Go Light Our World

WHO?

K4-6TH GRADES

WHERE?

WHEN?

CHILDREN'S AUDITORIUM

SUN: 6 P.M. - MON-WED: 6:30 P.M.

All children should report to their regular locations on Sunday morning.

K4-3rd grade GLOW will be during Children's Worship and 4th-6th grade GLOW will be during Sunday School.

Sunday (6pm) and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (6:30pm) evening Glow is for K4-6th Grade.

KIDS WILL GET EXCITED ABOUT MISSIONS WITH TRIVIA, GAMES AND MORE!



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GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

As part of our Global Ministries Conference later this month, we will host adjacent conferences for the Children's and College Ministries. We aim to involve all age groups in learning about global missions. Age-specific conferences show the next generation they don't have to wait to be a part of global missions. They have a role too! We would love to have your whole family involved in GMC.

Children's Missions Conference: GLOW (Go Light Our World)

We have a special missions program for our children ages K4-6th grade called GLOW: Go Light Our World for Jesus. The children will receive a free GLOW t-shirt and will enjoy games, songs, GLOW swag, great prizes, and lots of FUN! Most importantly, the children will learn what God is doing around the world through our missionaries. This year, we will hear from our ministry partners from Honduras, Japan, Scotland, Kenya, and the Middle East. Each night, the children will receive their own "passport" to visit these countries. As the children attend GLOW, it is our prayer that their hearts will develop a love for the Gospel and missions.

Join us in the Children's Auditorium each night from February 23 to February 26. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. On Sunday morning, all children should report to their regular locations. K4-3rd grade GLOW will take place during Children's Worship, while 4th-6th grade GLOW will occur during Sunday School. We hope your children will join us this year at GLOW and Go Light Our World for Jesus!

Contact: Jake Stallings, Children's Director • jstallings@briarwood.org

College Missions Conference: "A Courageous Generation"

Partnering with Campus Outreach, our college ministry is hosting its College Missions Conference, February 21 through 23. We invite all college students to join us for a weekend of teaching, worship, and fellowship at the Barn. Tim Davis, the president of ELIC (an organization focused on making a global impact through teaching English), will be leading our main sessions with the theme, "A Courageous Generation: Created for a Purpose and a Calling." Students will also get to hear from our supported ministry partners from Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

The conference begins Friday night at 6:00 p.m. with free dinner at the Barn, followed by teaching, worship, and a campfire. On Saturday, we will hold free breakfast, teaching sessions from ministry partners, and worship together. It will conclude with Sunday School and Morning Worship in the Worship Center. We hope you will join us and other college students from all over the southeast to get excited about missions!

Contact: Mark Purser, College Director • mpurser@briarwood.org

For additional information on our upcoming 2025 Global Ministries Confernce, go to briarwood.org/gmc or download the Briarwood App.

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. Find additional information and see how you can support our conference at 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.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

George Müller: A Life of Prayer and Compassion

by Faith Coxe Bailey | GMC 2025 Recommendation

It began with George Müller—rebellious, absorbed in the world and its pleasures. It became George Müller—miraculously transformed by the power of Christ, daring to dream a dream and to trust God to bring it to pass. In jail by age sixteen, few people would have believed that Müller would become a great hero of the faith. He and his wife cared for over 10,000 orphans. Discover the incredible true story of the man of faith whose missionary work was built on prayer and who still inspires us today. Taking his biographical details and putting them in an exciting novel form, this short book will stir your heart, move you to greater faith, and lead you to worship the God who answers prayer. Price: \$8.99

George Müller: The Children's Champion

by Irene Howat | GMC 2025 Recommendation

George Müller's life didn't have a promising start. By the age of sixteen, he had learned to lie, steal, drink, and gamble and his future looked bleak – but God had other plans! After conversion, Müller's life became a vivid demonstration of faith in action. Praying in every penny of the costs and refusing at any time to ask for financial help from anyone but God, Müller supervised the building of three large orphanages housing thousands of children. Müller's hard work for the cause of Christ and on behalf of orphans, his commitment to their care inspired his generation and will do the same today. Price: \$7.99

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

^{*} Nursery is available for select events upon reservation at briarwood.org/nursery. Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Cards for Missionary Coffee — February 3–24. Write an encouragement card with a favorite verse or two to give to our visiting missionaries on Tuesday, February 25 at the Missionary Coffee. Cards can be dropped off in the Women's Ministry Office.

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.

Local Ministry Prayer — Sunday, February 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

2025 College Missions Retreat — Friday, February 21–Sunday, February 23 at The Barn. Kick off the weekend with dinner at 6:00 p.m. then join us all weekend for food, fellowship, and worship. Our missionaries will challenge us to live out the Great Commission!

Women's Missionary Coffee — Tuesday, February 25 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Register for the coffee at briarwood.org/women. Nursery available by reservation.

WBL "The Heart of Business" — March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Samford's Brock Recital Hall. Join WBL for a light supper, networking, and a panel of accomplished businesswomen discussing integrity, service, and purpose in business. Register at wblbirmingham.org.

Trailblazers Travel — March 24–28. Come travel with friends to Savannah, Jekyll Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. Go online to briarwood.org/trailblazers or contact Sharon at 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 and a list of Women's classes and registration at 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.

VBS 2025 — We are busy making plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School: June 2–6! Volunteers are needed. Email Raleigh Macoy at 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.

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 with any questions.

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, February 16 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to bind us together as a Church with love for one another and unity in spirit. May we partner together to share the Gospel of Christ in Word and deed to the world. "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:3).

Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to know their help "*is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 124:8). He is "*worthy to receive glory and honor and power*" (Revelation 4:11).

Monday, February 17 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for the Life on Wheels ministry as they use mobile units in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa to provide ultrasounds, save babies, and share the Gospel. For more information or to get involved, visit lifeonwheelsalabama.com.

Tuesday, February 18 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to guide the preparations being made for our Global Ministries Conference, February 23 to March 2. Give thanks for our ministry partners who will share what God is doing around the world and our speaker Dr. Stafford Carson as he opens God's Word to us. May the Lord use this Conference to inspire, equip, and mobilize Briarwood Church on mission.

Wednesday, February 19 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Judith Jacobson with Mission to the World in Asia; Jacob and Pei Jasin with Reformed University Fellowship serving Internationals; Jim and Claudia Jung with Mission to the World in Australia; and Atieh and Zineb with Avant Ministries in Spain.

Thursday, February 20 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Marc and Carol Stephens with Navigators in Tennessee; Jamie and Rebecca Strange with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Alabama; Olan and Lynna Stubbs with Campus Outreach in Alabama; Stewart and Mary Swain with Reformed University Fellowship at University of Alabama; and Grace House Ministries.

Friday, February 21 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Jim Gewin, Billy Buck, Jr., Chase Crawford; deacons Matt Davis, Matthew Bush, Chris Cain; and Worship Pastor John Haines and his wife, Jenny.

Saturday, February 22 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Joy Blazer, Cathy Craig, Daniel Cason, Don Davis, Barry Wood, Maggie Nabors, Elaine Wright.

We offer our love and sympathy to Tommy Turpin, Jenni Saville, Virginia and Win Turpin and family on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, member Shirley Turpin, on February 9.

God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. But for me, it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works. Psalm 73:26, 28

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 Lord's Gospel and our Mission" Romans 10:14–21 Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship: "Overview of the Life of Saul: How to Crash and Burn" 1 Samuel Rev. Rob Looper, National/Revitalization Pastor

Watch our live-stream on the Briarwood App, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org. Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.