

BRIARWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" –Luke 2:10

CHRISTMAS AT BRIARWOOD

Children's Choirs Program

November 30 • 6:00 p.m.

Briarwood Ballet

December 7 • 6:00 p.m.

Walk Through Nativity

December 10–12 • 6:45–8:45 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 14 • 6:00 p.m.

Briarwood Christmas Festival

"Your Light Has Come"

December 21 • 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services, December 24

Family Candlelight Service • 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service • 11:00 p.m.

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LAMPSTAND CONFERENCE 2026

Discipling Leaders for Biblical Church Vitality

Most Christians probably consider good Pastoral leadership to be the most important component of church health—but what part do we church members have in helping make our church healthy? How does a church take its own spiritual temperature—and is there such a thing as a biblical church “fitness plan”?

Briarwood’s Lampstand Conference focuses on biblical church health and answers these and other important questions—and will equip you to know and do your part in ensuring Briarwood stays healthy by being on mission, on message, and in ministry.

Lampstand Conference Birmingham 2026 – Member Rate

We are excited to extend an invitation to members of Briarwood Presbyterian Church to participate in the Lampstand Conference, January 22–24, 2026 for the special rate of \$75 per person or \$100 per couple!

With your Briarwood Member registration, you will receive

- *All Lampstand Conference Materials*
- *Lunch on Friday and Saturday*
- *Breakfast on Saturday*
- *Online access to all Lampstand Teaching sessions*

In addition to excellent and encouraging teaching from our Lampstand Teaching Team you will meet Pastors, leaders, and believers from multiple denominations. Learn how God is at work in building his church—and see how God intends to use you to help make Briarwood Presbyterian healthy!

Conference Registration:

Scan the QR code below to register, or contact Christi Bono at (205)776-5243 or cbono@briarwood.org.

We also need conference volunteers! If you would like to house out-of-town participants or loan a vehicle, please contact Christi Bono.



Register by scanning the QR above or by going to briarwood.org/lampstand.

FEATURED 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 and in the Bookstore. Nursery available by registration.

“Light of Heaven” — Briarwood Ballet | December 7 *

Celebrate the Advent season with the Briarwood Ballet as they lead us in worship with their presentation on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Admission is free. Learn more at briarwood.org/ballet.

Walk Through Nativity — Church Wide | December 10–12 *

December 10, 11 and 12 from 6:45–8:45 p.m. Each Advent season, Briarwood members come together to depict the birth and life of our Lord in 12 biblical scenes with narrated drama using live actors and animals—including a camel! Over 750 volunteer actors, costumers, parking attendants, scene-builders, and greeters are needed for this year's Walk Through. Sign up online at briarwood.org/wtn or call 205-776-5282.

* 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

Contentment: Seeing God's Goodness (31-Day Devotionals for Life Series)

by Megan Hill | Adult Book

Discontent easily arises when our desires aren't met and our plans don't come true—but it is a dangerous force that drives us away from God. The world insists that satisfying our desires is the path to fulfillment, but scripture teaches us the value of seeking contentment instead. This daily devotional provides practical approaches to cultivating thankfulness in specific life circumstances that make discontent easy. In this series, biblical counselors and Bible teachers guide you through scripture passages that speak to specific situations or struggles, helping you to apply God's Word to your life in practical ways day after day. Price: \$8.99

One Big Turkey

by Anne Vittur Kennedy | Children's Book

The sweet, rhyming text of One Big Turkey will help children count everything they have to be thankful for, including food, friends, full tummies, and most of all, God! Follow the adventures of one big turkey, a silly squirrel, and their woodland friends as Thanksgiving draws near! Through the fun, your little one will enjoy counting God's charming harvest blessings. This board book presents parents with an adorable and simple way to teach their children about gratitude while enjoying the fall season. Price: \$6.99

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Local Ministry Prayer — November 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. All are invited to come and pray for our local ministry partners and mobilization opportunities.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes — November 16. Pack a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, and prayers to touch a child's life! Turn in boxes to the Children's Auditorium. Include \$10 for shipping. Build a shoebox online at briarwood.org/occ.

Briarwood Handbell Choir — Beginning November 16. Practice Sunday afternoons from 3:30–4:30 p.m. We will play in the morning services on Sunday December 21. Email Shane Davis at mshane327@gmail.com for more information.

Briarwood Angels — November 16. Trees are available in the Bookstore and the Chapel Lobby. Gifts will benefit Birmingham area children and families in need. If you can work adoption tables, email Amy at apwood@briarwood.org.

Short-Term Honduras Mission Trip — November 16 at 4:30 p.m. in W-203. Prayerfully consider attending an informational meeting to learn more about a trip to Honduras from January 17 to 22, 2026. If interested, please email hmcdougall@briarwood.org.

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.

"I Cared Enough" Gospel Thanksgiving Feast — 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.

Children's Choirs Christmas Concert — November 30. 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.

Christmas Poinsettias — Available through December 7. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone this Advent season. You can pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Purchase for \$18 at briarwood.org/poinsettia.

Camp Briarwood — December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in G-101. Come hear about what it's like to be a camp counselor and get the chance to talk to current counselors about their testimony with Camp. Pizza will be provided! RSVP to quest@briarwood.org.

BYG Laguna Beach Retreat — December 27–30. All 9th–12th graders, don't miss this incredible trip as we close out the year with seaside activities, teaching from Wright Draper, and worship with Ezra Worship Initiative. Register at briarwood.org/laguna.

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. This is a full-time position with benefits. Send resumes to jshaw@briarwood.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, November 16 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of Godly leaders in our Church who “are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account”. Enable us to serve under their leadership in such a way that they might lead us “with joy and not with groaning” (Hebrews 13:17) so that in all things, You might be glorified.

Monday, November 17 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for The Wellhouse, a ministry that provides opportunities for restoration to female victims of human trafficking through its emergency, short-term, and long-term care programs. Please pray and consider volunteering to support the staff as they serve and share God’s love with hurting women and children. Visit the-wellhouse.org/volunteer to explore volunteer opportunities and learn how you can make a difference.

Tuesday, November 18 — Missions Prayer Focus

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are experiencing increasing opposition and persecution, harassment, arrests and even death, intended to silence their witness. Pray for courage and perseverance, and strength for each day to live faithfully for Christ. Pray others would see the hope of Christ reflected in their lives. The Flag of Nigeria will be in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, November 19 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Francisco and Martita Berrios with World Reach in Romania, Joey and Shay Biel with English Language Institute China in Vietnam, Nate and Nikki Bonham with Mission to the World in Colombia, and Kiran Boddu with New Life Initiative in India.

Thursday, November 20 — National Ministry Partners

Pray for George and Jill Shamblin with Center for Executive Leadership in Alabama, John and Jan Sherard with Cru in South Carolina, Larry and Rita Sherbondy with Navigators in Pennsylvania, and David Sorrell with Engage 360 Ministries in Missouri.

Friday, November 21 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for Briarwood Elders Tim Townes, Bruce Herrington, Tom Rivers; Deacons David Cahoon, Ken Barton, Austin Barr; and Communications Director, Landon McKee and his wife Rebekah.

Saturday, November 22 — Church Family

Pray for our hospitalized members Marsha Anders, Sandy Bell, Nancy Christie, Sherri Dewberry, Jeanette Ellis, Banks Farris, Elizabeth Holmes, and JoAnn Weston.

Our love and sympathy to Linda Forbes and family on the death of her daughter, Jennifer Rock, on November 7; and to Gay Wright and family on the death of her brother, Jerry Anderson, on November 9.

We rejoice with Carson and Abby Haley on the birth of their son, Bennett Hunter, on November 8, and with grandparents Gene and Sharon Head, Jr. and great-grandfather Gene Head, Sr.

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

“Service with a Good Will”

Ephesians 6:1–9

Dr. Scott Redd

Sunday Evening Worship:

“What God Showed Me”

Amos 8

Dr. Scott Redd

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

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