

# 2026 SPRING MOBILIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

For God's glory,  
we are committed to  
equipping Christians to  
worship God and to  
**REACH BIRMINGHAM**  
to reach the world for Christ.



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NEXT PANEL FOR LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES.



*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# MOBILIZATION OPPORTUNITIES:

## **Big Oak Ranch**

The mission of Big Oak Ranch is to provide Christian homes for children from abuse, neglect, and abandonment, helping them find hope, healing, and God's purpose for their lives. Big Oak Ranch offers a nurturing environment within a Christian family setting to guide children toward lives of positive influence.

## **Blanket Fort Hope**

Blanket Fort Hope is equipped to help child survivors of human trafficking heal through trauma-informed therapy in a safe environment. They have licensed, caring professionals on staff to guide them and help them find hope and healing.

## **Briarwood Disaster Response Team (DRT)**

For God's glory, the Briarwood Disaster Response Team exists to serve churches and individuals in disaster-affected communities.

## **Christian Service Mission (CSM)**

CSM exists to connect resources with needs through the local Church. They desire to see "oneness" (Christian unity) in Birmingham!

## **Grace Klein Community**

Grace Klein Community is an educational and charitable non-profit dedicated to providing relief to the poor, disadvantaged and underprivileged.

## **Life on Wheels**

Life on Wheels uses the power of ultrasound to serve women, save babies, and share Jesus. They have seen that 89.1% of women who see their own baby on the ultrasound will choose to parent, even if they previously considered abortion.

## **Love Life Ministries**

Love Life is uniting and mobilizing the Church to create a culture of love and life that will result in an end to abortion and the orphan crises.

## **Sav-A-Life, Inc.**

To help women and men embrace the Truth of God's Word as they make life-affirming decisions about their unborn child. Their vision is that every life is saved and every family is healthy in the name of Christ and to the glory of God.

## **UHope Success Academy**

Equip middle school students struggling academically with opportunities to learn, grow and be all they were created to be in their community.

## **IMPACT Birmingham – April 25, 2026**

IMPACT Birmingham offers an incredible opportunity for the Briarwood Church family to engage and serve the surrounding communities through projects such as yard work, painting, construction, packing food boxes, and repair work.

Learn more about these Local Mobilization Opportunities online at [briarwood.org/mobilization](http://briarwood.org/mobilization), or by emailing Amy at [awood@briarwood.org](mailto:awood@briarwood.org).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **Women's In-Town Retreat — Women's Ministry | February 6-7**

Ladies, join us for our In-town Retreat titled "The Church, The Bride of Christ." Fellowship together with fun, dessert, and giveaways on Friday night, then return Saturday morning for breakout sessions in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available on Friday evening with nursery registration and the Gym will be open for Fathers and children on Saturday. Register for \$45 per person at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

### **Reconciling the World — Global Ministries Conference | February 22 – March 1 \***

Join us for this year's conference with guest speaker, Rico Tice. Over the course of Global Missions Week, we will have the opportunity to hear and learn from many of our supported ministry partners and learn how God is using their ministries across the globe. Learn how you can help facilitate this year's conference at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

### **GLOW — Children's Global Ministries Conference | February 22-25**

During the Global Ministries Conference, children will have the opportunity to hear from Ministry Partners from all around the world. There will be plenty of fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday-Wednesday night. No registrations are required.

### **Faith Promise Sunday — Global Ministries Conference | March 1 \***

During the Morning Worship Services, we will have the opportunity to place our Faith Promise Pledges at the feet of our ministry partners as they prepare to go back out into the world to spread the gospel and make disciples. Be in prayer, asking the Lord what He would have you pledge by faith to the Global Missions Fund. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

\* 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

### ***Come, You Weary: Enjoy Christ's Comfort***

**by Michael Reeves | Pastor Rob Looper Pulpit Recommendation**

Are you weary? Does the Christian life feel like drudgery? What can lift you up, cure your cold and flattened heart, and fill you with deep and lasting joy? The reality is that we will only be as full as the well we drink from, and many of us drink from very shallow wells indeed. This book is an invitation to every thirsty Christian, however weary and flat you are feeling, however weak and unworthy you consider yourself, to come to the waters and drink deeply. You will do this as you contemplate the sight and the vision that transforms from glory to glory. Price: \$6.99

*"Michael Reeves invites the weary to come drink at the fountain that never runs dry. This book is comfort, balm, and rest to bruised and worn-out souls. I heartily recommend that you come and drink deeply of Christ."* –Keith Getty, Singer and Songwriter

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Briarwood Soccer** — Register by February 6. It's time for spring soccer! Registration is open for boys and girls ages 5–15 at [briarwoodsoccer.com](http://briarwoodsoccer.com) or 205-776-5114.

**Trailblazers Valentine Dinner** — Thursday February 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dinner with friends and hear Jay and the Elders. Purchase your tickets at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers) or contact [Sharon.sjohnston@briarwood.org](mailto:Sharon.sjohnston@briarwood.org).

**YBL Winter Breakfast** — Friday, February 20 from 6:30–7:45 a.m. at the Harbert Center. Former NFL player, Brodie Croyle, will share his journey through victories and setbacks that deepened his faith, character, and understanding of true leadership. Tickets are available at [ybl.org/events](http://ybl.org/events).

**YBL Sporting Clays** — Friday March 6 from 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Selwood Farm. Breakfast and lunch provided. Purchase tickets and register at [ybl.org](http://ybl.org).

**MidWeek at Briarwood** — **Through April 29.** Join us for Wednesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15–6:30 p.m. then attend a class or activity for the entire family. Find information and register for dinners at [briarwood.org/midweek](http://briarwood.org/midweek).

**Women's Winter / Spring Studies** — Ladies join one of our six studies this winter/spring. We have opportunities in person and online; in the morning and during the evening; and studies in the Old Testament and New Testament. For more information and to register, visit [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**Men's Spring Studies** — Mondays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesdays at 11:45 at Cajun Seafood House, Thursdays at 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See additional information at [briarwood.org/men](http://briarwood.org/men).

**GriefShare MidWeek Class** — Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in W203. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. Join our 12-week program designed to offer comfort and encouragement. Call 205-776-5227 to sign up.

**Men's Praying Breakfast** — Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Building. Please join us to pray for our church and the advancement of God's kingdom.

**VBS 2026** — We are busy making plans for this summer's VBS: June 1–5! Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Registration and teen helper sign-ups will begin in April. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the form at [briarwood.org/vbs](http://briarwood.org/vbs). Email Raleigh Macoy at [rmacoy@briarwood.org](mailto:rmacoy@briarwood.org) if you have any questions.

**Job Opening: YBL Office Manager/Event Planner** — Full-time role focusing on administrative support, plans and executes 10–20 events annually including venue management and post-event follow-up. Send resume to [rgenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rgenin@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).

Stay up-to-date with events and opportunities with the Briarwood B-Mail newsletter.

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## **Sunday, January 25 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Mom's Prayer Group that meets on January 26. Thankful for this time that moms can come together and build relationships as they pray asking the Lord for wisdom, comfort, and instruction for their children.

## **Monday, January 26 — 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, January 27 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Praise the Lord for a wonderful Lampstand Conference! Please pray for the pastors and church leaders who attended as they return to their churches, that God will strengthen them to depend upon his means of grace as they pursue and implement biblical strategies for church health.

## **Wednesday, January 28 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Ngwane and Ncamile Dlamini with World Reach in Eswatini, Jeff and Amy Dowdy with Campus Outreach SERVE in Brazil, Thomas and Erna Dreyer with International Exchange Organization in South Africa, and Maged with UFM Worldwide in France.

## **Thursday, January 29 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for John and Penny Freeman with Harvest USA in Pennsylvania, Debbie Friley with Navigators in Florida, Tom and Linda Fritz with Cru in Georgia, and Chris and Kristin Gadsden with Cru in Missouri.

## **Friday, January 30 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood Elders Sam Duffey, Ken Friday, and Don Murphy; deacons Chuck Pierce, Ben Greene, and Kevin Plyler; and CMMA Director Mardon Day and his wife, Richelle.

## **Saturday, January 31 — Church Family**

Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Tom Cartledge, Bebe Costner, Betty Minderhout, Sam Nichols, Carol Payne, Easton Woodfin, Elaine Wright, and Chuck Powell, Charles Woodall, and Jean Goebel.

Our love and sympathy to Wes Willis and family on the death of his wife, member Elaine Willis, on January 17.

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:**

*Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love*

“What Happened at Kadesh”

Deuteronomy 1:19–33

Dr. Scott Redd

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

“The Suffering and Glory of New Covenant Ministry”

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

Wright Draper, Senior Adults Pastor

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.