

MAKE YOUR FAITH PROMISE PLEDGE

Bring your completed Faith Promise card forward during Morning Worship on March 2.

Mail or bring your completed Faith Promise card to the church accounting office.

Email your Pledge to the church at faithpromise@briarwood.org.

Fill out your Pledge online by scanning the QR below or going to briarwood.org/faithpromise.



*Learn more about Faith Promise
or make your pledge at briarwood.org/faithpromise.*



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

As the Global Ministries Conference is coming to a close, we urge every member to prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance regarding the amount that He would have you give to Faith Promise—our annual missions offering that goes over and above the Lord's tithe and your regular offerings.

It is an honor to be able to encourage our ministry partners all around the world through our giving and to worship the Lord through this act of obedience. We make this promise to give a donation in faith that the Lord will provide whatever he leads us to give. With all wisdom and discernment, we want to give with confidence that God will provide what is needed to keep these ministry partners on the field.

Whether you have faithfully given to Faith Promise for decades or this is your first time hearing of it, it's important to remember why we give:

We give to honor the Lord.

The Bible teaches us to obey the Lord in the giving of His tithe and to honor Him in the giving of our offering. Faith Promise is a type of offering whereby we can give to support world missions—Systematically, Sacrificially, and Supernaturally. As with the Lord's tithe, we can give systematically by prioritizing an amount each month that we give after the tithe. We can give sacrificially by choosing to deny ourselves of something so that we may give support to missions. We can give supernaturally when our Lord provides extra resources that are beyond our understanding.

We give to encourage fellow believers.

God has allowed Briarwood to send out missionaries and support them financially and prayerfully since 1965. By Faith, we anticipate prayerfully what He will give to us. By a Promise, we consecrate those funds when they arrive as offerings to the Lord to be given when He entrusts them to us. Sometimes, the Lord gives more resources to us so we can fulfill these commitments. At other times, He stretches our resources like the “fishes and loaves” and the feeding of the 5,000. No matter how He does it, it always strengthens and encourages His people when He blesses us and proves Himself faithful.

We give as an act of Worship.

As the Lord provides resources to us, in the act of worship we give them back to Him, and in seeing the hand of the Lord we are motivated to praise Him even more. Then, to discern what the Lord wants to do through us, and to discern where He wants us to place these resources, we have to call upon Him in prayer. “Lead us, O Lord, and guide us to ever increasing faithfulness with what you have entrusted to us for the praise of Your Holy Name.”

During the GMC, every member will have an opportunity to make a Faith Promise commitment. Faith Promise cards will be mailed to every household, and you have four ways to make your Faith Promise pledge:

- 1. Bring your completed Faith Promise card forward during Morning Worship.*
- 2. Send your completed Faith Promise card by mail to Briarwood.*
- 3. Email faithpromise@briarwood.org with your commitment.*
- 4. Fill out your pledge on our website: briarwood.org/faithpromise.*

FEATURED EVENTS

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. Sunday evening we close out the conference in worship with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with our Korean, Japanese, and Hispanic congregations and hear a report of our 2025 Faith Promise giving.

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 26

On the morning of April 26, we will partner with local ministries to do service and repair projects, ranging from yard work and painting to distributing food. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

Seek First the King in Marriage — Couples Marriage Retreat | May 2-4

Come invest in your marriage and enjoy a weekend away together in beautiful downtown Huntsville! We will have three sessions with Dr. Dan Doriani, a married panel discussion, and Sunday morning worship. Find additional information and register online by April 2 at briarwood.org/marriageretreat.

* 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

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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Trailblazers Tour — Monday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Join us as we tour the Strength to Stand Institute. Lunch following on your own. Find additional information and register at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Trailblazers Travel Meeting — Tuesday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall-A. Come hear about the September trip to Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria.

YBL Sporting Clays — Friday March 7 from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Selwood Farm. Breakfast and lunch provided. Tickets are \$300 individual or \$1,200 for a team of 4. Register at bit.ly/2025SportingClays.

Become a Briarwood Member — March 12, 15 and 16. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Classes. Attending these classes does not obligate you to join. To sign up, email Wendy at wlong@briarwood.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: Senior Adults Shepherding Pastor — Seeking a Pastor who has an intrinsic love for people, strong relational skills, and effective leadership. Candidate must be PCA ordained or ordainable. Send resume to 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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, March 2 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Give thanks for the blessing of hearing our Global Ministry partners who report of God's work around the world. Pray for their safe travel and that they take the encouragement and strength our church gave them as they return to their respective mission fields. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to be faithful in praising the name of the Lord as they work so future generations may praise Him also (Psalm 102).

Monday, March 3 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for UnBound 2:16, a faith-based transitional care ministry dedicated to preparing incarcerated individuals for successful reentry into society by guiding them to discover their God-given purpose. Pray for God's guidance and provision as this ministry offers transitional housing and vital support services—case management, job training, job placement, and Biblical discipleship through committed volunteer mentors.

Tuesday, March 4 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray that all members of the congregation gained an increased understanding of Faith Promise participation through the Global Ministries Conference. May we prayerfully choose to reach the world for Christ through the work of our Ministry Partners. Pray for God to lead us to trust Him, enabling us to pledge and give as He provides.

Wednesday, March 5 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Chris and Savanna Kitchen with Mission to the World in England; Keith and Rachel Knowlton with Mission to the World in Scotland; Brent Kooi with Mission to the World in Australia; and Jan with Mission to the World in Russia.

Thursday, March 6 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Erik and Amy Veerman with Mission to North America in Georgia; Adam and Lisa Venable with Mission to North America in Huntsville, Alabama; Jennifer and Wayne Waddell with Cru at the University of Alabama; Joel and Holly Wallace with Mission to North America in Alabama; and Restoration Academy.

Friday, March 7 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders John Goolsby, Todd Carlisle, Jeff Dunn; deacons Roger Dobnikar, Paul Cizek, Ed Corcoran; and Women's Director Kristie Harrick.

Saturday, March 8 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Carolyn Bonds, Don Davis, Maggie Nabors, Tom Claud.

We rejoice with Westby and Mallory Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Shelby McCormack, on February 8 and with grandparents Phil and Lisa Anderson.

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of member Kelley Edgar Smith on his death on February 17; to the family of member Nancy Jernigan on her death on February 21; to Carole Crabbe and family on the death of her sister, Susan Schmitt, on February 21; and to Allison and Jackson Bentley, Kaitlin Schaeffer and family on the death of their father and grandfather, John LaCombe, on February 25.

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:

2025 Global Ministries Conference

Faith Promise Sunday

“The Glory of God Drives Missions”

Romans 11:33–36

Dr. Dan Doriani

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Sunday Evening Worship:

2025 Global Ministries Conference

Closing Ceremonies & Worship with International Congregations

Pastor Tony Wang

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