

# FAITH PROMISE GOALS

God has allowed Briarwood to send out missionaries and support them financially and prayerfully since 1965. Our annual missions offering is called Faith Promise. We ask every member of Briarwood to prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance as to the amount—over and above the Lord's tithe and your regular offerings—that He would have you give to world missions.



## \$2,651,042

### HALLELUJAH GOAL

Chinese Pastoral Equipping, Latin America Mobile Bible Institute,  
Muslim Ministry, New Zealand Campus Ministry, Russian Theological Training,  
UK Church Revitalization

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### STRETCH GOAL

India Church Planting, Indigenous Tribal Ministry, Indonesia Church Planting,  
Ministry to Persecuted Church, North Korean Evangelism,  
South African Church Planting

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### OPERATIONAL GOAL

Committed Missionary Support, Global Ministry Operations,  
Local International Outreach

Learn more or make your pledge online at [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise).



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# FAITH PROMISE GIVING

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have had the most exciting week at Briarwood with this year's Global Ministries Conference. Our ministry theme was *"Making the Most of Every Opportunity,"* and the Conference verse Ephesians 5:15–16 *"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."*

Our Lord, in His Word, has given us clear direction as to how we can participate and become co-laborers with those whom He has called to take the Gospel to other nations and cultures. For through the Gospel, we are justified, we have peace with God, and we are reconciled to Him. Then He gave the church the ministry of reconciliation. He has made us His Gospel ambassadors (Rom. 5:1–11, 2 Cor. 5:17–20). The three ways His Word outlines for us to participate are intercessory prayer, personal involvement, and Faith Promise financial support.

These three biblical directives give us the opportunities to not only affirm world evangelism but to participate personally, along with your family and the entire church.

- Will you prayerfully consider how you might undergird Briarwood's commitment to world evangelism through regular intercessory prayer?
- Secondly, would you consider how you might personally engage in missions? Perhaps it is going on a short-term mission trip, volunteering to serve on the Global Ministry Team or even serving cross-culturally through vocational ministry.
- Finally, would you prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance as to how you might engage through Faith Promise giving? It is called FAITH because we seek the Lord's guidance as to what He will give to us beyond our regular tithe and offerings for the purpose of world evangelism. It is called PROMISE because we commit ourselves to bring faithfully what He entrusts to us for the 2024 Briarwood missions' endeavor.

During the morning worship services this Sunday, March 3, you will have the opportunity to bring your faith promise commitment forward. There are several ways to submit your pledge.

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- 1. Turn in your pledge card during the Morning Worship Service on March 3.**
  - 2. Send your completed Faith Promise card by mail to Briarwood.**
  - 3. Email [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org) with your commitment.**
  - 4. Visit our website at [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise) to complete your pledge online.**
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I am praying each family will participate at whatever level the Lord leads you in our faith promise commitment so we may all rejoice together as His Word is sent throughout the world.

*For the Great Commission and the Great Commandment with a Great Commitment.*  
– Dr Dan Doriani

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

### **Holy Week 2024 — Worship Services | March 24–31 \***

Remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during this year's Holy Week. We will have Worship Services on Palm Sunday (March 24), an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (March 28), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (March 29), and a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services on Easter Sunday (March 31). Find details at [briarwood.org/holyweek](http://briarwood.org/holyweek).

### **"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 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. 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

### ***Ten Boys Who Changed the World and Ten Girls Who Changed the World***

**by Irene Howat | Children's Books (GMC Recommendation)**

These two books are filled with stories of ordinary girls and boys with ordinary lives until God used them to do extraordinary things. The boys' book includes stories about Eric Liddell, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, and more. The girls' book includes Corrie Ten Boom, Mary Slessor, Amy Carmichael, and more. Price: \$7 each

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Communion Service** — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated this Sunday, March 3 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Daylight Savings** — Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this Saturday. Spring forward so you won't be late for church!

**Persecuted Church Prayer Time** — Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m., in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. All are invited to join us for this special time of prayer.

**Become a Briarwood Member** — March 13, 16 and 17. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**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).

**Easter Lily Dedication** — Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily) or drop by the Membership Office (A101). Order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

**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).

**Graduate Information Needed** — BYG and College graduating seniors, we want to recognize you! Please take a moment to fill out the form on the website. High school seniors go to [briarwood.org/seniors](http://briarwood.org/seniors). College seniors go to [briarwood.org/college](http://briarwood.org/college).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Job Opening: Facilities Set-Up Assistant** — 2nd shift facilities (Monday–Friday from 2:00–10:30 p.m.) assisting to set up/break down rooms. This position includes dental and health insurance. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231, or [dkeller@briarwood.org](mailto:dkeller@briarwood.org).

**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, March 4 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for a fresh focus on world-wide ministry at Briarwood. Continue to pray for our missionaries as they return to the field as well as for those whom He is calling. May the Lord bless their ministries for Him.

## **Tuesday, March 5 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Briarwood Shelby County Jail Ministry and the group that goes to the jail to share the gospel and minister the Word of God. Pray the Lord would raise up a new generation of leaders to continue this ministry. If you are interested in learning more or feel called to join their team, contact David Mugg at 205-807-0224.

## **Wednesday, March 6 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray that all members of the congregation have gained an increased understanding about participation in the Faith Promise through the Global Ministries Conference and have prayerfully chosen to be a part of reaching the world for Christ through our missionaries. Pray God will cause us to trust Him to enable us to pledge and give as He provides.

## **Thursday, March 7 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Brett and Valerie McAlpin with Mission to the World in England; Jackie and Paul McCleary with World Outreach (EPC) in Asia; Bruce and Kathy McClenahan with Cru International; and Coby and Pamela McGinty with Mission to the World in South Africa.

## **Friday, March 8 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Peter and Rebecca Jones with TruthXchange in California; Ben and Melanie Kappers with All Saints Reformed Church in Utah; Fred and Jean Klett with CHAIM in Pennsylvania; Christopher and Rebecca Knaebel with Mission to North America in Florida; and The Aspire Movement.

## **Saturday, March 9 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood elders Jim Blackmon, Kevin Gush, Bob Roark; deacons Bill Black, Erik Futral, John Livingston; and Evangelism and Discipleship Pastor Eric Reebals and wife, Tiffany.

## **Sunday, March 10 — Church Family**

Pray for hospitalized members Bill Beacham, Richard Condrey, Annie Hall, Janice Hamil, Sandy Bell and Walter Leveille.

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of member Herbert Osborne on his death on February 20; to Kim and Taylor Stearns and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Mary Williams Nash, on February 22; and to Hayley Pate and family on the death of her grandmother, Dora Wilson, on February 23.

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy  
and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

*Matthew 6:19, 20*

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

“Faith Living”

Hebrews 11:1, 6 & Philippians 4:14–17

Rev. Randy Pope

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.

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Making the Most of It”

Ephesians 5:15–21

Joel Richards

Sunday evening we close out the conference in worship with our Korean, Japanese, and Hispanic Congregations. After partaking in the Lord's Supper, Bryan Wintersteen give us the report of our Faith Promise giving.

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.