

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT 2026

# *Giving God*

THE BEST OF OUR

# *Time, Talent, & Treasure*

EMC CONVOCATION SERVICE

OCTOBER 26

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2

CANVASS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 9

Learn more about EMC at [briarwood.org/giving](http://briarwood.org/giving).



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# EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

## A Passion for Stewardship

What do you have a passion for? What gives you a deep sense of excitement? Some might think of a sport, an artistic venture, an organization, or activities with friends. You probably don't need reminders or encouragement to do these things. They do not feel like chores because you absolutely love doing them.

Christian Stewardship ought to be this way. A deep love for Jesus and His mighty works should generate a fire in our hearts that overflows in offering Him the best of our time, talents, and treasures. For some, stewardship is a passion. Yet, for others, it is a chore. Why is this? Unfortunately, our Enemy works through distraction, isolation, and highlighting our inadequacies to dull godly pursuits. I suspect this is why the author of Hebrews wrote in 10:24, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." We are first called to stir up love. Begin with a sincere affection for God, and good works will follow. But we also need to stir up one another to effective deeds of grace. Together, we combat the schemes of the Devil by keeping our passion for Christ burning in our hearts while overflowing in good deeds.

To state the obvious, Briarwood is a large church, or as Pastor Reeder used to describe it, "a small town". Towns have numerous events and activities occurring all the time – so many, in fact, that you might not even know all that's happening. To align with Hebrews 10:24 and stir up each other to good works, the Briarwood Diaconate would love to gather a list of all the events and ministries where our members are currently using their time, talents, and treasures.

The Briarwood Diaconate has prayerfully put together this survey (link) to help identify where you're serving. Would you please take two minutes right now to fill out this survey? Thank you!



Scan the QR above to access the Stewardship Opportunities Form.  
Learn more about the EMC at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Every Member Commitment 2026 — All Members | October 26 – November 9**

On Sunday, October 26, members are encouraged to attend the Convocation Service in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. On Pledge Sunday, November 2, members will turn in their pledge cards during the morning services or make pledges online. Canvass Sunday, on November 9, is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during worship. Learn more at [briarwood.org/emc](http://briarwood.org/emc).

### **Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast — Briarwood Missions | November 15**

Join us for breakfast and a focused time of prayer from 8:30 am to 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Resources will be provided to guide you on how to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world. Register online at no cost at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

### **Countdown to Christmas — Women's Ministry | November 19 \***

Women join us at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. Our speaker, Candy Wood Lindley, will share with us her story of faith and how she prepares her heart for Christmas. Tickets are \$20 at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women) and in the Bookstore. Nursery available by registration.

\* 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

### ***Caring for One Another: 8 Ways to Cultivate Meaningful Relationships***

**by Edward T. Welch | Adult Book**

Imagine an interconnected group of people who entrust themselves to each other. You can speak of your pain, and someone responds with compassion and prayer. You can speak of your joys, and someone rejoices with you. You can ask for help with sinful struggles, and someone prays with you. The goal of this book is that these meaningful relationships will become a natural part of daily life in your church. With short chapters and discussion questions, Ed Welch guides small groups through eight lessons that show what it looks like when ordinary, needy people care for other ordinary, needy people in everyday life. Price: \$8.99

### ***The Berenstain Bears Get Involved***

**by Jan & Mike Berenstain | Children's Book**

Brother and Sister Bear belong to the Cub Club at the Chapel in the Woods. They do fun things around the church, but the real purpose of the club is to help others. Little do they know that very soon their help would be truly needed indeed! A storm hits Bear country, and Bear Country might flood! It's up to the Bear family and the rest of the rescue team from the Chapel in the Woods to come together and save their community. Price: \$5.99

Featured books are available in the Bookstore or online at [briarwood.org/bookstore](http://briarwood.org/bookstore).

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Reformation Sunday** — Sunday, October 26. Our annual service highlights the foundations of the Reformation: that God's Word alone binds our consciences by the power of His Holy Spirit and that the power of the Resurrection brings us ultimate hope and comfort as we remember our members who have gone to heaven this past year.

**Baptism Class** — October 29. At Briarwood, we ask that all new parents desiring to have their babies baptized either join our one-night baptism class or meet with Jay Shaw prior to setting up a date for baptism. For information, email [lreese@briarwood.org](mailto:lreese@briarwood.org).

**Briarwood Ballet's "Praising My Savior"** — Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This year, we celebrate Immanuel's 25 years of ministry with a concert featuring both old and new repertoire. Admission is free.

**Trailblazers Shoebox Packing Party** — November 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join the Trailblazers to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring items to share! Contact Sharon at [sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:sjohnston@briarwood.org) to bring items early.

**Children's Passport Night** — Friday, November 14 from 6:00–8:30 p.m. K4–6th graders, come and learn about a foreign country through food and fun! Register your child online at no cost at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children).

**"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast** — Tuesday, November 25. Donate and help Daniel Cason Ministries distribute food to feed 10,000 homeless, special needs and elderly individuals in the Birmingham area. Find details at [icaredenough.com](http://icaredenough.com).

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes** — Shoeboxes will be available in the Ministries Lobby beginning November 2. Pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a needy child's life! Turn in boxes to the Children's Auditorium Hallway by November 16. Include \$10 for shipping. Build a shoebox online at [briarwood.org/occ](http://briarwood.org/occ).

**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](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

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

**Job Openings: Families, Youth, & College Administrative Assistant** — Candidate will support the Youth, College and Family Ministries through day-to-day administrative tasks, event coordination, communication, and office management. This is a full-time position with benefits. Please send resumes to [jshaw@briarwood.org](mailto:jshaw@briarwood.org).

**Job Openings: Kitchen Assistant** — Part-time position available to assist in the Briarwood kitchen. Send inquiries and resumes to [sblahnik@briarwood.org](mailto:sblahnik@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, October 26 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

We praise You, Lord, for Your glorious work through Godly leaders in ages past who stood firm on Your Holy Scriptures. We extol You and rejoice in Christ on this Reformation Day. Please cause the fire of the Gospel of Christ to burn bright in us through the preaching of Your Word by Dr. Scott Redd. We pray the “Remembrance of God’s Saints” during the morning services will be a special time as we honor church members who have gone to be with the Lord this past year.

## **Monday, October 27 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Praise the Lord for the over 250 members who faithfully served our ministry partners with IMPACT Birmingham. Pray that the Lord will guide many of these members to continue engaging with these ministries throughout the year, sharing Christ’s love and bringing hope and transformation to Birmingham.

## **Tuesday, October 28 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Please pray for all our Local and National partners who attended the conference. Pray for the Lord to multiply their resources, refresh and encourage them and use them mightily for His glory!

## **Wednesday, October 29 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Gantumur and Delgertsesteg Badrakh with Cru, US/Intl, Kent and Jo Bailey with Campus Outreach SERVE, US/ Intl, Maribeth and Jordan Bailey with Campus Outreach SERVE in England, and Brad and Agi Baker with Novo in Hungary.

## **Thursday, October 30 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Jeff and Ann Nelson with Children’s Bible Mission in Alabama, Doug and Pam Nuenke with Navigators in Colorado, Shane and Vickie O’Hara with Team 5:18 in Louisiana, and Phil and Amy Pippenger with Crossroads in East Tennessee.

## **Friday, October 31 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood Elders Ed Stakes, Louie Haynes, Don Murphy; Deacons Paul Bentley, John Wiggins, Matt Frederickson; and National Ministry and Church Revitalization Pastor, Rob Looper and his wife Lisa.

## **Saturday, November 1 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Emily Blount, Michele Cantley, Pat Dortch, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Debbie Frey, Rebecca Haynes, Teresa Holloway, Sarah Moseley, Genar Reed, JoAnn Weston, and Karen Franks.

We rejoice with Josiah and Christian-Emilee Van Puffelen on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Amelia on October 15.

Our love and sympathy to George Hodges and family on the death of his sister, Susan Zdencanovic, on October 16.

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:**

Ephesians: The One Body of Christ

“Word and Spirit”

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Dr. Scott Redd

### **Every Member Commitment Convocation Service**

9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Worship Center

All Adult Sunday School Communities

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“Seek the Lord and Live”

Dr. Scott Redd

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.