

BRIARWOOD MEN'S FALL KICKOFF



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LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Briarwood Church Family,

At our Lord's Day morning services on July 28, Ruling Elder Billy Ball announced that the Session of Briarwood has established a process to create a Pulpit Committee to select and recommend a new Senior Pastor for Briarwood. This is an exciting time in the life of our church, and we ask you to be in prayer regularly as we embark on this process.

The following key dates and information were presented on July 28:

Pulpit Committee Selection Process Timeline:

- Sunday, July 28: Announcement & Open Nominations
- Monday, August 12: Close Nominations at 5:00pm
- Sunday, August 25: Congregational Meeting to vote on Pulpit Committee slate

Ways to Submit Nominations:

- Nominations form at briarwood.org or use QR code
- Send an email to nominations@briarwood.org.
- Call Leigh Ann Reese at 205-776-5301.

On Tuesday, July 23, the Session approved using the current Nominations Committee to help facilitate the process of establishing our Pulpit Committee. The Nominations Committee consists of Ruling Elders (Steve Gathings, Don Hendry, Lance Radbill, Tim Scott), Deacons (Tim Ayers, Jonathan Sanders, Scott Summers) and Pastors (Benny Parks and Benny Youngblood). Also, the Session voted to add 3 others for input. They include Dr. Doriani and his appointment of Mrs. Kelly Buck and Mrs. Audrey Jowers.

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Nominations Committee with questions you may have, and continue in prayer for your Session, Staff, the Nominating Committee, the eventual Pulpit Committee, and for our church as we take the next steps in this transition.

May God alone be glorified!

RE Tim Scott
Chairman, 2024 Nominating Committee
Briarwood Presbyterian Church



Make nominations by going to briarwood.org/pulpitnominations, scanning the QR code above, or emailing nominations@briarwood.org.

FEATURED EVENTS

Men's Fall Football Kickoff — Men's Ministry | August 14

Wednesday, August 14 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. Men and young men are invited to our Men's Football Kickoff Dinner! Come hear how local high school head coaches, Matthew Forester, Robert Evans and Chris Yeager, model their Christian faith and have success at the highest divisions. Tickets (\$10) online at briarwood.org/men.

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 hear from over 100 agencies that serve people with Special Needs and their families. Registration required at briarwood.org/specialneedsresourcefair.

Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 24 *

Women join us for our Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 24 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This Olympic-themed event will focus on fellowship, food and fun! There is no cost, but registration helps us in our planning. For more details and to register go to briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available with registration.

Foster Parent Class Orientation — National Ministries | Tuesday, August 27

Lifeline Children's Services offers Foster Parent Training Classes (10 weeks at 6:00 p.m. in G101) that teach the state curriculum from a biblical perspective. Orientation is required to attend classes. Contact Cade Smith at cade.smith@lifelinechild.org with questions.

* 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

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 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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Bruce & Sonya Stallings Reception — August 11 after the evening Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor Bruce and Sonya Stallings for their many years of service at Briarwood.

Become a Briarwood Member — August 14, 17 and 18. 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.

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, August 18. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

Trailblazers Ice Cream Social — August 19 from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at Club 55 Clubhouse (8145 Annika Drive). Come enjoy a time of fellowship and the sounds of Jay and The Elders Quartet. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Foster Parent Interest Lunch — Sunday, August 18 in Fellowship Hall following the second service. Join others interested in learning about fostering a child in need. Cost is free but we need you to register for meal planning. Register at briarwood.org/fostering.

YBL Summer Study — Mondays 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. Register at bit.ly/YBLChristianManhood.

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.

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.

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.

Job Opening: Nursery Committee Supervisor — Looking for an energetic individual to plan and coordinate the Sunday School and Nursery Committee volunteer rotation. Currently a paid part-time temporary situation but may become permanent. Contact Alison Craig at acraig@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Briarwood International Outreach — Seeking a Briarwood member for a 25-hour per week position with knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, event planning, and a heart for internationals. Send inquiries and resumes to hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Social Media / Writing Assistant — Seeking a part-time individual who is proficient in various social media platforms, a skillful writer, and a Briarwood member. Submit your resume to lmckee@briarwood.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, August 4 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the staff and volunteers in our MNA English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry. Give thanks for those volunteers who participated in the ESL training session this weekend. Pray as this ministry serves the many internationals in our city.

Monday, August 5 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Briarwood ministry partner Urban Hope Community Church in Fairfield, Alabama. Give praise for the celebration of the July 31 opening of the Urban Hope Leadership Initiative and their outreach program's Carver Jones Market. Urban Hope is dedicated to the growth and transformation of the Fairfield community through these endeavors. Their mission is focused on growing disciples who are confident in their identity in Christ in Fairfield and beyond.

Tuesday, August 6 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for fall ESL classes and Friendship Partners, that God would use these ministries to deepen relationships between Briarwood members and internationals and draw people to Himself. Also pray for women who will attend fall ESL Bible study, that God would allow them to see their need for Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Wednesday, August 7 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Jeff and Chris Viljoen with Campus Outreach SERVE in South Africa; Guillermo Villanueva with Guillermo Villanueva Ministries in Mexico; David and Joan Walker with Cru serving internationally; and Aaron and Fern Webb with Campus Outreach SERVE, serving internationally.

Thursday, August 8 — 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 Foundations Early Learning and Family Center.

Friday, August 9 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders David Battles, Craig Gilbert, Bob Roark; deacons Brad Reynolds, David Stearns, Ben Willson, Bill Whitworth; and Women and Children's Counselor Chesley Kalehoff and husband, Richard.

Saturday, August 10 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Roy Roddam and Pat Fiol.

We offer our love and sympathy to Sabre Whitt and family on the death of her husband, member, Jay Whitt.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

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:

“Wounded, Healed”

Psalm 69:1–21

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Challenge of Our Age”

Matthew 16:13–18

Dr. Dan Doriani

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