



MEET OUR

Pastoral Candidate

DR. SCOTT REDD

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Briarwood Presbyterian Church.*

*Learn more online at
briarwood.org/pulpit-committee.*



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Dear Briarwood Church Family,

With great joy and gratitude to the Lord, your Pulpit Search Committee unanimously recommends for your prayer and approval Dr. Scott Redd as the next Lead Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. From the outset, our charge has been clear: to prayerfully seek, identify, and recommend the man we believe God is calling to lead Briarwood. Your input provided to us through the congregational survey, the Discovery Weekend, and various emails and conversations has been extremely valuable and has provided us with great insight that we have used throughout this process. Over the past nine months, through countless hours of prayer, sermon review, interviews, study, and careful evaluation, we have seen God's hand guiding us in unity and with clarity to the man we believe He has called, Dr. Scott Redd.

Time and again, we have been amazed at how the Lord has directed this process—drawing together the committee, uniting us in purpose, and leading us to Scott and his family. We are profoundly thankful for your prayers, words of encouragement, and unwavering support throughout this journey.

We invite you to get to know Scott and his family through the booklet we have posted online and are mailing to you, which includes a brief biography, background information, and an outline of the upcoming opportunities to meet them. Please be sure to review the next steps for our congregation listed below. As we move forward, we ask you to continue in prayer—for the Redd family and the final steps of this process.

Let us join together in giving thanks to our Lord for His Providence, His goodness, and for the exciting days ahead at Briarwood. You have been a great encouragement to us all and a reminder that “For God's glory, Briarwood is committed to equipping Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham, to reach the world for Christ.”

May God and God Alone be Glorified,
– The Briarwood Pulpit Search Committee

WHAT'S NEXT?

JUNE 6–8 • Scott, Jenn, and their family will be at Briarwood for various opportunities to meet the congregation. Details to be announced soon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 • Dr. Redd will preach both morning services. In lieu of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.), there will be an adult and youth convocation during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary for you to hear Scott and Jenn share. Following Evening Worship, there will be a church wide social celebrating VBS where the congregation is invited to meet the Redd family.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 • Congregational meeting to vote on calling Dr. Redd as the next Lead Pastor of Briarwood. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.

Learn more about Dr. Redd at briarwood.org/pulpit-committee.

FEATURED EVENTS

VBS 2025 — K5 – 6th Graders | June 2–6

Vacation Bible School will be June 2–6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Join us for a VBS prayer walk this Sunday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. If you have not already registered online, please come to Fellowship Hall E&F beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 2 to register your child. Come back for the VBS Celebration evening service on Sunday, June 8!

Dr. Scott Redd Preaching — Lead Pastoral Nominee | June 8

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Christianity in America — Evening Worship Service | June 29

Help us fill the loft as a great Briarwood Family Choir while we celebrate America and honor our veterans! Steve Dowling, the 2025 PCA General Assembly Moderator, will be our keynote speaker. Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn. Learn more and sign up for the family choir at christianityinamericachoir.com.

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on the Briarwood App.

IN THE BRIARWOOD BOOKSTORE

Removing Rebellion's Roots: Seeing and Severing Satan's Lies with the Sword of God's Word
by Olan Stubbs | New Book from Briarwood Pastor

All people deal with intrusive thoughts at times. All of us have some practices in our lives we are not proud of. Many would call these struggles sins. Why do we have thoughts and deeds we hate, yet they recur so often in our lives? The Bible teaches there is a real, supernatural source behind these thoughts and deeds. Satan will use the events of our personal lives to convince us that lies are true. He will lie to us about God, about ourselves, about the gospel, and about all of life. He is very crafty, shrewd, and subtle. Yes, Satan is real but so is God. God's word has all the truth and power we need to set us free from the influence of sin and Satan. God's word and Spirit are able to give us all that we need to take each sinful thought captive. His truth is the foundation for a holy life and the pure substance we need to replace the roots of our sinful practices. Price: \$22.00

The Maker of the Mountain: A Story About What God Is Like
by Sandra McCracken & Tim Nicholson | New Children's Book

What is God like? Little Brown Bear is on an adventure to find the Maker of the mountain and discover what He is like. Along the way, the bear meets new friends who share that the Maker is like a bridge and a gate, a rock and a boat. And He's always there to light our way home. Perfect for story time or bedtime, *The Maker of the Mountain* will leave children feeling loved by their strong, compassionate God. Price: \$12.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

VBS Ministry Offering — This year VBS will buy bricks to build a new Mustard Seed House at Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya. Mustard Seed houses families that have a child under care at Tenwek, provide meals, and share the gospel with families!

Dedicate a Flag — Dedicate a U.S. flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation provides a flag on campus and the name of the dedication will be listed in our June 29 evening bulletin. Make dedications by June 15 at briarwood.org/flag.

Ten-Minute Choir — June 1 – August 10. Come sing in the choir without weekly practices or commitments. Meet in the choir loft ten minutes before each service and return to your seat after the opening hymn. All are welcome; no experience needed!

Super Summer 2025 — June 9 – July 31. Children ages K5 through 6th grade are invited to attend Super Summer at Briarwood. Each weekday, select age groups will meet in the gym and then go out to a fun activity. For details, go to briarwood.org/supersummer.

Women's Summer Bible Study — June 10 – July 29. Join us this summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This Bible Study will focus on the epistle of Colossians which emphasizes the supreme authority of Jesus Christ over all things.

YBL Summer Series #1 — June 11 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford's Regions Room. Hear panelists Daniel Walsh, Andrew Clark, and John Walter share on "Founders, Builders & The Kingdom of God". Learn more and register at ybl.org.

Summer Evangelism Training — June 11 – August 13. Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner together and a lesson on how to share your faith in different contexts. We will split up with leaders and go out to share our faith. For details go to briarwood.org/evangelism.

Men's Summer Study — June 11 – August 13. Men, come this summer for a Wednesday study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will be over-viewing A.W. Tozer's *The Pursuit of God*. See details and register at briarwood.org/men.

Care Portal Training — June 18. Care Portal is a way that local churches can help children in foster care and even prevent them from entering. Join us for Care Portal information and training on June 18 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Email cbono@briarwood.org to sign up.

Created for a Purpose — July 21–25. Created For A Purpose is a 5-day program that teaches 3rd–8th grade girls that they are masterpieces created by God with unique purposes! Learn more and sign up online at briarwood.org/createdforapurpose.

WBL Summer Series — Beginning June 25. Every other Wednesday at noon at Grace Church. Join us for five lunch-hour studies on "'What the Bible Says About...'" Find details and register online at wblbirmingham.org.

Active-Duty Military — Update our Active Duty Military list of members and family members so that we can pray for them. Provide us with name, rank, branch of service, and the relationship to you. Email Patti Claud at pclaud@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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, June 1 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray that the lives of hundreds of children attending this week's Vacation Bible School will be impacted. Give thanks to the faithful leadership of Raleigh Macoy and for the many volunteers as they pour love and the truth into the hearts of these children.

The faithfulness of the Lord is evident to the Pulpit Search Committee and your prayers are being answered. His mercy endures forever and His truth is faithful forever! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117:1-2)

Monday, June 2 — 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 they offer transitional housing and vital support services, including case management, job training, job placement, and Biblical discipleship through committed volunteer mentors.

Tuesday, June 3 — Missions Prayer Focus

Rodrigo Puebla serves as the director of Campus Outreach in Monterrey, Mexico at one of the top universities there. Please pray for the student ministries and summer projects as teams arrive to work alongside them to reach students. Pray for fruitfulness in sharing the gospel with students and that lives will be transformed. The Flag of Mexico will be in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, June 4 — Global Ministry Partners

Argyris and Dina Petrou with AMG International in Greece, Mark and Anastasia Petrou with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Greece. Shayne and Alex Philander with Southern Africa Reformed Mission in South Africa, and Brian and Jennifer Phillips with Campus Outreach SERVE serving internationally.

Thursday, June 5 — National Ministry Partners

Doug and Pam Nuenke with Navigators in Colorado, Shane and Vickie O'Hara with Team 5:18 in Louisiana, Phil and Amy Pippenger with Crossroads in East Tennessee, and Jose and Anna Portillo with Vive Charlotte Church in North Carolina.

Friday, June 6 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Elders Tim Townes, Jeff Olin, Tom Rivers; deacons Cale Kreger, Clay King, Jon Moore; and staff Mark Purser, College Director and his wife Heather.

Saturday, June 7 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Vern Betsch, Jean Chase, Steve Greenall, Mary Lunsford, Lee McCarty, Andy McGehee III, Dave Morey, Tony Olmedo, Mary Ann Turnbull, Paul Whitcomb, Ellen Fox, and Neil Clay.

Our love and sympathy to Lynna, Jackson, Haddon, Whit and Sophia Stubbs and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Jan McMin, on May 22; and to Benny, Charity and Ben Youngblood, Katherine Lee and family on the death of their brother-in-law and uncle, Olin F. 'Buck' Farrior, Sr. on May 22.

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:

“Themes for a Growing Church: Spiritual Gifts”

1 Corinthians 12:1–11, 28–31

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:

“David Rescues His People (After Ziklag Burns)”

1 Samuel 29

Dr. Dan Doriani

Watch our live-stream on ROKU, Apple TV, Facebook, YouTube or briarwood.org.

Catch up with previous sermons and series on the Briarwood App.