

# GMC CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Dr. Stafford Carson\*
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School — Ministry Partners sharing\*
- 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship with Dr. Stafford Carson\*
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship with Dr. Stafford Carson & GLOW\*
- 7:15 p.m. Global Ministry Partner Glimpses\*
- 7:40 p.m. Dessert & Displays – Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men of the Covenant Missions
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Dr. Stafford Carson & GLOW\*
- 7:15 p.m. Global Ministry Partner Glimpses\*
- 7:40 p.m. Dessert & Displays – Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Missions Coffee\*
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Dr. Stafford Carson & GLOW\*
- 7:15 p.m. Global Ministry Partner Glimpses\*
- 7:40 p.m. Dessert & Displays – Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 5:15 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Global Ministry Partner Glimpses & GLOW\*
- 7:15 p.m. Global Ministry Partner Glimpses\*
- 7:40 p.m. Dessert & Displays – Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- Various Times Congregational Community Meals with Missionaries\*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00 & 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship and Faith Promise Commitment
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Promise Announcement and Communion with our Intl Congregations with Pastor Tony Wang preaching



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# UPCOMING SHORT TERM TRIPS

<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b> Christian Medical Ministry	March 8–15 Mardon Day (mday@briarwood.org)
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> Vision Trip/Church Planting	March 8–16 Bryan Wintersteen (bwintersteen@briarwood.org)
<b>HONDURAS</b> Evangelism/Mercy Ministry	March 21–28 Max Bunn (mbunn@briarwood.org)
<b>BELIZE</b> Briarwood Christian School	March 22–29 Clay Collie (ccollie@bcsk12.org)
<b>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b> Spiritual Emphasis	March 27–30 Bryan Wintersteen (bwintersteen@briarwood.org)
<b>LARCADA, SPAIN</b> Construction Evangelistic Camp	March 28 – April 5 or April 12 Bryan Huffstutler (bryanhuff@outlook.com)
<b>KENYA</b> Children's Ministry Staff	April 21–27 Jake Stallings (jstallings@briarwood.org)
<b>GREECE</b> Women's Ministry	May 2–10 Kristie Harrick (kharrick@briarwood.org)
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b> Christian Medical Ministry	May 3–10 Mardon Day (mday@briarwood.org)
<b>GERMANY</b> Women's Ministry	May 10–18 Kristie Harrick (kharrick@briarwood.org)
<b>JOHANNESBURG, S.A.</b> Campus Outreach	May 13–June 28 Amy Baxter (amy.baxter@campusoutreach.org)
<b>BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL</b> Campus Outreach	May 13–July 2 Amy Baxter (amy.baxter@campusoutreach.org)
<b>KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA</b> Church Revitalization	May 20–26 Rob Looper (rlooper@briarwood.org)
<b>GUATEMALA</b> Briarwood Christian School	May 30–June 7 Clay Collie (ccollie@bcsk12.org)
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b> Christian Medical Ministry	June 7–14 Mardon Day (mday@briarwood.org)
<b>VANUATU</b> Seminary Construction	June 9–23 Bryan Wintersteen (bwintersteen@briarwood.org)

*See all Mission Trips on the Briarwood App: Events – Upcoming Trips & Travel*

## 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! Find additional information 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

### *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*

**by Rosaria Butterfield | GMC 2025 Recommendation**

What did God use to draw a radical, committed unbeliever to himself? Did God take her to an evangelistic rally? Or, since she had her doctorate in literature, did He use something in print? No, God used an invitation to dinner in a modest home, from a humble couple who lived out the gospel daily, simply, and authentically. With this story of her conversion as a backdrop, Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how to bring the gospel to our lost friends and neighbors. This "radical, ordinary hospitality" sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of His kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like. Price: \$14.99

### *Serving with Eyes Wide Open*

**by David A. Livermore | GMC 2025 Recommendation**

Short-term mission trips are a great way to impact the kingdom. Yet they can lack effectiveness because of mistakes or naiveté on the part of participants. In this insightful book, Livermore calls us to serve with our eyes open to global and cultural realities so we can become more effective cross-cultural ministers. *Serving with Eyes Wide Open* is a must-have book for anyone doing a short-term mission or service project, whether domestic or overseas. Price: \$10

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Chainsaw Training** — Saturday, February 8 from 8:00 a.m.–noon in Fellowship Hall-A. Chainsaw safety training is being offered to anyone willing to help MNA Disaster Response with tree removal services. Sign up at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

**Persecuted Church Prayer Time** — This Sunday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m. in G103. Come join the Persecuted Church Prayer Team to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting** — Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides Room. Current and interested foster and adoption parents are invited to meet with other like-minded families to encourage and equip one another. Email [w.carter.ralph@gmail.com](mailto:w.carter.ralph@gmail.com).

**WBL Working Singles Event** — Rescheduled for February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Caroline House. Learn how Betsy Childs Howard, Summer Smith Lee, and Amy McMullen tackle the tough issues of life as single women, while seeking Christ and embracing the joys of each day. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**Communion Service** — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, February 16 in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**Trailblazers 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.

**Join a Winter/Spring Study** — It is not too late to join a men's or women's study! See information for Men's classes at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men) and a list of Women's classes and registration at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**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).

**VBS 2025** — We are busy making plans for this summer's VBS: June 2–6! Volunteers are needed. Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) if you are interested. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

**Become a Friendship Partner** — Get involved with God's heart for the nations. An intentional friendship can have an eternal impact — share a meal, introduce them to places you frequent, or take them out for coffee. Contact Courtney at [cmcgregor@briarwood.org](mailto:cmcgregor@briarwood.org).

**Mission Trip Needs** — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting ibuprofen (200mg) and Tylenol (500mg) for March and May Mission Trips. Donations can be left in the CMMA box in the Mailroom. Email [cmmaadmin@briarwood.org](mailto:cmmaadmin@briarwood.org) for questions.

**Shepherding Pastor** — Seeking a Pastor to shepherd members, relate well with people and have leadership and management skills. Candidate must be ordained or ordainable in the PCA. Send resume to [pclaud@briarwood.org](mailto:pclaud@briarwood.org) or call 205-776-5282.

**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, February 9 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Give thanks to the Lord for the Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Group who come together to pray for our church. It is encouraging to know this group of men lift up our church leaders and the families in our church every week.

Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to draw near to God and make Him their refuge so that they may tell of all His works as in Psalm 73:28.

## **Monday, February 10 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for North Star Soccer Ministries as they invest in Birmingham's urban youth. This faith-driven soccer program not only teaches soccer skills but also fosters personal growth and character development. Pray for the Lord to send the coaches needed for the spring season. For information or to get involved, visit [northstarsoccerministries.com](http://northstarsoccerministries.com)

## **Tuesday, February 11 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for our Campus Outreach Ministries across the country. Praise the Lord for the students who committed their lives to Christ at the New Year's Conference in January. Pray for their walk with Jesus as new Christians and for the staff who are leading them.

## **Wednesday, February 12 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Keisuke and Bethany Idota with Presbyterian Mission International in Japan; Rob and Jenny Ilderton with Mission to the World in England; Jonathan and Maggie Iverson with Mission to the World in Japan; and Jay and Faith Jackson with Global Empowerment serving internationally.

## **Thursday, February 13 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for John and Jan Sherard with Cru in South Carolina; Larry and Rita Sherbondy with Navigators in Pennsylvania; David Sorrell with Engage 360 Ministries in Missouri; Todd and Cindy Sproull with Mission to the World in Washington; and Foundations Early Learning and Family Center.

## **Friday, February 14 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our elders Bruce Evans, Jim Bradford, Al Craig; deacons Tom Cartledge, Stephen Boyd, Jamie Burns; and Director of Facilities Steve Goebel and his wife, Tina.

## **Saturday, February 16 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Joy Blazer, Don Davis, Pat Dortch, John Reaves, Steve Smith, Shirley Turpin, Barry Wood, Rosine Feist

We rejoice with Josh and Beth Anne Lee on the birth of their daughter, Julia Grace, on January 28, and with grandparents Mark and Darby Travers and great-grandparents Chuck and Alene Morgan.

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of member Pat Sawyer on her death on January 29; and to Kathy Miller and family on the death of her husband, Mickey Miller, on February 1.

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

“The Kindness and Severity of God”

Romans 11

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Overview of the Life of Samuel”

1 Samuel

Jim Alexander, Pastor of Pastoral Care

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.