



THE
*Installation
Service*
OF
DR. JOHN SCOTT REDD, JR.

AUGUST 10, 2025 • 6:00 P.M.

Come celebrate this new chapter in our church's life with
a time of worship, celebration, and fellowship!



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BRIARWOOD COLLEGE MINISTRY

The goal is to create a vibrant community of students being transformed by the Bible, fervently loving one another, and multiplying our lives by sharing it with others.

A Time of Transformation:

The college years are a time of intense transition. Each student is in the process of leaving their childhood and entering adulthood; they are leaving their parents' house, choosing a career path, and potentially choosing their future spouse. College students are trying to figure out who they are and decide who they are going to be. They are young and open-minded, which means they are willing to learn and change. They want help from others in making these big decisions. For those who have been raised in households of faith, they are figuring out if their parents' faith is also their own. It's a formative season, to say the least.

God Works Through Community:

Both of our college ministry leaders have experienced this personal transformation due to strong Christian communities during their college years. Now, they are actively walking with students just like them as they experience the same.

"Brothers come alongside you on the journey through life. Fathers walk ahead, leading the way forward, frequently looking back and saying, 'You're not alone; I believe in you.' God gave me both, and it changed my life. In college, I had very close friends that God gave me as spiritual brothers and older mentors that ministered to me as spiritual fathers. I try and model much of what I learned in college when ministering to the students here. Remembering how impactful biblical community and discipleship were during that season gave me the desire to make those things a priority in the Briarwood college community."

– Mark Purser, College Ministry Director

"College was the first time I experienced deep Christian community outside of my family. Praying with and for friends, having deep spiritual conversations, talking about what we believe and why—all of this was transformative for my faith. I had the opportunity to read the Bible with a dear friend and lead her to Christ in college. The joy I experienced through that was something I'd never known before! That fueled my love for evangelism and my desire to share Christ with those who don't know Him. I want to help our students experience the joy of sharing Christ with others too."

– Jenna Viets, College Women's Coordinator

Prayer Requests:

The Lord is at work, and we are so thankful! Pray that the Lord would pour out His Spirit on our students. Pray for students to give our ministry a chance in the midst of a culture where a thousand different things are competing for their attention. Pray for godly, wise, older saints to welcome them, care for them, and teach them.

Find contact information at briarwood.org/college

FEATURED EVENTS

Installation Service for Dr. Redd — Evening Worship Service | August 10

Come celebrate this historic new chapter in the life of our church on Sunday, August 10 during the evening worship service. Join us for a powerful evening of worship, celebration, and fellowship as we welcome the Redds into the Briarwood family. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Women's Fall Kickoff — Women's Ministry | August 23 *

Join us for a fun and festive Women's Fall Kickoff on Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is the Roaring 20s, and it's all about fellowship, food, and fun! Expect 1920s-themed decorations, a curated playlist of vintage tunes, and plenty of exciting activities to bring it all to life. The event is free, but registration helps us plan well. To register go to briarwood.org/women.

* 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

***Surviving Religion 101: Letters to a Christian Student on Keeping the Faith in College* by Michael J. Kruger | College Book Recommendation**

For many young adults, the college years are an exciting period of self-discovery full of new relationships, new independence, and new experiences. Yet college can also be a time of personal testing and intense questioning—especially for Christian students confronted with various challenges to Christianity and the Bible for the first time. Drawing on years of experience as a biblical scholar, Michael Kruger addresses common objections to the Christian faith—the exclusivity of Christianity, Christian intolerance, homosexuality, hell, the problem of evil, science, miracles, and the reliability of the Bible. If you're a student dealing with doubt or wrestling with objections to Christianity from fellow students and professors alike, this book will equip you to engage secular challenges with intellectual honesty, compassion, and confidence—and ultimately graduate college with your faith intact. Price: \$13.99

***The College Girl's Survival Guide: 52 Honest, Faith-Filled Answers to Your Biggest Concerns* By Hanna Seymour | College Book Recommendation**

Each year millions of young women enter the college scene and are surprised to find their glittering preconceptions shattered. College isn't exactly what they had imagined—it's a lot tougher. Social challenges, a demanding schedule, pressure to succeed, shifting family dynamics—how do girls tackle these issues, learn to thrive, and really enjoy this new phase of life? *The College Girl's Survival Guide* is packed with experienced-based advice that can help. Written by a mentor with ten years of experience helping college girls succeed, it's like having a big sister along for the journey. With proven tips, scripture, and inspiring illustrations, this book will coach, comfort, and inspire young women so that they can make the most of the college experience. Price: \$14.99

Featured books are available in the Bookstore or online at briarwood.org/bookstore.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Canned Food Drive — Sunday, August 17. Begin gathering your canned goods and non-perishables for Grace Klein. That Sunday, you will leave your donations behind your vehicle for the Mercy Ministry Team to pick up while you are in church.

Trailblazer's Lunch — August 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship together and hear meteorologist Jason Simpson speak on "Jesus Calming the Storm". Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers or email sjohnston@briarwood.org.

Trail Life Open House — Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. All boys and their parents are invited to learn about Trail Life. This is a Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure ministry for boys ages 5-17 and their dads.

Become a Briarwood Member — August 20, 23 and 24. 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.

ESL Volunteers Needed — Do you have a passion for internationals? Do you speak English? Then you would make a great addition to our ESL ministry! All necessary training will be provided. Contact cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

Friendship Partners — Get involved with God's heart for the nations with Friendship Partners. An intentional friendship can have an eternal impact. Attend an orientation August 5 or 13. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more info.

Sunday Greeters Needed — We would love for your smiling face to be a welcoming presence for each person who walks through our doors. All ages and stages can participate! Contact Allison Barton at abarton@briarwood.org to volunteer.

Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed — No prior experience required and we give you all the materials needed. We will start off the year on August 24. If interested, please email Raleigh Macoy at rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Children's Sunday School Promotion — If you are planning on holding your child back for the 2025–26 school year, let us know so we can make sure to place him/her in the appropriate Sunday School class beginning on August 24. Email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Children's Catechism Sunday School Class — Registration is now open for rising 4th through 6th graders. This nine-month class requires weekly homework and memorizing. Space is limited to 20 participants. Email Raleigh at rmacoy@briarwood.org to register.

CONNECT Leaders Needed — We will meet each Wednesday night this fall beginning on September 3. We still need 8 more volunteers to help with K4-3rd grade classes. No advanced prep is needed, just show up! Please email rmacoy@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: 2nd Shift Custodian — Full-time position available for 2nd shift custodian who will work 1:30–10:00 p.m. with somewhat flexible hours. Health insurance and possibility of overtime is available. If interested, email brobinson@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Grounds Manager — Briarwood is seeking a grounds manager for their property. Must be familiar with irrigation repair, lawn equipment, and some backhoe experience. Salary plus benefits. Contact Steve at sgoebel@briarwood.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, August 10 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Father, we praise You for providing Dr. Scott Redd as our Pastor. We acknowledge and thank You for Your sovereign work in this process. Pray for his installation service during the evening worship service. Please bless him as he shepherds Your flock here at Briarwood.

Monday, August 11 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray that God would give the Big Oak Ranch staff the ability to meet the needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children by providing them with a solid Christian home and an opportunity to realize and fulfill God's plan for their lives. Also, pray that the children in the homes would feel the love of Jesus surrounding them.

Tuesday, August 12 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for fall ESL classes, Friendship Partners, and the upcoming International Welcome Picnic August 23, that God would use these ministries and events to deepen relationships between Briarwood members and internationals. Pray that God would allow many internationals to see their need for Jesus as Lord and Savior. The flag of Japan will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, August 13 — Global Ministry Partners

Dony and Sharon St. Germain with El Shaddai Ministries International in Haiti, Matthew and Deborah Stanghelle with Ministry to the Military and International in Norway, Luke and Michelle Stannard with Mission to the World in Germany, and Mark and Nathalie Steely Mission to the World in West Asia.

Thursday, August 14 — National Ministry Partners

Mike Brunjes with Christ Presbyterian in Wallingford, Connecticut, Alonzo and Antoinette Brown with Strong Tower in Alabama, Cyril and Jenell Chavis with Reformed University Fellowship in Washington, DC, and Tyler and Ginnie Clark with Campus Outreach in Alabama.

Friday, August 15 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our elders Jim Gewin, Billy Buck, Jr., Glenn Draper; deacons Brad Reynolds, Chase Roberson, Nathan Terrell; and Shepherding Team Pastor Benny Youngblood & his wife Belinda.

Saturday, August 16 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Joan Bell, Laurie Borland, Jean Cannon, Roy Costner, Rebecca Haynes, Gene Head Sr., Betty Hull, Lynda Robertson, Jo Taylor, Nono Whitten, Ken Wilson, and Vicki Bradley.

We rejoice with Nathan and Danae Lloyd on the birth of their daughter, Eowyn Mae, on August 4 and with grandparents Tony and Julie Olmedo.

Our love and sympathy to Carol Powell and family on the death of her brother, Jeffery Bryan McDonald, on July 28; and to Angie Burgess and family on the death of her brother, John Woodham, on July 30.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

“In Christ”

Ephesians 1:3–14

Dr. Scott Redd

Sunday Evening Worship:

Installation Service for Dr. Redd

“A Tearful Pastor/Shepherd”

Acts 20:17–38

Dr. Robert C. Cannada, Jr.

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

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