



Congregational Vote

*for the calling of Dr. Scott Redd as the Lead Pastor
of Briarwood Presbyterian Church*

All members are encouraged to attend
and vote at 10:30 a.m. in the Worship Center
on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM DR. DAN DORIANI

Why I gladly endorse Scott Redd

As the Briarwood community knows, Dr. Scott Redd was the first and unanimous choice of our search committee for the role of lead pastor at Briarwood. I have known Scott for about ten years and immediately noted his gifts as a leader and his energy and good cheer. I gladly endorse Scott as Briarwood's next pastor for several reasons.

To place first things first, Scott is theologically sound and wholly aligns with the views and mission of the PCA. Second, he has the gifts, training, and experience to lead well. He earned both a Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary and then a Ph.D. in Old Testament studies. Dr. Ligon Duncan has mentored him and he has been on the pastoral staff of several large churches, so that he understands the dynamics of large churches. He has long experience in leadership and grew up in a family of leaders, which is excellent preparation. Third, he is a gifted, confident preacher and communicator, as you will soon see and hear. (Let me remind you that it took you a few weeks to get used to a new preaching style.) Fourth, Scott has the native intelligence and work ethic necessary to lead Briarwood. I have constantly been impressed by Scott's desire to gather information in order to prepare for Briarwood. Finally, Dr. Redd's friends and colleagues all agree that he is a man of godly character who lives faithfully in light of the gospel of God's grace in Christ.

Scott's current job as president of two campuses in the Reformed Theological Seminary system provides extensive preparation for pastoral ministry. In Reformed's system, a president teaches and pastors students and spends many hours in ministry with area pastors. As an aside, Scott's path is similar to mine: seminary leaders teach and disciple students, hire and lead the faculty. Scott and I both preached nearly every week, and served as theologian-in-residence at a large church. When I became lead pastor at a church like Briarwood, all of the skills I developed in seminary leadership applied to the leadership of a large church. I am confident that Scott will have a similar experience.

Finally, Scott has long desired to enter pastoral ministry; he was drawn to Briarwood even as we were drawn to him. A strong sense of calling is essential to pastoral work. Healthy pastors know we have a sinful nature and gaps in our skill sets. Knowing that leads to the humility that is essential for ministry. We lean on God's grace and our teams, not just our abilities. I see in Scott that double sense of confidence and humility.

The people of Briarwood know how to love and welcome a pastor and his family. I pray that you will so welcome him and his family with warmth and joy, to the benefit of everyone.

– Dan Doriani
Interim Senior Pastor

Learn more about Dr. Scott Redd and the Pastoral Search Committee
online at briarwood.org/pulpit-committee.

FEATURED EVENTS

Lead Pastor Vote — Congregational Meeting | June 15

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for June 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Worship Center. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee to call the next Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

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.

Barons Family Night — Church Wide Outing | July 2

Fellowship together Wednesday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Regions Field with a night of Barons baseball and fireworks. Call 205-776-5114 or email rleib@briarwood.org with questions. Tickets are available online at briarwood.org/barons or at the Briarwood Bookstore.

“What a Beautiful Name” — Briarwood Ballet | July 11 & 12

Briarwood Ballet summer intensive students will offer a contemporary program celebrating the names of God in the Barbara B. Barker Auditorium. Tickets go on sale June 16, online at briarwood.org/balletevents.

* 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 Wholeness Imperative: How Christ Unifies Our Desires, Identity, and Impact in the World* — by Lead Pastoral Candidate, Dr. Scott Redd | Adult Book**

There is a yearning within all of us to be "whole"—a recognition that we live fragmented lives: striving and failing, believing but doubting, speaking one thing then doing another. We are all righteous sinners, in a battle with ourselves. In this semi-biographical work, Scott Redd examines this fight, discussing how we should be approaching it theologically and practically, in our day-to-day lives. Filling each chapter with doctrines and biblical texts, Redd uses his theological training to tease out the idea of becoming fully-functioning, love-filled, Christ-devoted people. There is also a focus on using a cross-section of texts and concepts from the Old as well as the New Testament, making this a well-balanced and enlightening discussion. With an engaging, humorous tone, *The Wholeness Imperative* presents Christ as the unifying force of our hearts and minds—not abstract or unattainable; He is right in front of us, waiting to be embraced. Price: \$10.00

Scott Redd gets behind the familiar truths that we recite and stirs us to think about what it means to love God with all our hearts. This book about holiness and wholeness aims at nothing less than healing the broken image of God. — Joel R. Beeke, Chancellor, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Dedicate a Flag — On sale until June 15. Dedicate a flag in memory or honor of someone this Independence Day. Each \$15 donation provides a flag on campus and will be listed in our June 29 evening bulletin. Make dedications online at briarwood.org/flag.

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

YBL 2nd Half Mentoring Seminar — June 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Inverness Country Club. Join us for lunch and “Called to Guide: The Heart of Christian Mentoring”, a panel discussion on the purpose & impact of mentoring. Register online at ybl.org.

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.

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.

Trailblazers Ice Cream Social — July 22 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall E&F. Beat the heat with the Briarwood Trailblazers and Summer Sounds with John Livingston. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

Super Summer 2025 — 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 — 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.

Summer Evangelism Training — Evangelize with us on Wednesday nights for dinner 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 — 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.

Job Opening: AV / Media Specialist — Full-time position to support the Briarwood AV Department. Audio mixing and production experience is required. Send your resume to Landon McKee at lmckee@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Maintenance / Custodial Manager — Candidate should possess strong knowledge in organization, HVAC, electrical, and carpentry. This position is full-time salaried with benefits. Contact Steve Goebel at 205-776-5230 or sgoebel@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 15 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Thank you, God, for the gift of fathers. Pray that our fathers will be drawn closer to You and will be guided by Your Word. Give them the strength to overcome any challenges they may face. May our fathers feel Your presence and be comforted by Your love.

Praise the Lord for His abundant provision for our church in guiding the Pulpit Search Committee to recommend Dr. Scott Redd as Lead Pastor. May God continue to exceed our expectations as in Ephesians 3:20–21, and may God's kingdom continue to expand through the faithfulness of our congregation.

Monday, June 16 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for Blanket Fort Hope, a ministry serving child survivors of human trafficking. Pray for God's guidance as they provide housing, trauma care, counseling, education, and the hope found in Christ.

Tuesday, June 17 — Missions Prayer Focus

Please pray for Nathan Newman with Ministry to State in Washington D.C. Ministry to State launched Commons 2025, a summer discipleship program for interns serving on Capitol Hill. The interns will meet every Tuesday night through July as they navigate life while working in government. Pray they would be encouraged through community and gospel clarity during these fellowship opportunities.

Wednesday, June 18 — Global Ministry Partners

Rodrigo Puebla with Campus Outreach SERVE in Mexico, Enkhtuya (Tuya) Purvee with Cru in Mongolia, John and Carol Ragsdale with Trans World Radio in the Middle East and North Africa, and Besiana Rajta with Cru in Albania.

Thursday, June 19 — National Ministry Partners

Dan and Peggy Ruppel with Mastermedia in California, Vicky Samaritano with Cru in New York, Matthew and Erica Schmidt with Engage 360 Ministries, Inc. in North Carolina, and George and Jill Shamblin with Center for Executive Leadership in Alabama.

Friday, June 20 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Will Worrell, Drew Ricketts, Tom Smitherman; deacons David Marshall, John Lattner, Richard O'Neal; and staff Jay Shaw, Family Pastor and his wife Allison.

Saturday, June 21 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Campbell Blake, Jean Chase, Kathy Davis, Sharon Huffstutler, and JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy to Ben, Jackson and Jane Greene and family on the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Jane Benton Greene, on May 28; to Joe, Bennett, Abigail and Miriam Kelly and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Nancy Kelly, on June 4; to Wendy, Luke, Levi and John Long, Emmi Ford and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, June Edith Collins, on June 5; and to the family of member Joyce Scott on her death on June 8.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:
“Christ-centered Marriages and Families”
Ephesians 3:14-16, 5:1-2, 25-28
Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Evening Worship:
“The Centrality of Worship”
2 Samuel 6
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.