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NATIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2024

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DR. H.B. CHARLES, JR.

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Dr. H. B. Charles, Jr. is the Pastor and Teacher at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church of Jacksonville and Orange Park, Florida, where he has served since 2008. He is primarily responsible for preaching-teaching, vision casting, and leadership development. Outside of the ministry with his congregation, he regularly speaks and teaches at churches, conferences, and conventions around the country. He has contributed to several books and journals. Pastor Charles is the author of *It Happens After Prayer*; *On Preaching*; *On Pastoring*; *On Worship*; *The Difference Jesus Makes*; *Getting Right With God*; and *Reaching God's Goals for Your Life*. Pastor Charles and his wife, Crystal, have three children: H. B. III, Natalie, and Hailey.

For more information, go to briarwood.org/nmc.



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NATIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

It is a great and humble privilege of Briarwood Presbyterian Church to send out and support missionaries throughout Birmingham and the nation for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. The theme for this year's National Ministries Conference is "For the Sake of the Name" taken from 3 John, which tells us we are all fellow workers for the truth. For this reason, we are kicking off the conference on October 19 with IMPACT Birmingham. We encourage you to become a physical worker for the truth by participating in or praying for this hands-on ministry opportunity.

The year's conference will be filled with stories of how the Lord is at work through our national partners as well as inspirational Gospel messages from featured speaker, Dr. H. B. Charles. "For the Sake of the Name," your Local/Mobilization and National Ministries Teams are eager to serve and help you deploy your gifts to reach Birmingham, to Alabama, to our nation for Christ. We invite you and your family to attend this year's conference, and we look forward to seeing you there!

- Rob Looper
National Ministries and Church Revitalization Pastor

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters, one of the great, indeed truly unique, traits of Briarwood is its consistent devotion to missions. When we say "missions," people traditionally think of global missions. Rightly so, since the Gospel must go "to the nations." Psalm 22:27 says, *"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You."* From someone living in Israel, the Americas would be *"the ends of the earth"*; for that reason, Briarwood's missions emphasis is local too.

As you may know, Briarwood supports local and national ministries through the stewardship of our tithes and offerings to the General Fund (not our Faith Promise gifts). So then, the way we support local and national ministries has three focal points.

1. First, we can participate in conference events. This year, our featured speaker is Dr. H. B. Charles, a gifted and godly pastor.
2. Second, we can join in local service events like IMPACT Birmingham.
3. Third, you can ask how you can encourage one of our ministry leaders.

Finally, you may want to help with logistics, whether in modest ways or by serving on either the Local or National Ministries Teams. All that we do flows from our Mission Statement, *"For God's glory, Briarwood is committed to equipping Christians to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ."*

- Dan Doriani
Interim Senior Pastor

FEATURED EVENTS

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 19 *

On the morning of October 19, we will partner with local ministries to do service projects ranging from 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! Additional info will be posted at briarwood.org/impact.

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

Join us Sunday, October 20 and Monday, October 21 to hear our speaker H. B. Charles, pastor at the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, and from various ministry partners during the Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details at briarwood.org/nmc.

EMC Convocation Sunday — 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.

* 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

Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day

by John S. Leonard | Adult Book

Christians often make evangelism into an awkward experience. We host evangelism events and rehearse three-step plans, but we struggle to relate to non-Christians or to tell our own stories in an authentic way. *Get Real* calls us to live out what Christ modeled—a lifestyle of actively sharing the good news in our relationships. John Leonard shows how Christ's own example releases us to love, listen, pray fervently, and respond faithfully to opportunities every day. When we get real, we are free to share our everyday faith with the people God places in our lives. Price: \$12.99

Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus

by J. Mack Stiles | Adult Book

Evangelism is more than a program. Picture a church where evangelism is simply part of the culture. Leaders share their faith consistently and openly. Members follow, encouraging one another to make evangelism an ongoing way of life. Such is the way of evangelism presented by this brief and compelling book. It just might give the Church a new way to live and share the Gospel together. Price: \$10.00

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Give to Helene Relief — One-hundred percent of funds given will be spent on support. You can give through Briarwood by designating your gift to Disaster Relief. For additional ways to give, go to briarwood.org/disasterrelief.

WBL Faith & Work Luncheon — Wednesday, October 9 from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at The Club. Stephanie Franklin will share her journey of being transformed by truth through a renewed mind. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Adoption / Foster Connection Meeting — Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides' Room. This group for foster/adoptive parents, and those interested in fostering/adopting, focuses on encouraging and equipping one another. Email Carter at w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Care-giving Seminar Luncheon — Thursday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Inverness Country Club. Learn different perspectives on care-giving—coping with health issues, dementia, and grieving. The cost is \$10. Register at ybl.org/events.

Persecuted Church Prayer Time — Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. All are invited to a prayer time for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Trailblazers Movie — Tuesday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Cahaba Ridge Retirement Community. Come for a showing of “A Walk with Joey” about his story (from the Publix on Valleydale Road) about faith and friendship. Sign up at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Men's Fall Studies — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/men.

Women's Fall Studies — Women, pick from six available classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics, teachers, and additional information at briarwood.org/women. Nursery is available upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery.

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.

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.

Job Opening: YBL 2nd Half Director — Part-time position focusing on equipping men (50–75 years-old) moving into new work roles and retirement, launching/training small groups, mentoring and outreach efforts. Job description at briarwood.org/employment.

Job Opening: Quest Administrative Assistant — Part-time position for Quest (Camp Briarwood, Briarwood Soccer, Pickleball, Ladies Fitness, Cheerleading, Trail Life and American Heritage Girls). Summer hours increase with camp season. Contact Scott Hannah at shannah@briarwood.org or 205-533-3105 for hours, pay, and responsibilities.

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

Sunday, October 6 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for the people who have been displaced, isolated, and whose lives have been altered as a result of Hurricane Helene. May they seek the Lord's comfort and provision in the uncertain days to come. Pray for the critical supplies, utilities, and communication needed to reach these areas.

Monday, October 7 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for God to give the Big Oak Ranch staff the ability to meet the needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children by giving them a solid, Christian home. Pray for the children in these homes to feel the love of Jesus around them. May the Lord allow them to realize and fulfill His plan for their lives.

Tuesday, October 8 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the many Briarwood members who will participate in our local service project IMPACT Birmingham on Saturday, October 19. We will bring much-needed encouragement, help, and care to our ministry partners.

Wednesday, October 9 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Francisco and Martita Berrios with World Reach in Romania; Nate and Nikki Bonham with Mission to the World in Colombia; Emily Bonner with Ethnos 360 in Papua New Guinea; and Hatem and Lisa with Mission to the World serving the Middle East.

Thursday, October 10 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Joel and Holly Wallace with Mission to North America in Alabama; Ben and Leah Weber with Campus Outreach at West Georgia; Bill and Linda White with Daymark Counseling in Alabama; Kevin and Taylor Wilkie with Campus Outreach in Georgia; and the Foundations Early Learning and Family Center.

Friday, October 11 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood elders Todd Carlisle, Mark Hess, Scott Stewart; deacons John Salmon, Adrian VanderWoude, John Lattner; and Director of Accounting Rob Allen and his wife, Jenny.

Saturday, October 12— — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Campbell Blake, Don Huff, Nina Mujumdar, and Chris Asbeck.

We offer our love and sympathy to Jason and John McCrory, Sarah Duncan and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Trudy McCrory, on September 30.

Pray for those who have lost their spouses. May the Lord console and protect them. May He assure them that He knows them fully and loves them deeply. Pray they will feel God's presence around them as they seek His wisdom to navigate life without their spouses. Pray the Lord will send others to be His hands and feet to minister to them.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Psalm 36:5

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

"Faith That Works – Part 1"

James 2:14–19

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

"God Grows His Church"

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Dr. Dan Doriani

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