

Giving God THE BEST OF OUR *Time, Talent, & Treasure*

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

The EMC occurs annually and funds the church's day-to-day ministries such as worship, community outreach, operations, meeting our members' spiritual needs, and equipping us to be salt and light in this world.

HOW TO PLEDGE

You can make your pledge online at briarwood.org/emc, mail or bring your Pledge Card to the Church Accounting Office, or turn in your Pledge Card during a worship service on November 2.



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Briarwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Stewardship as Kingdom Living

In a noisy world, it's tempting to think the loudest things—politics, culture wars, and crises—are what matter most. But when I step back, I'm reminded of Psalm 103:19: "The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all." That truth reshapes how I think about my stewardship of time, talents, and treasure.

For me, it starts with time. Deuteronomy 6:5 calls me to love the Lord with all my heart, soul, and might. When my heart is aligned with Him, I begin to see time not as something to control but as something to offer. Some of the most meaningful Kingdom moments in my life haven't been big or impressive. They've come in a Sunday School classroom, during a quiet prayer for a friend, or while serving alongside others in the city.

The same is true with talents. I've had to learn that my gifts, whether leading, teaching, or singing, are not mine to keep. They are entrusted by God to build up others. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." When I remember that, even ordinary skills take on eternal significance.

Treasure has been the most stretching area. Before marriage, I didn't take giving seriously. But through my wife's influence and the Spirit's work, I've realized that generosity is not about what God needs; it is about who I trust. "Honor the Lord with your wealth" (Prov. 3:9). For us, tithing and supporting missions has become a way to actively join God's Kingdom work.

Now, as we prepare to welcome our first child, stewardship feels even more sacred. What kind of legacy will our family build? 1 Corinthians 15:58 gives me hope: nothing we offer the Lord is ever wasted. Every act of faithfulness, every prayer, every gift, and every small sacrifice, becomes part of something eternal.

– Austin Barr
Briarwood Member



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FEATURED EVENTS

EMC Pledge Sunday — All Members | November 2

On Pledge Sunday, members have the opportunity to turn in their pledge cards during the morning services. Every Member Commitment allows church members to declare what their support in the work of the Lord with their gifts and service will be for the coming calendar year. Learn more and make your pledge online at briarwood.org/emc.

EMC Canvass Sunday — All Members | November 9

EMC Canvass Sunday is the final opportunity for members to submit their pledges during morning worship. Church officers will reach out to those who have yet to make a commitment unless they have already contacted the church.

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 and in the Bookstore. Nursery available by registration.

* 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

Sola: How the Five Solas Are Still Reforming the Church

by Jason K. Allen | Adult Book

Why do people get so excited about a bunch of Latin phrases that some guys in Europe came up with 500 years ago? Sure, those five Latin phrases have defined Protestantism for those 500 years, but why do they matter today? To my church? For my life? What's the big deal about all these solas anyway? *Sola* is a winsome, inspiring introduction to these five pillars of the Reformation, showing not just what they are but why they're important for the Christian life today. Edited and compiled by Jason Allen, *Sola* will illuminate these core truths that have been reforming the church all along. Price: \$10.99

Reformation ABCs: The People, Places, and Things of the Reformation—from A to Z

by Stephen J. Nichols | Children's Book

Reformation ABCs is a fun way for kids to learn about the places, things, events, people, books, and ideas that shaped this pivotal time in church history. Through whimsical illustrations and engaging storytelling, this book teaches kids that even though the Reformation occurred 500 years ago, it isn't just about people and places in the past. The Reformers' fight to reclaim the gospel is still relevant today. Price: \$10.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Daylight Saving Time Ends — November 2. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Submit Your EMC Pledge — You can turn in your pledge online at briarwood.org/emc, mail or bring your Pledge Card to the Church Accounting Office, or turn in your Pledge Card during the worship services this Sunday, November 2.

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! Signup online at briarwood.org/trailblazers.

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.

Persecuted Church Prayer Breakfast — November 15 from 8:30–10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for breakfast and a focused time of prayer. 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.

Children's Choirs Christmas Concert — November 23. During the evening Worship Service enjoy a special Christmas Choir Concert from the Briarwood Children's Choir. For more information, please contact Shanna Phillips at sphillips@briarwood.org.

"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.

Service of Thanksgiving — November 23 during Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to reflect on their thankfulness to the Lord at the conclusion of the worship service.

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.

Job Opening: Women's & Children's Counselor — Qualifications include a master's degree in biblical counseling and five years of counseling experience. A candidate should inquire with resume to Patti Claud at pclaud@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.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, November 2 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Pray for our Knitting ministry which meets every Wednesday morning. We are thankful for the ladies who use their talent to knit items for Mercy projects such as booties for Sav-A-Life. Pray for the ones who receive these gifts that they will also receive the love of Jesus.

Monday, November 3 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Please pray for the men at Shepherds Fold who are at risk of incarceration or recidivism as they receive housing, counseling, job training, and spiritual support. Pray for strength and lasting transformation through Christ. For ways to help or get involved, visit shepherdsfold.org.

Tuesday, November 4 — Missions Prayer Focus

Please pray for Foundations Early Learning and Family Center as they nurture young children in faith, learning, and growth. Ask God to bless their programs and workshops so that every child may thrive and be guided by Christ's light. Foundations will host a Luncheon and Tour on Tuesday, November 4, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come see their new building and learn more about their ministry! The flag of Birmingham will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, November 5 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Mike and Dana Ball with Trans World Radio, US/Intl; Maher and Sahar with Cru in Iraq, Salam and Mouna with Cru in Iraq, and Taylor and Lizzie Barnes with International Outreach Mission in Uganda.

Thursday, November 6 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Jose and Anna Portillo with Vive Charlotte Church in North Carolina, Neil and Leandra Quinn with Good Shepherd Church in Michigan, Paul and Peggy Reynoso with Navigators in California, and Brandon and Katrina Robbins with Birmingham Theological Seminary in Alabama.

Friday, November 7 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood Elders Terry Steelman, Gene Head, Jr., David Myers; Deacons Grant Alexander, John Asbeck, Ray Bronner; and BYG Director, Kenny McBride and his wife Madison.

Saturday, November 8 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Nikki Blair, Jan Clark, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Karen Franks, Debbie Frey, Rebecca Haynes, Betty Minderhout, Mildred Risner, Pat Singletary, Hadden Smith V, Ed Waldron, Susan Weingarten, JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy to the family of Sarah Moseley on her death on October 23.

We rejoice with Austin and Katie Barr on the birth of their son, Daniel Stephen Barr, on October 24, and grandparents Joe and Karen Duffey.

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:
Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday
“The One Who Gives Freely”
Proverbs 11:24–31
Dr. Scott Redd

Every Member Commitment Pledge Sunday
Members turn in their pledge cards during the Morning Worship Services.

Sunday Evening Worship:
Dr. Scott Redd

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