

# MAKE YOUR FAITH PROMISE PLEDGE

Bring your completed Faith Promise card forward during Morning Worship on March 1.

Mail or bring your completed Faith Promise card to the church accounting office.

Email your Pledge to the church at [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org).

Fill out your Pledge online by scanning the QR below or going to [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).



*Learn more about Faith Promise  
or make your pledge at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc).*



*Briarwood*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FAITH PROMISE GIVING

Dear Briarwood Family,

The Redd family is excited to be here and experience firsthand this year's Global Ministries Conference. This year's conference theme of "*Reconciling the World*" based on 2 Corinthians 5:18 helps us to focus our attention as a Church to the work of God in the world. As you see and hear testimonies from our mission's staff from around the world, you will not only be encouraged in this work of our Lord, but I pray excited to partner with them as well.

I pray our hearts will be stirred as we sit under the preaching of the Word this year by Rev. Rico Tice. He is the co-founder of *Christianity Explored* and formerly served at All Souls Langham Place in London. He will challenge us in our part in God's ministry and message of reconciliation.

How can we prepare to benefit from and participate in this exciting event?

- Will you prayerfully consider how you might under-gird Briarwood's commitment to world evangelism through regular intercessory prayer?
- Secondly, would you consider how you might personally engage in missions? Perhaps it is going on a short-term mission trip, volunteering to serve on the Global Ministry Team or even serving cross-culturally through vocational ministry.
- Finally, would you prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance as to how you might engage through faith promise giving? It is called FAITH because we seek the Lord's guidance as to what He will give to us beyond our regular tithe and offerings for the purpose of world evangelism. It is called PROMISE because we commit ourselves to bring faithfully what He entrusts to us for the 2026 Briarwood missions' endeavor.

The enclosed Faith Promise card will guide you through this process of intercessory prayer, personal involvement and your faith promise commitment. During the morning worship services on Sunday, March 1, you will have the opportunity to bring your faith promise commitment forward.

There are three other ways to submit your pledge. 1) Send your completed Faith Promise card by mail to Briarwood; 2) Email [faithpromise@briarwood.org](mailto:faithpromise@briarwood.org) with your commitment; 3) visit our website at [briarwood.org/gmc](http://briarwood.org/gmc) to complete your pledge online.

I am praying each family will participate at whatever level the Lord leads you in our faith promise commitment so we may all rejoice together as His Word is sent throughout the world.

Dr. J. Scott Redd



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## FEATURED EVENTS

### **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. Return Sunday evening as we close out the conference in worship and hear the report of our Faith Promise giving.

### **Holy Week 2025 — Worship Services | March 29 – April 5 \***

Remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ with us during this year's Holy Week. We will have Worship Services on Palm Sunday (March 29), an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday (April 2), a Service of Reflection at noon on Good Friday (April 3), and a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and Worship Services on Easter Sunday (April 5). Find details at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

\* 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

### ***Daily Readings from the Christian in Complete Armour***

**by William Gurnall | Adult GMC Recommendation**

*The Christian in Complete Armour* is packed with truths for spiritual triumph. Originally written in the seventeenth century by Pastor William Gurnall, it is among the most highly regarded Christian books ever written in the English language. Charles Spurgeon called it “the best thought-breeder in our library.” These 365 readings, edited into modern English by James S. Bell Jr., give Christians soul-searching and inspiring devotional supplements to the Bible. For baby believers and seasoned ones alike, *Daily Readings from the Christian in Complete Armour* will help readers walk and stand in the triumph of Christ. Price: \$12.00

### ***Jim Elliot: He Is No Fool***

**by Irene Howat | Children's GMC Recommendation**

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot had a loving wife, a beautiful little girl, and a reason for real joy. God had called him to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the Auca tribe. Jim thought he would spend the rest of his life bringing Jesus to the lost Aucas, but the rest of his life was only a matter of months. Persecution and death are a reality for many Christians today. He and four other young men died in the middle of doing God's work. When his life ended, the work went on and many of the Auca tribe today now have the same reason for real joy that Jim had. Price: \$8.00

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.,  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday: Closed, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Communion Service** — The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, March 1 in the evening service. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received. Elements are gluten-free.

**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).

**Disaster Response Team Vision BBQ** — March 7. Come enjoy good BBQ prepared by the DRT Hospitality Team from 12:00–2:00 p.m. and learn more about ways to use your gifts to serve with Disaster Response. Learn more and register at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

**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).

**DRT Sheds of Hope Build Days** — March 23–25. Help Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church construct sheds that will be delivered to a disaster site affected by a hurricane, fire, tornado, or flood. Learn more and register at [briarwood.org/events](http://briarwood.org/events).

**Women Business Leaders Luncheon** — Wednesday, April 8 from 12:00–1:15 p.m. at The Club. Join us for a Spring Luncheon featuring guest speaker, Cheri Bachofer, as she teaches on navigating decisions with clarity & purpose. Register at [wblbirmingham.org](http://wblbirmingham.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).

**Easter Gifts for Inmates** — Partnering with UnBound216, we will collect hygiene items and snacks for inmates at Bibb County Correctional Facility. Donations can be dropped off in the Missions Office. For a list of accepted items, email [cbono@briarwood.org](mailto:cbono@briarwood.org).

**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 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, March 1 — Briarwood Prayer Focus**

Praise the Lord for another wonderful Global Ministries Conference! Pray for protection over our ministry partners as they are sent back out to their countries, and for God to stir our hearts to support them with our prayers and Faith Promise giving.

## **Monday, March 2 — Birmingham Prayer Focus**

Pray for Briarwood ministry partner, Urban Hope Community Church in Fairfield, Alabama. Urban Hope is dedicated to the growth and transformation of the Fairfield community and is focused on making disciples who are confident in their identity in Christ — in Fairfield and beyond.

## **Tuesday, March 3 — Missions Prayer Focus**

Pray that all members of the congregation will gain an increased understanding about participation in the Faith Promise. Pray that each will prayerfully choose to be a part of reaching the world for Christ through our missionaries. Pray God will cause us to trust Him to enable us to pledge and give as He provides.

## **Wednesday, March 4 — Global Ministry Partners**

Pray for Craig and Heather Gahagen with South America Mission in Peru, Angel and Norma Glory with Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship in Mexico, Carlos and Yolanda Gomez with EQUIP in Spain, and Noel and Reina Gomez with World Reach in Honduras.

## **Thursday, March 5 — 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, March 6 — Briarwood Officers and Staff**

Pray for Briarwood Elders Phil Black, Kevin Gush, Tripp Reid; deacons Ken Barton, Marland Hayes, Carter Ralph; and Japanese Congregation Pastor Kotaro Hamamatsu and his wife Jackie.

## **Saturday, March 7 — Church Family**

Pray for hospitalized members Frank Barker III, Mandy Miller, Brooke Sanders, Curtis Terry, Paul Whitcomb, Charles Crabbe, Florence Salmer, and Wayne Pate.

Our love and sympathy to the family of member Lois Burns on her death on February 18; to Diane Eaton and family on the death of her brother, Ed Hall, on February 19; and to Jim Cofer and family on the death of his stepmother, Edwona Cofer, on February 20.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.  
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## THIS LORD'S DAY

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services:**

2026 Global Ministries Conference

Faith Promise Sunday

“Great Commission Giving”

Acts 2:42–47

Dr. Scott Redd

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### **Sunday Evening Worship:**

2026 Global Ministries Conference

Closing Ceremonies & Worship with International Congregations

Pastor Tony Wang

Sunday evening we close out the conference in worship with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with our Korean, Japanese, and Hispanic congregations and hear the final report of our Faith Promise giving.