbi David with United World Mission to Internationals.

National Ministry Partners — Pray for Bob McPherson with Cru in Alabama, Ryan and Megan McVicar with Red Tree Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor Michigan, Kevin and Judith Moore with Mission Increase in Alabama, Tammy Murden with Navigators in Colorado and the staff of Restoration Academy.

Briarwood Officers and Staff — Pray for elders Tom Jackson, Andy McGehee, Keith Miller; deacons Richard Duell, Brent Gilbert, Matt Heard; and Korean Pastor Sunghoon Shin and wife, Young Mi.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Mobilization Opportunity — Want to enjoy a beautiful fall day filled with food, fun and pumpkins? Support our local ministry partner at the 10th Annual Grace House Pumpkin Festival on October 14 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help during the festival. Come enjoy the festivities! Visit grace-house.org for details.

CMMA Field Staff/Male Disciple-maker — This position will assist the Executive Director in building disciples in the medical community and assist in weekly and annual activities. A major part of this job will be discipling male students one-on-one and in small groups. If interested, contact Bobby Parks, bjparks@briarwood.org or 205-612-9969..

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

See all employment and job openings at briarwood.org/employment.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“How Christ Matures Our Faith”

Matthew 15:21–28

Dr. Joel Beeke

Chancellor of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary

Joel Beeke served as president of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary from its founding in 1995 until 2023. He presently serves as the seminary’s chancellor and professor of systematic theology and homiletics. He is a pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, Michigan (since 1986), editor of the *Puritan Reformed Journal* and the *Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth*, board chairman of Reformation Heritage Books, president of Inheritance Publishers, and vice-president of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society.

Sunday Evening Worship:

“In His Presence”

Briarwood Ballet

This Evening Service will not be live-streamed or available for online replay.

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

Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.