



*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*For God's glory, we are committed  
to equipping Christians to worship God  
and to reach Birmingham  
to reach the world  
for Christ.*

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Ministries Conference – October 20, 2024

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Dan Doriani, Interim Senior Pastor  
Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist  
Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation... Psalm 40:9*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 47:5-7

Leader: *God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession

*Our Great God, Sovereign King of the Universe, creator of all that is, we come before You today humbled that You have deigned to condescend to us, to love us with an everlasting love, and to redeem us from our sin and ourselves through the blood of Your perfect and spotless Son, Jesus Christ. As we come into this time of worship, we recognize that we do so upon Your invitation and upon our great need to give ourselves completely to You. During this hour and every hour of every day, we surrender our wills to You and live as "living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto You, which is our reasonable service of worship." Hear us now as we confess our sins to You and prepare to worship You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

## Choral Introit

*"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place"*  
Briarwood Sanctuary Choir (8:00)

*"Standing on the Promises of God"*  
Briarwood Children's Choirs (10:55)

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Ascents\*

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"* Hymn 117

## The Confession of Truth\*

Acts 1:8

All: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

## National Ministries Partners

## Testimony of Kingdom Ministry

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*...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*

### Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

#### THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2*

### Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings

#### Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*

*"It Was Finished Upon that Cross"*  
Shane Davis, Worship Associate

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

#### Prayer of Illumination\*

#### The New Testament Reading\*†

III John

#### Exposition of God's Word

Dr. H. B. Charles, Jr.  
Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

National Ministries Conference

"For the Sake of the Name"

III John

#### THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

#### Congregational Affirmation\*

*"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

#### Pastoral Benediction\*

#### Postlude

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\*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

†K4-3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for Children's Worship.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

The 8:00 a.m. service is also "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM.

The 8:00 and 10:55 a.m. services are available online at [briarwood.org/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

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**Prelude**

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

**Welcome**

Rev. Rob Looper, National/Revitalization Pastor

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 148:13

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise\***

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”* Hymn 280

**Testimony of Kingdom Ministry**

**Scripture & Sermon**

Dr. H. B. Charles, Jr.  
Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

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“For the Sake of the Name – Part 2”  
III John

**National Ministry Glimpses**

Chapel:	Alexa James	Blanket Fort Hope
FH-A:	Matthew Schmidt	Engage 360
FH-E:	Micah Evans	Campus Outreach
FH-F:	Phil Pippenger	Crossroads of East TN
G-101:	Brian Goessling	Restoration Academy
G-103:	Eric McDaniel	Church Revitalization
W-202:	Tom Dickson	French Camp Academy
W-203:	Todd & Cindy Sproull	Lummi Nation
WC:	Stephen King	Church Plant, Tampa, FL

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## WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We're delighted you are worshiping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have, and minister to you in any way. We pray that this morning's worship will be all about Him and not about us and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

– The Briarwood Church Family

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **National Ministries Conference 2024 — Briarwood Missions | October 20 & 21 \***

Join us today and tomorrow evening for our annual National Ministries Conference. Our keynote speaker, Dr. H. B. Charles Jr., will preach on how we can minister to our nation “For the Sake of the Name.” We will also be able to hear from 18 of our national ministry partners in Sunday School and in breakout sessions during the evening services. Find additional conference details at [briarwood.org/nmc](http://briarwood.org/nmc).

### **EMC Convocation Service — All Members | October 27**

On Every Member Commitment Convocation Sunday, members are encouraged to attend the Convocation Service in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Briarwood’s Every Member Commitment allows church members to declare what their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service will be for the coming calendar year. Learn more at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

### **EMC Pledge Sunday — All Members | November 3**

On Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday, members will turn in their pledge cards during the morning services or make pledges online at [briarwood.org/giving](http://briarwood.org/giving).

\* 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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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for the Pulpit Committee in their ongoing work. May God be near to them, hear their prayers and direct their decisions. And may God give each member confidence that He hears them and will answer their prayers.

**Missions Prayer Focus** — Pray for the National Ministries Conference and our speaker, Dr. H. B. Charles Jr., as he challenges us to spread the Gospel of Christ throughout our nation. Pray for our ministry partners as they share about their work to spread the Gospel and may they feel blessed during their time here as we host them. Pray that the gospel messages presented from 3 John in relation to the “For the Sake of the Name” theme will make an impact on us.

**Hospitalized** — Margery Birdsong, Barbara Ryals, Don Byron, Cindy Janney, Jo Bailey, Ben Hedrick

**We rejoice** — with Brent and Melanie Gilbert on the birth of their son, William Alan, on October 9 and grandparents Craig and Brenda Gilbert and great-grandmother Jean Register.

**Our love and sympathy** — to Peggy, Robert and Christopher Russom and family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, member John Russom, on October 10.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Give to Disaster Relief** — One-hundred percent of funds given will be used to support those affected by the recent hurricanes through our partnering with MNA's Disaster Relief and Samaritan's Purse. Go to [briarwood.org/disasterrelief](http://briarwood.org/disasterrelief) to find ways to help.

**Reformation Sunday** — October 27. Our annual service highlights the foundations of the Reformation: that God's Word alone binds our consciences by the power of His Holy Spirit and that the power of the Resurrection brings us ultimate hope and comfort as we remember our church members who have gone to heaven this past year.

**Portraits of Hope with WBL** — Thursday, November 7 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Beverly B. McNeil Portraits (2801 6th Ave S). Come fellowship with other working women to see beautiful portraits as you hear the story of God's remarkable transformation in the life of one woman. Light refreshments will be served. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**Trailblazers Shoebox Packing Party** — November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the Trailblazers, Oak Mountain Forerunners, and Valleydale Legacy to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. Register at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) and bring items to share!

**Countdown to Christmas** — Wednesday November 20 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Women join us we focus on preparing our hearts for the upcoming Christmas season. Tickets are \$20 at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) and in the Bookstore. Nursery will be available with registration.

**"I Cared Enough" Thanksgiving Meal** — Tuesday, November 26. Donate and help distribute food to the needy in downtown Birmingham with Daniel Cason KIDS Ministry. For information, contact Daniel Cason at 205-365-1800 or go to [danielcason.org](http://danielcason.org).

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Wednesday evening from 5:15–8:00 p.m. Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:15 p.m. Classes and activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for dinners, nursery, and classes at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Briarwood Youth Choir** — Sundays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in M208. Youth grades 7–12, can you make it this week? If not, just come when you can. For more information, email Penny Philley at [pphilley@briarwood.org](mailto:pphilley@briarwood.org).

**Children's Sunday Choirs** — Children's Choirs (preschool/elementary age children) meet Sunday during the evening worship at 6:15 p.m. Contact Shanna Phillips at 205-222-1062.

**ROKU & Apple TV Apps** — The Briarwood App is now available for download on ROKU, Apple TV, Google Play, and the Amazon Appstore. If you had our previous TV apps, you will need to install the new app. Search for Briarwood PCA and download for free.

**Job Openings: Assistant to Director of Women Business Leaders** — This role will serve inward administratively and outward in ministry to women through small groups, event planning, social media and grant writing. Visit [briarwood.org/employment](http://briarwood.org/employment) for complete position description and application 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](http://briarwood.org/employment).