

LOCAL & NATIONAL

Ministries Conference

Conference Speaker: Dr. Sandy Willson

Sanders L. (Sandy) Willson is Pastor Emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, where he served for twenty-two years. After retiring from Second Presbyterian, he served as an interim pastor in two PCA churches and then as interim president for The Gospel Coalition.

Sandy continues to teach and preach and often serves as a pastoral coach and church advisor. He and his wife, Allison, have been married 53 years and are deeply grateful for their five children, three daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, and fourteen grandchildren.



Find additional details and see how you can volunteer to help during this conference at briarwood.org/nmc.



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DEAR FELLOW KINGDOM WORKERS

The theme for our 2025 Local and National Missions Conference (LNMC) comes straight from the prayer in Matthew 6 that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. We must remember “Your Kingdom Come” is a prayer request that Jesus Himself tells His disciples to offer to God—which means that we can be certain that it is a request that is from God—and a request that He will answer!

God is advancing His Kingdom through the faithful Gospel witness and work of His people. Because this is true, we are once again launching this year’s LNMC with IMPACT Birmingham, using our hands to show that, as the great hymn Lead On, O King Eternal says, it is through “deeds of love and mercy the heavenly Kingdom comes”—deeds that give us opportunity to share the good news about the Kingdom’s King, Jesus Christ.

During the conference we will get to know and encourage our featured ministry partners as they share how God is advancing His Kingdom through our partnership. As you hear their stories, you will discover what God is doing in Birmingham and across the USA. We are blessed to have long-time friend of Briarwood, Dr. Sandy Willson, with us to preach God’s Word—and as he does, ask God to show you how He may use you so that His Kingdom may come.

Your Local and National Ministries Teams are eager to serve you and help you develop and deploy your gifts as we reach out to Birmingham, to Alabama, and to our nation.

In Christ,
Max Bunn & Rob Looper

MINISTRY PARTNER ATTENDEES

Dan & Lucy Allison	Globeworks	Birmingham, AL
Big Oak Ranch	Big Oak Ranch	Odenville, AL
Dane Boykin	The Aspire Movement	Birmingham, AL
Hunter Brewer	Church Plant	Collierville, TN
Tristan Bryant	Urban Hope	Fairfield, AL
Ron & Beth Comoglio	Capitol Commission	Montgomery, AL
Tanner Crum	RUF	Auburn, AL
Lisa Hogan	Sav-A-Life	Birmingham, AL
Scotty Hollins	Blueprint	Tuscaloosa, AL
Byrle & Mary Jo Kynerd	Foundations Early Learning	Fairfield, AL
Grace Mirly	Campus Outreach UAB	Birmingham, AL
Kevin & Judi Moore	Mission Increase	Central AL
Sedrick Moore	Urban Young Life	Birmingham, AL
Bobby & Jan Parks	Briarwood Jail Ministry	Shelby County AL
Dan & Peggy Ruppel	Mastermedia	Dove Canyon, CA
Olan & Lynna Stubbs	Campus Outreach	Birmingham, AL
Greg Thompson	Fostering Hope	Birmingham, AL
James & Barbara Williams	C.U.R.E Gospel Movement	Montgomery, AL
Parks & Julie Wilson	Worldwide Discipleship	Purdue University, IN

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

***Covenants Made Simple: Understanding God's Unfolding Promises to His People* by Jonty Rhodes | Adult Book**

What do the various covenants given throughout the Bible mean to us? Are they relevant to our lives? A rainbow now and then may remind us of God's promise to Noah, and we've memorized the part about the new covenant in Jesus' blood at communion—but do we dig any deeper? Do we need to? Jonty Rhodes guides us in an engaging study of covenant theology and why it matters. With clarity and wit, he shows us how covenants carry the Bible's story from start to finish and ultimately give root to the gospel of salvation by grace. Beginning with Adam in the garden of Eden, and ending with Jesus, our risen Covenant King, Rhodes illuminates the good news of a promise-making, promise-keeping God. Key topics include law and grace, union with Christ, baptism in the Spirit, predestination, and water baptism. Rediscover the Bible's unified covenantal story and its unfolding message throughout scripture. Price: \$10.99

***Signed, Sealed, Delivered: An Introduction to Covenant Theology* by J. V. Fesko | Adult Book**

From beginning to end, the Bible reveals God's gracious plan of salvation. To trace this unfolding plan and to find our place within it, Christians must give careful attention to the covenants God makes in scripture. In *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*, Dr. J. V. Fesko introduces the essential elements of reformed covenant theology. This classical approach to reading God's Word shows us how the whole Bible fits together with Jesus Christ at its center. Christians also gain clarity on the continuity of God's promises to His people throughout history. In this way, covenant theology can hone our focus on the gospel, enrich our understanding of the sacraments, and deepen our love for the church, all to the glory of God. Price: \$14.00

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.

Grace House Goody Bag Donations Needed — Help us bless the girls at Grace House by donating items like hand lotion, chapstick, hand sanitizer, candy, and other small treats. Drop off donations on Sunday mornings, October 5 & 12, in the church lobbies.

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, October 5 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Give thanks for the many dedicated volunteers leading our Children's Choirs (preschool and elementary age children) every Sunday evening. We pray for the choirs as they prepare for their upcoming Christmas concert. We are grateful to see the lives of these children blessed as they learn to "sing unto the Lord a New Song!"

Monday, October 6 — 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, October 7 — Missions Prayer Focus

Praise God for a great beginning to Briarwood's Fall ESL classes. Pray for the 75 internationals from over 18 different countries who walk through Briarwood's doors weekly to study English. Pray God would use relationships formed in the classroom and His Word shared at ESL to draw people to himself. The flag of Honduras will be in the worship center this Sunday.

Wednesday, October 8 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Pedro and Priscila Albuquerque with CO SERVE in Brazil, Kristin Aldridge with CO SERVE in New Zealand, Nima and Paniz Alizadeh with Revelation Ministries, Iran, and Bethany Joy Alms with Mission to the World in Nicaragua.

Thursday, October 9 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for Fred and Jean Klett with CHAIM in Pennsylvania, John Long with MAI Soccer in Charlotte, North Carolina, Stephen and Eva Long with Sports Outreach in Texas, and Leonard and Cecelia Mahoe with Cru in Hawaii.

Friday, October 10 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Elders Chuck Powell, Beau Green, Sam Mooney; Deacons Mark Turner, Seth Steelman, Larkin Delk; and Women's Director Kristie Harrick.

Saturday, October 11 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Carolyn Campbell, Joanne Cofer, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Debbie Frey, Jack Fuqua, Jim Griffin, Joby Hurst, Carol Lee, Gabrian Turner, and JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy to Claudia and Sergio Hereñú and family on the death of their husband and father, member Gilberto 'Tito' Hereñú, on September 27; and to Janet Bittner and family on the death of her brother, John Thomas Bond, Jr., on September 28.

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

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

“Truth in Love”

Ephesians 4:17–32

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Sunday Evening Worship:

“You Only Have I Known”

Amos 3:1–15

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

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