

LOCAL &
NATIONAL

Ministries Conference

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SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 18-20, 2025

SPEAKER: DR. SANDY WILLSON

BRIARWOOD.ORG/LNMC



Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LOCAL & NATIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 as we hear from speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National Ministry Partners. Ministry Partners will share during Sunday School and in breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights.

If you are intested in volunteering during this conference, please indicate so below:

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

HOUSING: (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Full conference (3 nights; Saturday evening through Tuesday morning)
- ☐ This will be our first time housing a missionary.
- ☐ We can host a single male.
- ☐ We can host a couple.
- ☐ We can host a family with children

Please list any pets that you own: _____

TRANSPORTATION:

- ☐ I can provide a vehicle for use during the Conference.

Year and make of car: _____

() Manual () Automatic

SERVING CREW:

- ☐ I can help serve dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20.
- ☐ I can help clean up after dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20.
- ☐ I can help serve desserts following the evening activities:
() Sunday, October 19 () Monday, October 20
- ☐ I can help clean up after dessert starting at 8:15 p.m. on:
() Sunday, October 19 () Monday, October 20

COOKIES:

- ☐ I will bake 2 to 3 dozen cookies for Cookie Night on Sunday, October 19.
- Cookies should be at the church kitchen by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19.
(Please place them on the cart in the hallway outside the kitchen near FH-D.)

NATIONAL MINISTRIES:

- ☐ I am interested in getting involved with Local & National Ministries:
() Local Ministries () Church Planting () Life Team
() National Ministries () Church Revitalization

Please return this form to one of the black boxes outside the Worship Center or to the Missions mailbox. For more information, contact the Missions Office at (205) 776-5243 or nmt@briarwood.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Conference!

FEATURED EVENTS

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | October 18 *

On the morning of October 18, we will have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of service projects that will help support several of our local ministries. This day of service will kick off our Local and National Ministries Conference as we seek to IMPACT Birmingham for the glory of God! Register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

Local & National Ministries Conference — Briarwood Missions | October 19–20 *

Join us Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20 to hear from guest speaker Dr. Sandy Willson and our National ministry partners during Sunday School and breakout sessions on Sunday and Monday nights. Find additional details and see how you can volunteer to help during this conference at briarwood.org/nmc.

* 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

We Sing!: Teaching Kids to Praise God with Heart and Voice

by Kristyn Getty | Children's Book

Join this song, each girl, each boy, until the world resounds with joy. God created His children to sing! Through music, we can express our heartfelt praise, weave the gospel into our daily lives, and grow in our understanding of the Lord. Written by acclaimed singer and hymn writer Kristyn Getty, *We Sing!* beautifully highlights the power and joy of worshipping God through song. With lively rhyming verses and engaging illustrations, *We Sing!* helps children ages 3–8 connect with important biblical truths: worship is for everyone, every day, and forever. This book invites families to read, sing, and live out its message together, praising God and joyfully reflecting on all he has done for us. Price: \$14.99

God's Masterpiece: An Adventure in Discovering Your Worth

by Elisabeth Hasselbeck | Children's Book

Join the author of *Flashlight Night* in this fun picture book tour of an art museum! As kids marvel at the vibrant colors and incredible designs, they learn that God has crafted them as His very own works of art. Join two curious children on an adventure through an art museum in this charming celebration of how God made us. From Claude Monet's peaceful water lilies to Georgia O'Keeffe's stunning flowers, every piece the children see reflects the artist's God-given creativity. Elisabeth Hasselbeck's rhyming text connects the dots (or dot-dot-dots, in the case of master of pointillism Georges Seurat) to how God himself lovingly creates each of his children. On the last page of the book, kids will discover their own reflection in an inset mirror surrounded by an illustrated frame announcing that they are God's masterpiece! Price: \$10.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Special Connections Respite Care Night — Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in N-110. Parents with special needs children, enjoy an evening off! Register on the Briarwood App or contact Michael Johnson at mjohnson@briarwood.org.

Trailblazers Tailgate Lunch — Friday, October 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wings and drinks provided. Register online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

SHINE — Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20. Children grades K4 – 6th, join us during our National Ministries Conference in the Children's Auditorium. There will be missionaries speaking, fun and games! No registration is required.

BTS Fall Theology Conference — October 23–25 at Urban Hope Community Church. Join BTS for their Fall Theology Conference, hosting the Center for Biblical Unity Team on Biblical Views on Justice in Society. Register online at bts.education.

Children's Choirs — Our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) meet Sunday evenings during the worship hour at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at 205.222.1062.

Women's Fall Studies — Women, pick from classes meeting Monday–Thursday. See class topics and information at briarwood.org/women.

Men's Fall Studies — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at briarwood.org/men.

MidWeek at Briarwood — Join us for dinner, classes and activities for the entire family each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. and classes and activities start at 6:30 p.m. Find additional information at briarwood.org/midweek.

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 Partner Program — Impact the nations by welcoming internationals through Friendship Partners. Share a meal, introduce them to Birmingham, or take them out for coffee. It doesn't take much to begin a friendship that could have an eternal impact. Contact Courtney at cmcgregor@briarwood.org for more information.

Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to sblahnik@briarwood.org.

Job Opening: Scheduling Coordinator — This position works under the facilities dept of the church, and maintains a detailed room scheduling process. Must be proficient in computer operations. Salary plus 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, September 28 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Lord, we praise You and thank You with all our heart for who You are and for all You have done for us. Please bless us today as we worship You and speak to us through Your servant, Rev. Scott Redd as he preaches Your Word.

Monday, September 29 — 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, September 30 — Missions Prayer Focus

Please pray for protection for Deddy and Desta Simanjuntak in Papua where there have been volatile from attacks from armed groups who have taken the lives of some teachers and civilians. They serve as dorm parents to 300+ Papua students with Deddy as pastor. Deddy is an ordained pastor and also assists the senior pastor at Christ Chapel Karawaci. The flag of Indonesia will be in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, October 1 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Kyle and Becky with Crosslink Development International in Central Asia, Andres and Monica Acosta with World Reach in Argentina, Ryan and Kelly Akers with CO SERVE in Scotland, and Levente and Andrea Albu with CRU in Romania.

Thursday, October 2 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Alonza and Vanessa Jones with Biblical Marriage Institute in Alabama, Josh Gielow with TruthXchange in California, Ben and Melanie Kappers with All Saints Reformed Church in Utah, and Melanie Kay with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, Alabama.

Friday, October 3 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Elders John Phillips, Ken Friday, Tom Jackson; Deacons George Trummell, Paul Silvey, Tim Eller; and Japanese Congregation Pastor Kotaro Hamamatsu and his wife Jackie.

Saturday, October 4 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Joanne Cofer, Nina DeWitt, Banks Farris, Jim Griffin, Beth Hendrix, Teresa Holloway, Joby Hurst, Carol Payne, JoAnn Weston, Sam Mooney, David Mugg, Carrie Turner, Gabrian Turner Debbie Little, and Danese Knott-Craig.

Our love and sympathy to Sam Mooney and family on the death of his brother, Ken Mooney, on September 18.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7*

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

“Toward Christian Maturity”

Ephesians 4:7–16

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Sunday Evening Worship:

“The Transgressions of Israel”

Amos 2:6–16

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

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

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