



## CONFERENCE SPEAKER RICO TICE

Rico Tice is the co-founder of Christianity Explored and a former minister at All Souls Langham Place, a lively church in central London. He believes that the essence of the Christian faith lies in the life of Jesus Christ, who claimed to be the Son of God.

Passionate about sharing Jesus through the Bible, Rico specializes in the Gospel of Mark and developed the Christianity Explored course to address key themes about Jesus and their relevance today. He works with Christianity Explored Ministries to create engaging video resources and courses that explore life's big questions.

For more conference information, see [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).



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# GMC – FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am so grateful to the Lord as we approach the 2026 Global Ministry Conference that our Briarwood family has a deep and enduring commitment to missions. We praise the Lord for the extraordinary commitment, sacrificial giving, and world mission initiatives we were able to accomplish last year as the Lord worked through you.

Our ministry theme this year is “Reconciling the World” and we will be encouraged in this great task before the church today.

Through your significant Faith Promise commitment last year, it was possible for us to expand the number of new missionaries and further our focus on church planting, church revitalization, evangelism, and discipleship globally.

As we move into this exciting week, will you actively join the Global Ministry Conference in three ways?

- Pray for the 2026 Conference and how the Lord will use it to impact you, your family, our church family, and the world for Christ.
- Prioritize your participation in the Conference. The schedule provides opportunities to spend time with our missionaries, learn from the Global Glimpses, and benefit from Dr. Rico Tice, who will be our keynote speaker.
- Prayerfully consider how the Lord will use your life and ministry through Briarwood’s mission to “equip Christians to worship God and to reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.” Consider also how you might creatively engage your children to participate in the Biblical call to world evangelism and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Finally, will you prayerfully consider what you believe (FAITH) the Lord is going to give you this year beyond your regular giving for the purpose of sending the Gospel through these missionaries to the world? Then, prayerfully ask the Lord for a joyful heart as we commit (PROMISE) what we believe the Lord will send to us. FAITH PROMISE giving is what we believe the Lord will get to us as we commit to Him that it will get through us.

I look forward to the Lord’s blessing through this year’s Conference because of the great need which is before us. May we move forward in our desire to fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime and extend the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the joy of the Gospel,  
Dr. J. Scott Redd



Learn how you can help facilitate this year’s conference at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).

## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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

### ***The Meaning of Marriage: A Couple's Devotional***

**by Timothy Keller | Adult Book**

Marriage is the most profound human relationship there is. Coming to know and love your spouse is one of the most rewarding and wondrous things we can experience in life. But it is also one of the most difficult and painful. In this 365-day devotional, Timothy Keller and his wife of forty-three years, Kathy, share powerful instructions on how to have a successful marriage. The Kellers draw from and expand upon lessons they first introduced in their book *The Meaning of Marriage*, offering stories, daily scriptures, and prayer prompts that will inspire anyone who wants to know God and love more deeply in this life. Price: \$20.00

### ***The Berenstain Bears' Valentine Blessings: A Valentine's Day Book For Kids***

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

In *The Berenstain Bears' Valentine Blessings*, young readers and Sister Bear find out that Brother Bear has a secret admirer! Sweetie Bear has sent him a valentine card, complete with pink hearts and flowers. What will tough, hockey-playing Brother do about this and his teasing Sister? But Papa Bear steps in to save the day, telling the cubs a story about another set of young cubs and a secret admirer... Papa and Mama Bear! And he reminds the cubs that all love comes from God, who is love. Price: \$5.99

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting** — Sunday, February 8, at 5:00 pm, in W-202. All are invited for this special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**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: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, shares his journey of victories and setbacks that deepened his faith and understanding of leadership. Purchase tickets at [ybl.org/events](http://ybl.org/events).

**Women's Missionary Coffee** — Tuesday, February 24 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a time of fellowship and prayer for our visiting ministry partners. Register for the coffee at [briarwood.org/women](http://briarwood.org/women).

**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).

**Trailblazer Coffee** — Friday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. in FH-A. Enjoy coffee with the Briarwood Trailblazers and hear from Donna Evans as she shares on “Hospitality Beyond the Pew.” Sign up for free at [briarwood.org/trailblazers](http://briarwood.org/trailblazers).

**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. Go to [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).

**VBS 2026** — Mark your calendar and plan to attend this summer June 1–5! Registration and teen helper sign-ups will begin in April. To volunteer, go to [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: Women Business Leaders, Director** — This role will focus on leading and managing the ministry of Women Business Leaders, focused on reaching working women within the Birmingham area. Send resume to [rgenin@briarwood.org](mailto:rgenin@briarwood.org).

**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, February 8 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Father, equip us to love others like Christ loves us. Teach us to be sacrificial and giving in the love we show to one another. *“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”* 1 Peter 4:8

## **Monday, February 9 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Please pray for the Briarwood Disaster Response Team, serving for God’s glory in disaster-affected communities. Pray they faithfully bring the hope of Christ, effectively mobilize local churches, accurately assess damage and needs, and wisely dispatch response crews, so their efforts reflect Christ’s love and meet the urgent needs of those they serve. Learn more at [briarwood.org/mobilization](http://briarwood.org/mobilization).

## **Tuesday, February 10 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Please be in prayer for supported college ministries, Campus Outreach and RUF. Pray for the hundreds of students who attended the January New Year’s Conference and committed their lives to Christ. Pray for their walk and growth with the Lord as new believers as well as the staff who leads them.

## **Wednesday, February 11 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Hector and Angelina Estrada with World Reach in Honduras, Lauren Adair Evans with Mission to the World in Germany, Spencer and Carmen with Mission to the World in Malaysia, and Fabiano and Suzana Fernandes with Avant Ministries in Portugal.

## **Thursday, February 12 — National Ministry Partners**

Pray for Mack and Chris Griffith with Mission to North America in Alabama, Luke and Kristen Hembree with Campus Outreach in Mississippi, Daniel and Courtney Hightower with Reformed University Fellowship at Jacksonville State, and Gladys Hillman with Cru at Atlanta University Center.

## **Friday, February 13 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood Elders Billy Ball, Dave Giddens, Jeff Olin; deacons Tim Ayers, Ben Hamm, Frank Price; and YBL Director Rob Genin and his wife Carla.

## **Saturday, February 14 — Church Family**

Pray for hospitalized members Carolyn Black, Bebe Costner, Jan Forester, Rick Lathem, Brenda Marlar, Victoria Moton, Ann Potter, Dave Proctor, Easton Woodfin.

Our love and sympathy to Gerbin Chavez and family on the death of his mother, Rafaela Murillo Almendarez, on January 29; to Becky Lewis and family on the death of her sister, Sonja Wescott, on January 30; and to Edna Alderman and family on the death of her sister, Margaretta Douglas, on February 2.

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*

“The God Who Governs History”

Deuteronomy 2:1–23

Dr. Scott Redd

### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

*Mark: The Words of Eternal Life*

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.