



Raising up A SEXUALLY FAITHFUL Generation

A conference for parents and grandparents raising children (0-18 yrs old)

April 13, 2024

at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Register at briarwood.org/parentingconference



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HARVEST USA CONFERENCE

RAISING UP A SEXUALLY FAITHFUL GENERATION

This conference on April 13, 2024 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.

Speakers will include Mark Sanders, Harvest USA President; and Caitlin McCaffrey, Harvest USA Director of Women's Ministry.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

1. DISCOVERING: Looking Deeper than the Fruit

Learn how to think through the complex issues of sexuality, how to conceptualize your children as sexual image bearers of God, and how Christ transforms our parenting.

2. TALKING: Having the Sex Talk(s)

How do we talk with our children about sexuality? Learn how to share a Christ-centered vision for sexuality with your family, receive practical guidance for age-appropriate conversations, and find grace for the challenging road ahead. This is not just "The Birds and the Bees Talk" but how and why to have these conversations with our children at all ages/stages.

3. PROTECTING: Navigating the Technological Terrain

How can we know our children's world? The latest innovations in technology and social media are being used to indoctrinate a fallen sexual worldview. Learn the dangers of this terrain and what you can do about them in disciplining your children.

4. WALKING: Helping a Struggling Child

All of us are sexually broken, including our children. Learn how to engage and aid your children when they struggle with sexual sins and how you can partner with God in being an agent of change in their lives.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS:

The cost of attending the conference is \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple. Lunch, childcare, and nursery are available upon registration. To register and pay, scan the QR code below or go to briarwood.org/parentingconference.



FEATURED EVENTS

Palm Sunday — Holy Week 2024 | March 24 *

Our Holy Week celebration begins with Palm Sunday as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Children ages K4–6th grade will have the opportunity to begin our morning worship services with a palm branch procession.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service — Holy Week 2024 | March 28 *

Maundy Thursday is the night that the Passover was transformed and translated from the Old Covenant Meal to the New Covenant Lord's Supper. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a service of remembrance and celebration with the sacrament of Communion.

Good Friday — Holy Week 2024 | March 29 *

Join us at noon on Good Friday as we assemble for a Service of Reflection on the Cross with Bible readings and the singing of the great Atonement hymns.

Easter Sunday — Holy Week 2024 | March 31 *

Resurrection Lord's Day we celebrate our risen Savior with a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and worship services at 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. Continue the celebration of worship Sunday evening with our Briarwood Music Staff and Professionals in Concert.

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

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* 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

No Greater Love: A Biblical Vision for Friendship

by Rebecca McLaughlin | Adult Book

Jesus said there is no greater love than sacrificial friendship love. What's more, He issued a command to His disciples that they live this kind of love. Christian friendship is vital but dangerous. Friends can pull us up when we're knocked down, embrace us with their love, and spur us on to follow Jesus better. But friends can also grind us to the ground, exploit, or invite us into sin. McLaughlin walks us through the highs and lows of friendship love—a love that's been neglected and malnourished in our modern world. Price: \$12

Jesus and the Gift of Friendship

by Trillia Newbell | Children's Book

Friends are one of the greatest gifts from God and reflect His ultimate gift—Jesus! But what happens when the desire for friendship goes unmet? Where should kids turn in their moments of sadness? *Jesus and the Gift of Friendship* will spur hope and comfort in the lives of kids ages 3–6, teaching little ones to embrace friendship as a blessing from God and a reflection of Jesus—our dearest friend and ultimate provider. Price: \$10

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Foster/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. This group for Foster and Adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! This is a time to be encouraged, equip one another, and meet with other like-minded families. Contact Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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 or drop by the Membership Office (A101). Order deadline is Sunday, March 17.

Trailblazers Lunch — Tuesday April 9 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Kathryn Lavallet Tortorici, author of *Two by Two—Coversations Between Friends Navigating Breast Cancer*, will be sharing. Tickets \$10 in the Bookstore and online at Briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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. Child registration will open in April at 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. College seniors go to briarwood.org/college.

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: Senior High Ministry Girl Staff — Full-time position to work with our High school girls through shepherding/discipling, programming, equipping volunteers, and assisting parents. Contact k.smith@briarwood.org for more information.

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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Monday, March 11 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Let us continue to pray for the missionaries who have returned home as well as our local ministries. Pray for the Vacation Bible School preparations and this great summer outreach to hundreds of children. Pray for Raleigh Macoy and her team and the need for volunteers. Help these individuals recognize their contributions and the lives they touch. *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, March 12 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the Urban Hope Community Church leadership to have wisdom and humility as they seek to reach the Fairfield community with the Gospel. Pray for Pastor Alton desires for a church planting movement in the Birmingham area.

Wednesday, March 13 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for Briarwood International Outreach as they partner with other churches in Birmingham. Pray that we can connect with and encourage the students as they continue their studies. Pray also for opportunities to share the Gospel with these students, as communicating across cultures can be difficult. Finally, please pray for the students that have already developed relationships with Christians at Briarwood, and that we would steward those relationships well.

Thursday, March 14 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Beau and Tara Miller with China Outreach Ministries serving Internationals; Sam and Sara Katherine (SK) Miller with Campus Outreach SERVE in Australia; Sean and Mandi Miller with Child Evangelism Fellowship in North Caribbean; and Moe and Git Montenegro with Campus Outreach SERVE in Thailand.

Friday, March 15 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Stephen and Eva Long with Sports Outreach in Texas; Leonard and Cecelia Mahoe with Cru in Hawaii; Hank and Chrisy Marshman with Cru in Tennessee; Jack and Sheri McGill with Cru in Florida; and Birmingham Urban Young Life.

Saturday, March 16 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood elders Ken Blackmon, Clay Hamblen, Mike Sanders; deacons Chris Blazer, Ken Gables, Kevin Lott; and YBL Director Rob Genin and wife, Carla.

Sunday, March 17 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Bill Beacham, Annie Hall, Janice Hamil, Walter Leveille and Chesley Kalehoff.

We offer our love and sympathy to staff member Alisa Hyde and family on the death of her father, Ron Stokes, on March 2; to the family of member Sandy O'Brien on her death on March 3; to Fred Yancey and family on the death of his brother, Archie Yancey, on March 4; and to John Reaves and family on the death of his wife, member Kendall Reaves, on March 5.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Reason for Hope”

Matthew 9:18–26

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, “Why do people succumb to despair and hopelessness? When have you felt hopeless?” and “What helped you rise from your despair?”

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Paul and Timothy and the Life of the Faithful”

II Timothy 1:1–7

Dr. Dan Doriani

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