



## FROM THE GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM

*On behalf of the Briarwood Global Missions Team, thank you to everyone who participated in and attended our 2025 Global Ministries Conference! We had a wonderful conference week, but the missions opportunities don't stop there!*

### **Get Involved in Missions at Briarwood:**

You can join the Global Missions Team by emailing [hmcdougall@briarwood.org](mailto:hmcdougall@briarwood.org). See ongoing missions opportunities on the next page of this publication.

### **Make Your Faith Promise Pledge:**

100% of Faith Promise giving goes to support Global Ministries.  
Make your pledge at [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise).



*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# GMC 2025 & FAITH PROMISE REPORT

With our 60th annual Global Ministries Conference in the books, let us praise God for how He has blessed us through a wonderful week of meditating on global missions. We are greatly privileged to have worshiped alongside brothers and sisters serving from many different nations, tribes, and languages. Let that joyful memory grow our longing to one day worship in the presence of God alongside peoples from every nation, tribe, and language as Revelation 7:9–10 says:

*“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”*

As we send these ministry partners back out, we are happy to empower them to do the Lord’s work to lead many more people to Christ. Our support for them doesn’t have to stop after GMC. We should continue to pray for them to remain faithful and diligent in their very difficult countries. They can’t do their work alone and we can build our partnership with them through our prayer support on top of Faith Promise giving.

## **Getting Involved in Missions:**

Everyone plays a part in missions. Whether domestically or internationally, we all have equally important roles in Kingdom building. If you’d like to get more involved with global missions, please talk with Missions Pastor Bryan Wintersteen. He would love to get to know you and point you to some next steps like:

- Joining the Global Missions Team
- Going on a short-term mission trip
- Signing up for the Friendship Partners Program
- Helping with English as a Second Language classes
- Attending one of our Hispanic, Japanese, or Korean services
- We encourage you to pray continuously for the nations and let the Lord lead you to how He would have you join in on the work.

## **Faith Promise Announcement:**

As of last Sunday night, our collective Faith Promise pledge was **\$2,474,426.52** and that number is still growing! Praise God! We are so encouraged to see our members’ faithfulness in giving to global missions. This year, we have 30 members giving to Faith Promise for the first time ever. We are so excited to see how God will bless these efforts.

You can still make a pledge to Faith Promise if you haven’t already. We are still short of our Operational Goal for ministry partner support this year. We would greatly appreciate your contribution to help us continue supporting our ministry partners and begin to support more if possible.

## **To Make Your Faith Promise Pledge:**

- *Bring your completed Faith Promise card forward during morning worship.*
- *Send your completed Faith Promise card by mail to Briarwood.*
- *Email [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org) with your commitment.*
- *Complete your pledge on our website [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise).*

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Holy Week 2025 — Worship Services | April 13–20 \***

Remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during this year's Holy Week. We will have Worship Services on Palm Sunday (April 13), an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (April 17), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (April 18), and a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services on Easter Sunday (April 20). Find details at [briarwood.org/holyweek](http://briarwood.org/holyweek).

### **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](http://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. Doriani, a married panel discussion, and Sunday morning worship. Find additional information and register online by April 2 at [briarwood.org/marriageretreat](http://briarwood.org/marriageretreat).

\* 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

### ***Saving My Assassin: A Memoir***

**by Virginia Prodan | Adult Book**

"I should be dead. Buried in an unmarked grave in Romania. Obviously, I am not. God had other plans." A must-read for all generations, *Saving My Assassin* is the unforgettable account of one woman's search for truth, her defiance in the face of evil, and a surprise encounter that proves without a shadow of a doubt that nothing is impossible with God. At just under five feet, Virginia Prodan was no match for the towering 6' 10" gun-wielding assassin the Romanian government sent to her office to take her life. It was not the first time her life had been threatened—nor would it be the last. Price: \$13.99

### ***The Hiding Place: A Graphic Novel***

**by Myrna Grant | Older Children's Book**

On a city corner in Holland, one woman fights against injustice and darkness. In a quiet watchmaking shop, Corrie ten Boom and her close-knit family risk their lives to hide hundreds of Jews and others hunted by the Nazis in a secret hiding place they built into their home. Until one day when Corrie and her family are betrayed. They're captured and sent in cattle cars to the notorious Nazi concentration camps to die. Yet even in that darkest of places, Corrie still fights. This is her incredible true story, now a visually stunning graphic novel. With more than 1,500 engaging full-color illustrations, this real-life heroine comes to life—showing how even in the most desperate, loneliest, and darkest of times, faith, hope, and love will ultimately triumph. Price: \$18.99

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Faith Promise Pledges** — Turn in your Faith Promise card during a worship service, mail your card to Briarwood, email [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org) with your commitment, or fill out the form at [briarwood.org/faithpromise](http://briarwood.org/faithpromise).

**Daylight Saving Time** — Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this Saturday. Spring forward so you won't be late for church.

**Persecuted Church Prayer Time** — Sunday, March 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.

**Foster/Adoption Connection Meeting** — Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's 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).

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

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

**IGNITE 3-on-3 Tournament** — Friday, March 14 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gym. Students 4th–6th grade, register at [briarwood.org/childrens](http://briarwood.org/childrens) by March 14 at 9:00 a.m. to participate. Email [jstallings@briarwood.org](mailto:jstallings@briarwood.org) with any further questions.

**Easter Lily Dedication** — Sunday, April 6 ordering deadline. Purchase a lily to be placed in the Worship Center in memory or honor of someone special for Easter Sunday. Order now online at [briarwood.org/lily](http://briarwood.org/lily) or drop by the Membership Office (A101).

**CMMA Human Trafficking Seminar** — Monday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Healthcare providers are invited to hear from an expert in the field how to identify victims of human trafficking in everyday practice and to navigate this growing concern of our day. Register at [cmmauab.org/ministry-activities](http://cmmauab.org/ministry-activities).

**VBS 2025** — June 2–6. We are busy making plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School! 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.

**Job Opportunity: Church Administrator** — The Administrator serves as the chief administrative officer of Briarwood overseeing all financial, operational, and personnel matters affecting the church, staff, and members. Matt Moore has faithfully served in this role for 24 years and will be retiring by the end of the year. Interested candidates should inquire and send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@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, March 9 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Give thanks for those attending the Inquirers Class and be encouraged for their interest in knowing what our church believes. Pray for our Membership Pastor Bob McGregor and his leadership. Pray for the Pulpit Search Committee to recognize the abundant goodness of our Lord and to be protected from the enemy, as in Psalm 31.

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

Pray for Sav-A-Life Vestavia as they work to end abortion by supporting women and transforming lives through free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, prenatal care, and parenting programs. Pray for the dads being mentored through the Fatherhood Ministry.

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

Pray for Pastor Rob Looper and the beginning of the Lampstand Cohort program. This is a group of church leaders who will gather with a common goal to ask questions, share concerns and support each other. Pray those participating would be encouraged.

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

Pray for Mike and Stephanie Kuhn with International Theological Education Network (ITEN), serving internationally; Davor and Sandra Kucek with Ministry Essentials, Intl. in Croatia; Mark and Jane Kuo with Calvary Reformed Evangelical Church in Taiwan; and Tim and Barbie Kusserow with Serving in Mission in West Africa.

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

Pray for 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; Parks and Julie Wilson with Worldwide Discipleship Association at Purdue University in Indiana; and Urban Hope Community Church.

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

Pray for our elders Mark Hess, Jim Carlson, Dave Giddens; deacons Jonathan Drescher, Tim Eller, Larkin Delk; and Special Connections Director Michael Johnson and his wife, Amanda.

## **Saturday, March 15 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Jean Chase, Don Davis, Jean Lathram, Barbara Matthews, Dave Morey, Maggie Nabors, Sharon Yancey, Marvin Keffer, Kate King.

We rejoice with Steven and Laura Giddens on the birth of their daughter, Virginia May, on February 24 and grandparents Barney and Regina Sims and Dave and Aileen Giddens; and with Tate and Ashley West on the birth of their son, John Michael, on February 25 and grandmother Jane Colburn; and with Kenny and Madison McBride on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Charlie, on February 26.

We offer our love and sympathy to Sheri Selkirk and family on the death of her father, Allen McCook, on February 18; to Judy Donaldson and family on the death of her brother, Gary Justus, on February 27; to Phil and Westby Anderson and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Douglas Nestor Anderson, on February 28; to Wes Willis and family on the death of his brother, Bill Willis, on March 1; to Lowell, Heath and Rachel Bonds and family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, member Carolyn Bonds, on March 1; and to Felicity, Jake, Gabby and Jani Martin and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Gerald Wade, on March 1.

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## THIS LORD'S DAY

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

“Living Sacrifices”

Romans 12:1-2

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“David, the Anointed”

1 Samuel 16

Dr. Dan Doriani

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Watch or listen to previous sermons on the Briarwood App.