



SpecialConnections

# SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR



AUGUST 22, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

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**August 22, 2024 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Briarwood Fellowship Hall**

On behalf of the Special Connections Ministry, we would like to invite you to our 2024 Special Needs Resource Fair on August 22, 2024, from 6:00–8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. After a one-year break, we are thrilled to bring this back to our community! We are putting hundreds of intentional hours of prayer and work into our 2024 Special Needs Resource Fair, and we believe that having our fair is vital for our families in the Birmingham-Metro community.

This fair is designed to connect individuals with special needs and their families with numerous agencies and ministry resources that can provide assistance to them.

Our Special Needs Resource Fair is 100% free for people with special needs and their families. We anticipate over 100 agencies in attendance. In addition, we anticipate serving 600 families over the course of two hours. Our detailed Special Needs Resource Guide will be translated in Spanish, Japanese and Korean and an ASL interpreter will be on-site during the duration of the fair. Lastly, all of the resources will be available in print during the event and will be available digitally on our website.

For additional information on this resource fair and to register to attend, go to [briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair](http://briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair).

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## ABOUT SPECIAL CONNECTIONS

**Connecting Transforming Power of the Gospel to  
the Lives of People Touched by Disability**

Special Connections is a ministry to people of all abilities. Our desire is to see society and the Body of Christ show equal concern for people with disabilities and their families as is shown for others. Therefore, our focus is ministering, in word and deed, both to and alongside people touched by disability. We seek to enable people with disabilities and their families to hear the gospel of God's grace, fully participate in the Body of Christ, and fully contribute in their churches and communities.

We help people with disabilities and their families have many opportunities for worship, learning and building relationships with others attending Briarwood Church. Our goal is to help families participate in life-on-life relationships and in the life of the church in any way they choose. Our classes and inclusion program help children, youth and adults with disabilities to grow spiritually and socially with one another and with typically developing peers. Our home base on Sundays is room N-110 for all worship services and Sunday School. Care is also provided during other times, for church Bible Studies, special events, etc. Interpreting services are available for the Hearing Impaired.

If you are interested in learning more or joining the volunteer team, contact Michael Johnson at 205-776-5291 or [mjohnson@briarwood.org](mailto:mjohnson@briarwood.org).

# FEATURED EVENTS

## **YBL Summer Series #2 — Young Business Leaders | August 1**

Thursday, August 1 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Join us to hear panelists Jared Hudson, CEO of The Shooting Institute, Dion Watts, Director of Ministries with Urban Hope, and Chuck Welden, CEO of Weldenfield Development discuss purpose, identity, and the image of God. Register at [ybl.org/Birmingham/events/](http://ybl.org/Birmingham/events/).

## **ESL Teacher Training — Briarwood Missions | August 2–3**

Join us for ESL Volunteer Teacher Training to equip you to reach the nations right here in Birmingham through Briarwood ESL. The training is free, but you must register. Registration and details at [briarwood.org/esltraining](http://briarwood.org/esltraining) or to find out how to get involved with Briarwood ESL, contact [cmcgregor@briarwood.org](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org).

## **Youth IMPACT Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 2–4**

All 9th–12th grade students, come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Join us for IMPACT Weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Register and find information at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).

## **Special Needs Resource Fair — Special Connections | August 22**

Briarwood is hosting a Special Needs Resource Fair in the Fellowship Hall on August 22 from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Come to learn about over 100 agencies that serve people with Special Needs and their families. Registration required at [briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair](http://briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair).

\* 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

### *The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*

by Timothy & Kathy Keller | Adult Book

The Book of Psalms is the Bible's songbook. Two decades ago, Tim Keller began reading the entire Book of Psalms every month. *The Songs of Jesus* is based on his years of study, insight, and inspiration recorded in his prayer journals. Kathy came to reading the psalms as a support during an extended illness. Together they have distilled the meaning of each verse, inviting readers into the wisdom of the psalms. Every verse will bring a new level of intimacy with God, unlocking your purpose within God's kingdom. Price: \$18

### *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Book of Proverbs*

by Timothy & Kathy Keller | Adult Book

Proverbs is God's book of wisdom. With Tim Keller's trademark insight, he offers readers a fresh, inspiring lesson for every day as he unlocks the wisdom within the poetry of Proverbs and guides us toward a new understanding of what it means to live a moral life. *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life* is a book that readers will be able to turn to every day, year after year, to cultivate a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with God. This makes a perfect companion to Keller's devotional on the Psalms, *The Songs of Jesus*. Price: \$18

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 on Sunday, July 28 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Friendship Partner Program** — Impact the nations by welcoming internationals through Friendship Partners. Share a meal, introduce them to Birmingham, or take them out for coffee. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Contact Courtney at [cmcgregor@briarwood.org](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org) for more information.

**YBL Summer Study** — Mondays through August 19 from 7:00–8:15 p.m. at the home of Mark Edwards, 2022 Country Ridge Place. Join us for a six-week YBL Summer Study titled Christian Manhood: Character Studies from 1 Samuel. Find information and registration at [bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood](http://bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood).

**Super Summer 2024** — Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to [briarwood.org/supersummer](http://briarwood.org/supersummer).

**Women's Summer Study** — Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The study will focus on the “but God” passages where circumstances do not get the last word. Nursery is available with reservations.

**Men's Summer Study** — Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* by Dan Doriani. See details at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**WBL Summer Series** — Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for six lunch-hour studies on “Jesus Through the Eyes of Women” by Rebecca McLaughlin. Find details at [bit.ly/wbl-summer-series](http://bit.ly/wbl-summer-series).

**Children's Sunday School Promotion** — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2024-25 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg), antifungal cream, and 1% hydrocortisone cream for a Dominican Republic mission trip in October. Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Call 205-776-5470.

**Job Opening: Senior Staff Administrative Assistant** — Seeking a full-time administrative assistant for Briarwood's senior staff. Applicants need excellent communication and organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office and previous experience as an executive assistant is preferred. Send résumés to Matt Moore at [mmoore@briarwood.org](mailto:mmoore@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: Social Media / Writing Assistant** — Part-time position for a Briarwood member who is proficient in various social media platforms and a skillful writer. Submit resume to [lmckee@briarwood.org](mailto:lmckee@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

## **Sunday, July 21 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Trailblazer ministry and their upcoming events for summer and fall. Give thanks for the Trailblazer leadership team, Michael Wichlan and Sharon Johnston, as they plan events for our senior adults.

## **Monday, July 22 — 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.

## **Tuesday, July 23 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for Paul and Elizabeth Sanduleac who serve with International Exchange Organization in Moldova. Pray for God's grace that they not only can plant a strong Reformed church, but be an encouragement and resource for existing churches there. Pray for their work to plan events to bring area church leaders together and reaffirm the Protestant directives they have in common.

## **Wednesday, July 24 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Saad and Maral with Cru in Iraq; Shohei and Sawako Ueki with Mission to the World in Japan; Ed and Kate Underwood with United for Missions in Ireland; and Furakat with S4CA in Kyrgyzstan.

## **Thursday, July 25 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Clete and Karen Hux with the Apologetics Resource Center in Alabama; Joel and Jamie Irvin with Mission to North America in Indiana; Alonza and Vanessa Jones with Biblical Marriage Institute in Alabama; and Cahaba Medical Care.

## **Friday, July 26 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our Briarwood elders Bill Armistead, Steve Gathings, Lance Radbill; deacons Frank Price, Paul Silvey, David Wells; and Young Couples Pastor Stephen King and wife, Kate.

## **Saturday, July 27 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Al Black, Jim Cofer, Roy Costner, John Russom, and Florence Salmer.

We offer our love and sympathy to Jack Boyle and family on the death of his father, John Walsh Boyle, on July 8; and to Margaret Mugg and family on the death of her brother, Julian Motes, on July 10.

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12*

*Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. Psalm 119:89-90*

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App. In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.



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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

“Psalms of Lament: Hope in Sorrow”

Psalm 13

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Biblical Theology of Creation Care”

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.