

January 21, 2024



LIGONIER MINISTRIES

ALWAYS READY YOUTH CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Come for teaching on key issues that will help equip our students with the Bible's answers to common attacks against the Christian faith.

For additional information and to register, go to briarwood.org/youthevents.



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALWAYS READY: LIGONIER MINISTRIES YOUTH APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 3 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Briarwood Worship Center

All 7th – 12th graders

We are excited to be hosting the Always Ready Ligonier Student Apologetic Conference! This is a one-day conference with teaching on key issues that will help equip our students with the Bible's answers to common attacks against the Christian faith. Some of the sample topics are:

Is Jesus the Only way?

Is There Absolute Truth?

Is God Fair?

Following Christ in the Digital Age

What Does the Bible say about Sexuality and Gender

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Briarwood Youth Group has a group rate. You can find the registration link at briarwood.org/youthevents. Use the link on that page to go to the Ligonier registration and payment page. At the bottom of the page there is a button "JOIN A GROUP." Once you click that, you'll be taken to a page to select your group. Search for an existing group and choose Briarwood Youth Group from the dropdown menu. You will then be asked for the Passcode to join the group. The passcode is bygraiders. Click CONTINUE. You will then be taken back to the registration page but there will be an option for the group rate. Indicate how many tickets you want, and press CONTINUE to proceed to check out.

Students will have the option to either eat lunch at the conference or off campus. For any questions, please contact Kristin Smith at k.smith@briarwood.org

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:30–9:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Welcome
9:45–10:05 a.m.	Who Is God? by Stephen Nichols
10:10–10:40 a.m.	Is God Fair? by Nathan W. Bingham
10:40–11:10 a.m.	Break
11:15–11:45 a.m.	Panel Discussion: Your Truth, My Truth? with Eric Bancroft, Nathan W. Bingham, and Stephen Nichols
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:05–1:25 p.m.	Interview: Following Christ in the Digital Age with Nathan W. Bingham and Stephen Nichols
1:30–1:50 p.m.	More Than One Way? by Eric Bancroft
1:50–2:20 p.m.	Break
2:20–2:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Identity and Freedom with Eric Bancroft, Nathan W. Bingham, and Stephen Nichols
2:50–3:30 p.m.	Q&A: Got Questions? with Eric Bancroft, Nathan W. Bingham, and Stephen Nichols

FEATURED EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday — National Ministries | January 21

Join us in Worship as we celebrate and honor the Sanctity of Life. Ministry Partners will be recognized during the Morning Worship Services. Following both services, visit and hear from our supported Sanctity of Life Ministry Partners in the Fellowship Hallway. Sunday morning we will hold a Diaper and Wipe drive for the benefit of mothers in need.

Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | January 26–27

Ladies, join us January 26–27 for an In-town Retreat hosted here at Briarwood. This year's theme will be "By Design" and our keynote speaker will be Courtney Denton, Director of Mercy and Women's Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Cost is \$45 per person. Register at briarwood.org/women.

Always Ready: Ligonier Ministries Youth Conference | February 3

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Sportsman's Blast — Briarwood Men | February 9

Men, bring a friend for a barbeque dinner and to hear the gospel message! This year's speaker is Hugh Jacks. This is a great opportunity to invite non-believers to hear the gospel message. Tickets are available for \$12 in the Briarwood Bookstore or by calling 205-776-5210. For additional information go to briarwood.org/blast.

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

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

ESV Bible Promises: 700 Passages to Strengthen Your Faith

by Crossway | Book for Adults

In moments of confusion or doubt, people look beyond themselves for answers. Thankfully, God offers us countless assuring promises, and it's our joy to encounter them throughout Scripture. In this convenient resource, 700 of God's most beloved promises are thematically organized into one easily accessible volume Christians will cherish for years to come. Price: \$8.99

The Promises of God Storybook Bible

by Jennifer Lyell | Children's Book

God's love is unstoppable. And that's a promise. A conversational, whimsical, biblical retelling of more than 50 key Bible stories, *The Promises of God Storybook Bible* provides your child the opportunity to hear favorite stories with new ears. It repeatedly assures them that each word is proof of God's unbreakable promises to His people. Price: \$13.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Diaper and Wipe Drive for Bundles of Hope — January 21. Bring your bags of diapers and wipes to leave behind your car this Sunday for pickup while you are in church. Help us bless moms in need through the ministry Bundles of Hope.

MidWeek at Briarwood — January 10–April 24. Join us on Wednesdays for dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find information, select an activity, and register for dinners at briarwood.org/midweek.

Women's Spring Studies — Women, pick from six 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 Spring Studies — Find the right class for you. Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 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.

Trailblazers Coffee — Tuesday, January 23 from 8:30–9:30 in FH-D. Learn to improve balance, flexibility and strength from Sarah Brumfield, trainer with Graceful Aging Birmingham. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Briarwood Soccer — It's time to register for spring soccer! Register boys and girls age 5–14 at briarwoodsoccer.com or 205-776-5114 by February 2.

Young Business Leaders Winter Breakfast — Friday, February 16 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center (2019 4th Avenue North). Join us for our YBL Winter Breakfast to hear Judge Bill McCurine. To register and get more information, go to bit.ly/YBLBreakfast.

Griefshare MidWeek Class — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 13-week, video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Workbook is \$20. Call 205-776-5227.

Ladies' Exercise Classes — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to questrecreation.org/fitness-classes for details.

Men's Weekly Prayer — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Start the New Year off in a great way by joining the Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

Trailblazer Travel: Florida — March 11–15. Come travel with friends to Amelia Island, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville. We'll go on guided tours, visit a plantation, and cruise the St. Johns River. Go to briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Summer Camp Employment — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at campbriarwood.org.

Job Openings: Briarwood International Outreach Administrative Assistant — Seeking a Briarwood member for a 25-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and heart for internationals. Send inquiries and resumes to hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Monday, January 22 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the women who will attend the In-town Retreat this weekend to learn how they are “By Design” in Christ. Pray for speaker Courtney Denton as she prepares to speak.

Tuesday, January 23 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the success of Ascend Village, a new development housing 48 young people previously at Big Oak Ranch, as it provides a transitioning into adulthood. They will also have weekly 4:11 life skills training, educational and financial check-ins, and small group participation. Thank the Lord for this opportunity of independence for the students.

Wednesday, January 24 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for all those who attended the Lampstand Conference this past week. Please pray for blessings as pastors and leaders go back to their home churches to apply the health and vitality guidance set forth by the conference leaders.

Thursday, January 25 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Chris and Savanna Kitchen with Mission to the World in England; Keith and Rachel Knowlton with Mission to the World in Scotland; Brent Kooi with Mission to the World in Australia; and Jan with Mission to the World in Russia.

Friday, January 26 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Ron and Donna Elkin with AMMI Ministries in Pennsylvania; Anthony and Amber Elswick with Redeemer Winter Haven Church in Florida; Micah and Brianna Evans with Campus Outreach at Samford University in Alabama; RJ and Jean Fischer with Navigators in Florida; and Foundations Early Learning and Family Center.

Saturday, January 27 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood elders Bill Armistead, Steve Gathings, and Kirk Petty; deacons Tim Ayers, Jed Duke, and Clay King; and BTS President Ike Reeder and wife Angie.

Sunday, January 28 — Church Family

Pray for hospitalized members Emily Blount, Jim Morrison, and Sam Mooney. We offer our love and sympathy to Jim Morrison and family on the death of his brother, Butch Morrison, on January 9; to Ken and Julie Elmer and Bill and Linda White and family on the death of their infant grandson, Isaac Elmer, on January 11; to Tracy Holladay and family on the death of her father, Walter Wulff, on January 11 and to Emily Tidmore and family on the death of her father, Chas Vander Wilt, on January 12.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Mobilization Opportunity: Prison Ministry Volunteers — Join us in making a kingdom impact at St. Clair Correctional Facility! Briarwood Prison Ministry has a new opportunity to be part of a Wednesday and Friday team from 8:00–10:00 a.m. for evangelism and discipleship. Join us and watch God move to change the lives of the men at St. Clair. Interested in learning more? Contact Glenn Wright at 205-520-3333 or glennwrong@gmail.com.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Are You a Disciple”

Matthew 4:18–22

Rev. Sandy Willson

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Character of a Pro-life God”

Psalm 138

Herbie Newell

Herbie Newell is the President/Executive Director of Lifeline Children's Services and its ministry arms including (un)adopted, Crossings, Families Count and Lifeline Village. Herbie holds a Master's degree in Business/Accounting from Samford University. Herbie is the author of the book *“Image Bearers.”* He and his wife, Ashley, live in Birmingham, Alabama and are parents to a son, Caleb, and daughters Adelynn and Emily. Following her graduation from Samford, Ashley worked as the Assistant Director of Sav-a-life, a Birmingham based crisis pregnancy center, where she counseled hundreds of women on life-giving options for their babies. Herbie and Ashley share a passion for the unborn, life, and adoption and desire to spend their lives advocating for the least of these.

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