



# CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA

JUNE 29 | 6:00 PM

*Featuring*

Guest Speaker, Steve Dowling  
& the Briarwood Family Choir

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Join us on Sunday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. as we give thanks to the Lord for our country, pray for her, pray for our leaders, and honor our servicemen and women.

Our guest speaker this year is Steve Dowling, the 2025 PCA General Assembly Moderator. Before working as an executive in the cloud computing industry, Steve spent 27 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His father was also a Marine. He has been a Ruling Elder in the PCA for many years and is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Auburn, AL.

## **Join the Choir!**

As always, this worship service will feature great patriotic hymns led by our 130-voice Christianity in America Family Choir and Briarwood Festival Brass and Percussion Ensemble. Scripture and prayer will permeate the entire service.

As Worship Pastor, my vision is to expand this service's influence beyond the generations who have bravely fought for our freedom and use it to inspire the lives of our younger generations. This is a family-friendly service that instills gratitude, honor, and humility in any child, young person, or adult who attends. That's because we honor and exalt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ first and foremost.

## **God Bless America!**

Through His Word and the Power of the Holy Spirit, the virtues that we want to foster in our country are read aloud, prayed for, sung out, and preached boldly. We concur with the Psalmist when he says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!" (Psalm 33:12). That is our vision for America and that's what we are asking God to do in and through us in this service.

Blessings on you, and God bless America!

– Pastor John Haines

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## FROM THE REDD FAMILY



Hear from the Redd family following the congregation's joyful affirmation on June 15 of Dr. Scott Redd as Briarwood's next Lead Pastor.

Learn more about Dr. Redd at [briarwood.org/pulpit-committee](http://briarwood.org/pulpit-committee).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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. Sign up for the family choir at [christianityinamericachoir.com](http://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](mailto:rleib@briarwood.org) with questions. Tickets are available online at [briarwood.org/barons](http://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](http://briarwood.org/balletevents).

### **Youth Impact Weekend — Briarwood Youth | August 1–3**

9th–12th grade students, join us for our annual Impact Weekend, a weekend with speakers and discipleship groups at students' homes. Come and allow the Lord to Impact your life and learn how to have an Impact on others! Find additional information and register online at [briarwood.org/impactweekend](http://briarwood.org/impactweekend).

\* 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

### ***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](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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](http://wblbirmingham.org).

**YBL Summer Series #2** — July 9 from 7:00–8:00 a.m. at Samford’s Regions Room. Hear panelists Todd Carlisle, Jim Weaver, and Robert Jolly share on “Founders, Builders & The Kingdom of God.” Learn more and register online at [ybl.org](http://ybl.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://briarwood.org/men).

**Children’s Sunday School Promotion** — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2025–26 school year, let Raleigh Macoy know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class for the fall. Email [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: BTS Bookkeeper** — Birmingham Theological Seminary is seeking a detail-oriented individual with previous accounting and statistics experience to manage financial data and coordinate institutional research. If interested, email [admin@bts.education](mailto:admin@bts.education).

**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](mailto:lmckee@briarwood.org).

**Job Opening: 2nd Shift Facilities** — Full-time hourly position offering a benefits package. Responsibilities include setting up and breaking down rooms, vacuuming, and other necessary cleaning. Contact Dale Keller at 205-776-5231 or [dkeller@briarwood.org](mailto:dkeller@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, June 22 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Thank God that His love for us never changes. The loyal love of the Lord is always with us. “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22–23.

Thanks to the Lord that the Briarwood congregation has overwhelmingly responded in favor of officially extending a call to Dr. John Scott Redd to serve as our next Lead Pastor. Please continue to pray for the Redd family as they prepare to transition into this new time in their lives.

## **Monday, June 23 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for Lifeline Children’s Services as they serve vulnerable children and families through fostering, adoption, counseling, and support for unplanned pregnancies. Ask for God’s guidance in sharing the gospel and providing hope, healing, and loving care to those in need within local communities.

## **Tuesday, June 24 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray for Campus Outreach SERVE as we send out a group on a mission trip to partner with them in Chiang Mai, Thailand this week. Our ministry partners in Thailand work to evangelize and disciple college students and develop student leaders. Pray for unity, humility, zeal, and strength for those in ministry. The flag of Thailand will be featured in the worship center this Sunday.

## **Wednesday, June 25 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Marenglen and Savana Rexhaj with Cru in Albania; David and Kristy Richards with Grace Presbyterian Church New Zealand; Joel and Eszti Richards with UFM Worldwide in Hungary; Samantha Roberts with Campus Outreach SERVE serving Internationals.

## **Thursday, June 26 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for John and Jan Sherard with Cru in South Carolina; Larry and Rita Sherbondy with Navigators in Pennsylvania; David Sorrell with Engage 360 Ministries in Missouri; Todd and Cindy Sproull with Mission to the World in Washington.

## **Friday, June 27 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for our elders Frank Wright, Bob Sproul Jr., Bobby Welch; deacons Daniel McClurkin, Josh Lee, Chuck Pierce; and staff Jason Springfield, Director of Safety and Security and his wife Margaret.

## **Saturday, June 28 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Campbell Blake, Jean Chase, Sharon Huffstutler, Betty Hull, JoAnn Weston, and Daley Splawn.

*...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

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:**

"We Consecrate Our Work so It Makes a Difference"

Matthew 25:34-40, Proverbs 22:29, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Dr. Dan Doriani

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

"Terrible Sin, Amazing Grace"

2 Samuel 11-12

Dr. Dan Doriani

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in this Sunday's evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received afterward.

Watch our live-stream on ROKU, Apple TV, Facebook, YouTube or [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org).  
Catch up with previous sermons and series on the Briarwood App.