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BIRMINGHAM



APRIL 27

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IMPACT BIRMINGHAM PROJECTS

IMPACT Birmingham is April 27, 2024. We have the privilege to serve, on location, with local ministry partners in the Birmingham area. This will be an incredible opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects below:

Victory City Church

Cleaning out rooms and painting in Victory City's newly acquired building.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Christian Service Mission

Working in a warehouse (sorting, organizing goods, packing food boxes, etc).
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Hearts and Hands

Construction and handyman projects for those in need around the city of Birmingham.
Suitable for adults and teenagers, Families with older kids (12 and up)

New Direction Thrift Store – Fairfield

Cleaning, organizing, and packing clothing.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Royal Divinity Food Bank – Wylam

Packing and handing out food boxes.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

The Wellhouse

Outside Projects: cleaning cars, and cleaning out gardening beds. Inside Projects: deep cleaning and clothes closet.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Morgan UMC / Feedbhm Hub and Community Outreach Hall

Organizing donations, diaper distribution, general clean up and garden work.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Acres and Acres Community Home

Tasks could include garden work, painting/staining the deck, preparing the house to host the next out-of-state serve team or worship events, yard work.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

House on the Hill Community Home

Assist with maintaining the grounds. Working in the community garden, bagging leaves, trimming bushes, cleaning/organizing, making scripture cards.
Suitable for adults and families (appropriate for children ages 6 and up)

Forward in Faith Ranch

Assisting with tasks relevant to the ranch. Example tasks: painting, mending a fence, working with the animals, etc.
Suitable for all ages 12 and up

Find more projects, additional information and the registration for IMPACT Birmingham at briarwood.org/impact.

FEATURED EVENTS

“The Art of Discipleship” — MidWeek Class | April 3, 10, 17, and 24 *

Randy Pope will challenge us with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Come each Wednesday in April at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online at briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship.

“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. Register at briarwood.org/parentingconference.

IMPACT Birmingham Day — Church Mobilization | April 27 *

On the morning of April 27, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects including yard work, painting, distributing food, and repair projects. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! See the list of available projects and sign up at briarwood.org/impact.

* 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

Ten Words to Live By: Delighting In and Doing What God Commands

by Jen Wilkin | Adult Book

Jen Wilkin presents a fresh biblical look at the Ten Commandments, showing how they come to bear on our lives today as we seek to love God and others, to live in joyful freedom, and to long for that future day when God will be rightly worshiped for eternity. Learn to see the law of God as a feast for your famished soul, open to anyone who calls on the name of the Lord. Price: \$9.99

The Ten Commandments: For All God's Children (A FatCat Book)

by Harold L. Senkbeil | Children's Book

Join FatCat as he learns the Ten Commandments. Each commandment has a reflection on its meaning and illustrations from Jesus' life. As you read each commandment, see how Jesus fulfilled God's will for us and showed us how to love God and others. With a list of Scripture references and a guided family prayer, this FatCat book helps all God's children memorize, understand, and love the Ten Commandments. Price: \$14.99

The Apostle's Creed: For All God's Children (A FatCat Book)

by Ben Myers | Children's Book

Join FatCat, the friendly feline, as he learns the traditional text of the Apostles' Creed. Through the Creed, children can encounter the God of the Bible who creates, redeems, and sanctifies. With a list of Scriptures for further learning and a family prayer, this FatCat book is a fun and accessible way for believers to visualize, memorize, understand, and confess the Apostles' Creed, which has united all Christians for centuries. Price: \$14.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Chamber Ensemble Prelude Presentation — This Sunday evening at 5:15 p.m. in the Worship Center lobby. Join us this evening for a special Prelude featuring our Chamber Ensemble singing beautiful hymns and classic works under the direction of Ken Berg.

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

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Meeting — April 14. A congregational meeting has been called by the Session following the evening service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the call of Associate Pastor Dave Matthews. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall to express our love and appreciation to Dave and Betty for their 28 years of service and ministry.

Foster Hope/Adoption Connection Meeting — Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. This combined group is for foster and adoptive parents, and anyone interested in fostering/adopting! Come for a time to be encouraged, equipping one another, and meeting with other like-minded families. Email Carter Ralph at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Camp Briarwood Testimonies Needed — Did Camp Briarwood change your life? Send us a 1–3 minute video sharing your experience. Be sure to end your video with the tagline “CAMP CHANGED MY LIFE!” Email video to campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com.

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

VBS 2024 — June 3–7. Join us for Vacation Bible School this year! Register online at briarwood.org/vbs. Register for teen helpers in May. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org for VBS volunteering or acraig@briarwood.org for VBS nursery volunteering.

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.

Pickleball — Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. in the Church Gym. Come join us, beginning April 11, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. No Sign up needed. Don't have a paddle—we'll have extras.

Sacrament of Baptism — Infant Baptism is offered in our Sunday morning services. Contact Leigh Ann Reese at 205-776-5301 or 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.

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, April 8 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for our children and youth ministry staff who are busy recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School, Super Summer, Catechism Camp, Special Connections summer camp and many other ministries. Hundreds of volunteers are needed. Pray as parents, with these ministries, *train up a child in the way he should go* (Proverbs 22:6).

Tuesday, April 9 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Restoration Academy mission is to advance each student's life with the two greatest commandments — to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love others as ourselves. Pray that God will help RA incorporate these precepts into the education and hearts of every student.

Wednesday, April 10 — Missions Prayer Focus

Continue to pray as Lampstand leaders follow up with churches who attended the January Lampstand Conference. Pray that the health and revitalization model will encourage and help the leaders as well as the congregation. Pray also for the church revitalization ministry as it works with sister denominations that are seeking to develop healthy churches and presbyteries.

Thursday, April 11 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Goce and Dragana Pecov with Cru in Macedonia; Robbie and Dena Pennington with Campus Outreach SERVE serving Internationally; Carlos and Ruth Perdomo with Impact International in Aruba; and Alan and Dorys Perdomo with World Reach in Honduras.

Friday, April 12 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Tyler and Courtney Rollason with Campus Outreach in Georgia; Dan and Peggy Ruppel with Mastermedia in California; Vicky Samaritano with Cru in New York; Matthew and Erica Schmidt with Engage 360 Ministries, Inc. in North Carolina; and Grace House Ministries.

Saturday, April 13 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood elders Billy Buck Jr., Bruce Herrington, Albert Smith; deacons Ray Bronner, David Graham, Joseph Martin; and Facilities Director Steve Goebel and wife, Tina.

Sunday, April 14 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized member Bill Feist.

We offer our love and sympathy to Tony Olmedo, Danae Lloyd and family on the death of their sister and aunt, Grace Martinez, on March 29; and to Cherybe Thornton and family on the death of her brother, Howard Harris, on March 31.

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9*

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Colossians 1:15–18

Dr. Derek Thomas

Derek W.H. Thomas, a native of Wales, is the Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Columbia, South Carolina. He is also a Chancellor's Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries.

He and his wife, Rosemary, have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Thomas last visited Briarwood as the keynote speaker for the 2019 National Ministries Conference.

Sunday Evening Worship:

“Seeing is Believing...Or Not”

John 20:19–31

Rob Looper

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