

February 18, 2024

MAKING THE MOST OF  
**EVERY**  
*Opportunity*  
GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

*Conference*  
**SPEAKER**

**DR. NEIL C. STEWART**

First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina



Dr. Neil C. Stewart serves as the Senior Minister of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina. For the past two decades, he has served as an ordained minister in both the Presbyterian Church in America and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastoring Churches in Yazoo City, Mississippi; Savannah, Georgia; and Greensboro, North Carolina.

Before moving to America in 1999, Neil worked as a board-certified Pediatrician at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. He has addressed numerous conferences throughout the United States and Canada. His literary contributions include a chapter entitled "Preaching that Moves Men to God" in a forthcoming festschrift honoring Dr. Harry L. Reeder. Additionally, he has written chapters in several other books, including *On Reforming Worship* (Covenant Foundation, 2018) and *Letters to Pastors' Wives: When Seminary Ends, and Ministry Begins* (P&R, 2013) and *Surviving the Fish Bowl: Letters to Pastors' Kids* (RHB, 2021). Neil also appeared in Les Lanphere's recent documentary, *Spirit and Truth: How Does God Want to Be Worshiped?*

Neil and his wife Catherine hail from Northern Ireland and have six children.



*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 25

8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Dr. Neil Stewart
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School — Ministry Partners sharing
10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship with Dr. Neil Stewart
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Dr. Neil Stewart & GLOW*
7:15 p.m.	Global Ministry Partner Glimpses*
7:40 p.m.	Dessert & Displays in the Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 26

6:30 a.m.	Men of the Covenant Missions
5:15 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Evening Worship with Dr. Neil Stewart & GLOW*
7:15 p.m.	Global Ministry Partner Glimpses*
7:40 p.m.	Dessert & Displays in the Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, February 27

9:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Missions Coffee*
5:15 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Evening Worship with Dr. Neil Stewart & GLOW*
7:15 p.m.	Global Ministry Partner Glimpses*
7:40 p.m.	Dessert & Displays in the Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, February 28

5:15 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Global Ministry Partner Glimpses & GLOW*
7:15 p.m.	Global Ministry Partner Glimpses*
7:40 p.m.	Dessert & Displays in the Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, February 29

Various Times	Sunday School Covered Dish Dinners with Missionaries*
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## Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m.	Worship with Randy Pope & Faith Promise Commitment
10:55 a.m.	Worship with Randy Pope & Faith Promise Commitment
6:00 p.m.	Bryan Wintersteen — Faith Promise Announcement*
	Communion with our International Congregations*

*\*Nursery is available by reservation only.  
Make reservations online at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery).*

**Find additional conference information at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).**

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Global Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | February 25 – March 3 \***

This year we will be focused on “Making the Most of Every Opportunity” in our evangelistic ministry to others and in our personal walks with the Lord. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart, and we will have the opportunity to hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. Find additional information at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

### **GLOW — Children’s Missions | February 25–28**

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children’s Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

### **Faith Promise Sunday — Briarwood Missions | March 3 \***

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

### **“Raising Up a Sexually Faithful Generation” — Parenting Conference | April 13 \***

This Harvest USA conference hosted here at Briarwood is designed to help give parents insight, practical help, and principles in raising children (0-18 years of age) as they face the sexual confusion of our culture. This is for soon-to-be parents, grandparents, and parents who have children of all ages. Each session will address how to engage and disciple our children in each phase and stage of life. Register at [briarwood.org/parentingconference](http://briarwood.org/parentingconference).

\* Nursery is available for select events 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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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### ***A Covenantal Vision for Global Missions***

**by Peter A. Lillback | Adult Book (GMC Recommendation)**

A treasure trove of mature theological reflections on how Reformed covenantal theology intersects with various aspects of global missions. Renowned scholars from all over the world have written this significant work with insights and contributions to Reformed missions for this generation and generations to come. Price: \$15

### ***The Major and the Missionary: The Letters of Warren Hamilton Lewis and Blanche Biggs*** **by Diana Pavlac Glyer | Adult Book (GMC Recommendation)**

Over the span of several years, Warren Lewis, an English writer from Oxford, and Blanche Biggs, a missionary in Papua New Guinea, shared a vibrant correspondence. These conversations encompassed their views on faith, politics, humor, the legacy of C. S. Lewis, and their own trials. The letters paint a portrait that illuminates not only the particulars of distant times and places, but the intimate contours of a rare friendship. Price: \$15

Featured books are available to purchase online at [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Cards for Missionary Coffee** — Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two to give to our visiting missionaries on Tuesday, February 27 at the Missionary Coffee. Cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office (A106) by February 22.

**Women's Missionary Coffee** — Tuesday, February 27 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Women, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Register at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women). Nursery available by reservation.

**Foster/Adoption Connection Meeting** — Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. Current and interested foster and adoption parents are invited to meet with other like-minded families to encourage and equip one another. Email [w.carter.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:w.carter.ralph@gmail.com).

**Trailblazers Dinner** — Thursday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner with music from Jay and the Elders, Briarwood's local band. Get your tickets (\$10) by Monday, February 19 online at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or in the Bookstore.

**2024 College Missions Retreat** — Friday, February 23–Sunday, February 25 at The Barn. Kick off the weekend with dinner at 5:30 p.m. then join us all weekend for a time of food, fellowship, and worship. We will be connecting with our missionary speakers as we are challenged to spend our lives in service to Christ's Great Commission!

**Women Business Leaders' Event** — Thursday, March 14 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Samford University. WBL will host *You're Starting What? An Evening with Entrepreneurs*. Five successful Christian women panelists discuss starting their businesses and keeping Christ central. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**VBS Volunteers Needed** — We need your help for this summer's VBS, June 3–7! If you are interested in volunteering, email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org). Child registration will open in April at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

**Sacrament of Baptism** — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Leigh Ann Reese at 205-776-5301 or [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org) for available dates.

**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](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream for the spring, summer and fall Dominican Republic mission trips. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

**Job Opening: YBL Small Group Coordinator** — Work with Director in discipleship initiatives among the 20-30-year-old demographic. Skills needed would be strong interpersonal skills/ connect with people, facilitate small groups, and raise financial support. Contact Rob Genin at [rgein@briarwood.org](mailto:rgein@briarwood.org) or 205-776-5455.

**Job Openings: Full-time & Part-time Staff** — There are a number of ministry positions open. See all employment and job openings at [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment).

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Monday, February 19 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the safety and health of our visiting missionaries as they travel to us for the Global Ministries Conference. Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts as we hear the message from His Word through Dr. Neil Stewart. Pray we will be challenged to connect with the missionaries, to pray for them, and to participate in the Faith Promise.

## **Tuesday, February 20 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Aspire Movement that ministers to at-risk youth in the Birmingham area by transforming their lives through relationships. Pray as they recruit mentors to work with these young people in their program.

## **Wednesday, February 21 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Lord to guide all the preparations for our Global Ministries Conference February 25–March 3. Pray for our Global partners as they share about their ministry work. Pray for Dr. Neil Stewart, our conference speaker, as he opens God's Word to our congregation.

## **Thursday, February 22 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Russell and Wendy Long with Campus Outreach SERVE serving internationally; Madie Louvila with Mwana Villages in the Congo; Jeff and Sallie Lowman with Equipping Leaders International serving internationally; and Confex and Mwai Makhalira with Mission to the World in Malawi.

## **Friday, February 23 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Gladys Hillman with Cru at Atlanta University Center; Scotty and Sylvia Hollins with Blueprint, Inc. at the University of Alabama; Buster and Gina Holmes with Cru/Master Media in California; Kyle and Maggie Hooper with Navigators in Virginia; and Urban Hope Community Church.

## **Saturday, February 24 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood elders John Bentley, John Goolsby, Lance Radbill; deacons Gordon Bellamy, French Forbes III, John Lattner; and Shepherding Pastor Dave Matthews and wife, Betty.

## **Sunday, February 25 — Church Family**

Pray for hospitalized members Bill Beacham, David Cahoon, Janice Hamil, Buddy Runnels, Den Terry, Gwen Cason and Fred Yancey.

We offer our love and sympathy to Roger Cartwright and family on the death of his sister, Alice Pinder, on February 7; to Jean Chase and family on the death of her husband, member Terry Chase, on February 8; to the family of member Wayne Dutt on his death on February 9; to Zoe Poelt and family on the death of her husband, member Tony Poelt, on February 11; and to Philip Hay and family on the death his father, Dr. Bill Hay, on February 11.

*I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me;  
hear my words. Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save  
by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes Psalm 17:6–7*

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services:**

“The Power and Grace of Jesus”

Matthew 9; Luke 5

Dr. Dan Doriani

This Lord's Day, Dr. Doriani continues his teaching on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through scenes and stories throughout the Gospel.

In this sermon, Dr. Doriani will challenge us with many questions including, “Think of times when you faced obstacles. Do you tend to give up? To fight through them? Do you need to be bold in any area today?”

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Jesus the Good Shepherd”

John 10:7-18

Dr. Dan Doriani

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org).  
Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.