

# BRIARWOOD VBS 2024

## JUNE 3-7



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FRANK BARKER CHAIR, W.T.S.

## **Frank Barker Chair of Missions & Evangelism, Westminster Theological Seminary**

In recognition of Frank Barker's service to the cause of Christ, Westminster Theological Seminary has established the Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism.

This endowed chair seeks to honor Dr. Barker and his commitment to faithful, expository preaching and evangelistic efforts. As an endowed chair, Westminster will be financially afforded the opportunity to continue to facilitate rigorous theological education so as to train specialists in the Bible who are keen to evangelize in our increasingly tumultuous and adversarial culture.

## **The Vision, Objective, & Imperatives of the Frank Barker Chair**

The Mission of Westminster Theological Seminary is to train specialists in the Bible to proclaim the whole counsel of God for Christ and His global church. In keeping with this mission, the Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism underwrites Westminster's commitment to faithful practical ministry so that the seminary can perpetuate the rigorous application of Reformed theology in missions and in evangelism. The financial resources provided by this chair will equip Westminster to continue to mobilize mission-hearted, biblically-trained, pastor-evangelists.

This endowed chair will honor Dr. Barker's passion for personal evangelism, missions, and expository Bible teaching. The chair will support a fully-funded faculty position that will preserve Frank's legacy of training Gospel heralds through a commitment to a principled evangelical philosophy of ministry, a vision for effective evangelism and Biblical missions, and a manifest love of Christ's church and lost people.

## **Dr. Stafford Carson, Chair Recipient**

Dr. Stafford Carson has been selected as the Frank Barker Chair of Missions & Evangelism for Westminster Theological Seminary. During the Evening Worship Service this Sunday, Dr. Carson will be installed into this position by Westminster Theological Seminary staff, board members, and inaugural committee.

Dr. Carson is a qualified academic with Master of Arts in Education from University of Ulster, Master of Arts in Religion from Westminster Theological Seminary, Master of Theology from Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland, and Doctor of Divinity (iure dignitatas) from The Presbyterian Theological Faculty in Ireland.

Dr. Carson's teaching experience began in 1973 and continued until 2020. During that time, Dr. Carson held a number of teaching positions at several colleges and seminaries including, Department of Education for Northern Ireland, Union Theological College in Belfast, Ireland, and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Carson has been an active member of the The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), serving as a convenor on numerous committees and serving as the Moderator of the General Assembly from 2009 to 2010.

Dr. Carson and his wife Patricia have three adult children and two grandchildren.

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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](http://briarwood.org/impact).

### **Table for Five... Thousand! — Children's Choirs Concert | April 28 \***

During evening worship on April 28, enjoy music and a dramatic presentation of the miracle of the loaves and fishes from the Briarwood Children's Choirs.

### **Worship Concert of Hope in Our Risen Lord — Music Concert | May 5 \***

Worship together with us through a Concert of Hope featuring the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs and Orchestra on Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. A musical force of nearly 150 will lead as we praise God and take time to honor the memory of Pastor Harry Reeder. This concert will feature great classical choral works of Bach and Brahms as well as newer anthems of Dan Forrest and other composers.

### **Vacation Bible School 2024 — Children's Ministry | June 3-7**

VBS will be June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Registration for teen helpers will open in May. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) for VBS volunteering or [acraig@briarwood.org](mailto:acraig@briarwood.org) for VBS nursery volunteering. Register your child online at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs).

\* 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

### ***Raising Kids in a Screen-Saturated World***

**by Eliza Huie | Adult Book**

Our lives are influenced by technology like never before. Screens and devices have become a part of our daily lives, bringing many benefits as well as challenges, not least to the area of parenting. Eliza Huie gives five tips to help us parent in this screen-saturated world. Her advice is biblical, practical, and non-judgmental as she explores how we can use our access to technology to help ourselves and our kids grow in love for God and service to one another. Price: \$5

### ***Track: Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming***

**by Reagan Rose | Teen/Young Adult Book**

Gaming is a multi-billion-dollar industry, which has been growing massively in the last few years. It seems that everyone is gaming in one way or another. You might not think that the Bible has anything to say on this subject, but Reagan Rose has written this helpful book on what our relationship with video games should look like. Price: \$3

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Officer Nominations** – Deacon and Elder nominations for the Class of 2027 will be accepted from the congregation during the month of May. Nominating forms will be available on May 1 at the various information stations throughout the church. The deadline for nominations is May 31. Nominations will not be accepted after this date.

**“The Art of Discipleship”** — April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come be challenged with the power of personal and intentional relationships that lead to spiritual impact and Kingdom growth. Register online at [briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship](http://briarwood.org/artofdiscipleship).

**Become a Briarwood Member** — April 24, 27 and 28. Inquirers’ class for newcomers and prospective members begins April 24. It includes one Wednesday night class, one Saturday morning class, one Sunday morning class and a luncheon on May 5 for those who are joining. By attending, you are not obligated to join. For information or to sign up for the class, call 776-5208 or email [wlong@briarwood.org](mailto:wlong@briarwood.org).

**Food Drive** — Sunday, April 28. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. Next Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

**YBL Chelsea Launch Party** — Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at Station 31 Kitchen. Come enjoy great food, fellowship and learn how YBL can serve you and your friends in the Chelsea area! Go to [ybl.org](http://ybl.org) with any questions.

**YBL Medicare/Social Security Lunch** — Thursday, May 2 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Country Club. Come for a Q&A discussion with experienced financial advisors hosted jointly by The Center, YBL and WBL. Register at [ybl.org/Birmingham/events](http://ybl.org/Birmingham/events).

**Trailblazer Coffee**— Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to hear Pat Goff and Ed Landers inform us about “Let’s Talk Technology in Plain English.” Sign up at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**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](mailto:campbriarwoodlegacy@gmail.com).

**Summer Camp Employment** — Camp Briarwood 2024 counselor applications are now available at [campbriarwood.org](http://campbriarwood.org).

**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).

**Job Opening: CMMA Field Staff/Men’s Discipleship** — Full-time position assisting the Executive Director in discipleship of male graduate students at Health Professional schools in the Birmingham and surrounding area through small groups and one-on-one. Contact Mardon Day at [mday@briarwood.org](mailto:mday@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, April 22 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for our church members who have attended “The Art of Discipleship,” led by Randy Pope over the last couple of weeks. Pray that each of us will grow in spiritual depth and be impacted to share with others.

## **Tuesday, April 23 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for WellHouse, a ministry providing opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short, and long-term care programs. Pray and consider volunteering to assist WellHouse’s staff as they minister to hurting women and children. WellHouse is one of our IMPACT Birmingham projects sites. Visit their website at the-wellhouse.org.

## **Wednesday, April 24 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for the many Briarwood members who will participate in IMPACT Birmingham this Saturday, April 27. Pray that our presence will bring much needed encouragement, help, and care to our ministry partners around the city.

## **Thursday, April 25 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for James and Grace Pineda with Campus Outreach SERVE in Brazil; Craig and Stacy Pohl with Mission to the World in Japan; John and Kelley Beth Prabhakar with Mission to the World in South Asia; and Rodrigo Puebla with Campus Outreach SERVE in Mexico.

## **Friday, April 26 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for George and Jill Shamblin with Center for Executive Leadership in Alabama; John and Jan Sherard with Cru in South Carolina; Larry and Rita Sherbondy with Navigators in Pennsylvania; David Sorrell with Engage 360 Ministries in Missouri; and NorthStar Youth Ministries.

## **Saturday, April 27 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood elders Todd Carlisle, Stephen Hodges, Terry Steelman; deacons Matthew Bush, Carson Haley, Colin McCown; and Church Administrator Matt Moore and wife, Tammy.

## **Sunday, April 28 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Kathleen Bunn, Charlie Cutcliffe, Fred Yancey

We offer our love and sympathy to Charlie Hoke and family on the death of his mother, Julia May Hoke, on April 12; to Kellie Merwin and family on the death of her father, Max Grady Graham, on April 12; to the family of member Joe Morgan on his death on April 13; to the family of member Denis Devane on his death on April 14; to Ray Bronner and family on the death of his father, Ervin Bronner, on April 14; and to Nancy, Abbie and Will Mansfield, Christie McKinney and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Jennie Stone, on April 15.

*You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities,  
and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling  
one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,  
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:34–35*

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

“Understanding the Present Time”

Psalm 110

Dr. Stafford Carson

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“The Spirit and Mission”

Acts 2:1–21

Dr. Stafford Carson

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