



# GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOUSING: (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First half of the week                            | <input type="checkbox"/> We can host a single male.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second half of the week                           | <input type="checkbox"/> We can host a single female.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full week   | <input type="checkbox"/> We can host a couple.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This will be our first time housing a missionary. | <input type="checkbox"/> We can host a family with children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't hosted missionaries for a few years.   | Please list any pets that you own:                          |
|  | _____   |
|  | _____   |

## TRANSPORTATION:

- I can provide a vehicle for use during the Conference.  
Times available: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year and make of car: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Manual ( ) Automatic
- I can help drive missionaries to their assignments during the Conference.

## SERVING CREW:

- I can help serve evening dinners starting at 5:00 p.m. on:  
( ) Mon. Feb. 24 ( ) Tues. Feb. 25 ( ) Wed. Feb. 26
- I can help clean up after dinner at 6:30 p.m. on:  
( ) Mon. Feb. 24 ( ) Tues. Feb. 25 ( ) Wed. Feb. 26
- I can help serve desserts following the evening activities:  
( ) Sun. Feb. 23 ( ) Mon. Feb. 24 ( ) Tues. Feb. 25 ( ) Wed. Feb. 26
- I can help clean up after dessert starting at 8:15 p.m. on:  
( ) Sun. Feb. 23 ( ) Mon. Feb. 24 ( ) Tues. Feb. 25 ( ) Wed. Feb. 26

## OFFICE SUPPORT:

- I can help with administrative tasks as needed.
- I can help by ironing flags during the second week of February.

## PRAYER:

- I would like to be a part of the conference Prayer Team.

## GLOW: (children's program Sunday-Wednesday in the children's auditorium)

- I would be willing to volunteer with this children's program:  
( ) I can help with the children on Sun. Feb. 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
( ) I can help with the children from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on:  
( ) Mon. Feb. 24 ( ) Tues. Feb. 25 ( ) Wed. Feb. 26

## COOKIES:

- I will bake 2 to 3 dozen cookies for Cookie Night on Sunday, Feb. 23.

## CAKES:

- I will decorate a cake with a missions theme for the contest on Tuesday, Feb. 25.  
( ) Adult contest ( ) Teen contest ( ) Children's contest

Please return this form to one of the black boxes outside the Worship Center or to the Missions mailbox in the Mailroom. For more information, contact Heather McDougall in the Missions Office at (205) 776-5279 or [hmcDougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcDougall@briarwood.org).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Our Strong Foundation — Global Ministries Conference | February 23 – March 2 \***

This year's 60th Annual Global Ministries Conference will focus on "Our Strong Foundation" in the Lord. Our speaker will be Dr. Stafford Carson, and we will hear and learn from our supported global ministry partners. We need your help hosting missionary families! See how you can help at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

### **GLOW — Children's Global Ministries Conference | February 23–26**

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday night through Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

### **Faith Promise Sunday — Global Ministries Conference | March 2 \***

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise 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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## IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

### ***Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love***

**by Edward T. Welch | Adult Book**

Everyone needs help from time to time, especially in the midst of painful circumstances and difficult trials. In this short book, Welch offers practical guidance for all Christians who want to develop their "helping skills" when it comes to walking alongside hurting people. Written out of the conviction that friends are the best helpers, this accessible introduction to biblical counseling will equip believers to share their burdens with one another through gentle words of wisdom and kind acts of love. This book is written for those eager to see God use ordinary relationships and conversations between ordinary Christians to work extraordinary miracles in the lives of His people. Price: \$8.49

### ***Meg Is Not Alone***

**by Megan Hill | Children's Book**

God lovingly gathers His people into a wonderful community—the church. The local church is made up of individuals who respond to God's love by worshiping Him together and caring for one another. In this picture book, Meg's parents accidentally leave her at church after the morning service, which makes her feel scared. But Meg is not alone. Various people in the church stay with her until her dad returns. With easy-to-understand language and colorful illustrations, this children's book highlights Jesus' command to "love one another," showing children that God has provided the local church to be their loving community. Price: \$10.99

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Briarwood Soccer** — It's time to register for spring soccer for boys and girls age 5–15! Register through February 7 at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com) or 205-776-5114.

**Trailblazers Valentine Dinner** — Thursday February 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come dine with friends and enjoy music from Jay and the Elders. Purchase your tickets (\$12) at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or contact Sharon [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**Trailblazer Travel** — March 24–28. Come travel with friends to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Go online to [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or contact Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) for more information.

**Ladies' Exercise Classes** — Weekly in M111. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:30–9:30 a.m. for all ages and Monday/Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. for those needing chair assistance. First class is free. Go to [questrecreation.org/fitness-classes](http://questrecreation.org/fitness-classes) for details.

**Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies** — Ladies, join one of the six studies. There are opportunities in person or online; in the morning or evening; and in the Old Testament or New Testament. Go to [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) to register and see details.

**Men's Winter/Spring 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](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in A105. Come join a study of Galatians led by Chris Thompson.

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — Through April 9. Join us for Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. then attend a class or activity for the entire family. Find information and register for dinners at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Griefshare MidWeek Class** — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week video/small group program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Workbook is \$20. Call 205-776-5227.

**Men's Weekly Prayer** — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Mountain View House. Start the New Year off in a great way by joining the Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group. For more information contact Stephen King at [sking@briarwood.org](mailto:sking@briarwood.org).

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

**Job Openings: Nursery Ministry Director** — This position will lead and oversee the nursery ministry to serve our parents by creating a safe and nurturing environment for their children. Contact Jay Shaw at 205-776-5389 or send resume to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@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, January 26 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Women's Ministry In-Town Retreat and for those attending to have a sweet time of fellowship and that their hearts will be impacted through this retreat. Pray for the retreat speaker Meaghan May, who currently serves under the Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM) as the Elders' Wives Liaison for the PCA.

Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to trust God's promise that *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

## **Monday, January 27 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for The WellHouse ministry that provides opportunities of restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short, and long-term care programs. Pray and consider volunteering to support the staff as they serve and share God's love with hurting women and children. Go online to explore volunteer opportunities and learn how you can make a difference at [the-wellhouse.org/volunteer](http://the-wellhouse.org/volunteer).

## **Tuesday, January 28 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for all those who attended the Lampstand Conference this past week. Pray for God to bless the pastors and church leaders as they return to their churches and begin to apply the health and vitality guidance set forth by the conference leaders.

## **Wednesday, January 29 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Sam and Karla with Avant Ministries in Spain; Paul and Crystal Henry with Mission to the World in New Zealand; Jeff and Angie with Charstar in South Asia; and Don and Teri Horsley with Navigators in Central Asia.

## **Thursday, January 30 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Neil and Leandra Quinn with Good Shepherd Church in Michigan; Paul and Peggy Reynoso with Navigators in California; Brandon and Katrina Robbins with Birmingham Theological Seminary in Alabama; Tyler and Courtney Rollason with Campus Outreach in Georgia; and Cahaba Medical Care.

## **Friday, January 31 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our elders Matt Denard, Jim Blackmon, Ed Chan; deacons Brett Butler, Ken Barton, Austin Barr; and Mobilization Pastor Max Bunn and his wife, Kathleen.

## **Saturday, February 1 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Robert Pugh, Ginny Catalano, Marilyn Mullis, Al Black, Linda Cobb, Robin Defnall, Jean Chase, George McDougall, Charlie Hoke, Charles Johnson, Barry Wood.

We offer our love and sympathy to friends and family of member Barbara Edwards on her death on January 3; and to Matt Piell and Abby Ford and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Dave Piell, on January 14; and to Janet Norden, Bekah Hill, Nathan Norden and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Betty Hughes, on January 20.

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:**

“The Sovereign Justice and Mercy of Our Lord”

Romans 9:10–18

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Divorce”

1 Corinthians 7:10–16

Dr. Dan Doriani

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Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.