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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NEW WAYS TO IMPACT BIRMINGHAM

Whether you can go and serve or stay and pray, please join us on April 25 from 8:00 a.m. to noon for IMPACT Birmingham. We have a place for every age and ability level to make an impact for Christ in our city!

Donate Supplies for an Impact Project

If you are unable to give your time and energy to one of our many IMPACT projects, you can donate items to help support the work of others. A list of items needed is included on our website page.

Evangelism

Sharing the gospel utilizing the Bridge to Life format. You will be paired up with a trained leader. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. 20 Volunteers available.

Location: Meet at Briarwood in room A105 and then share around UAB.

Homeless Ministry

Going to a downtown park to get to know homeless people, distributing food and hygiene items, and share Christ. Evangelism experience is encouraged. Appropriate for adults only. 20 Volunteers available.

Location: Meet at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Prayer Walks

Break into groups of 2–3, walk and pray for each home in surrounding neighborhoods. Appropriate for all ages. 25 Volunteers available.

Location: Meet at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Aspire Movement

Indoor cleaning, outdoor yard-work and beautification, and painting inside and outside. Appropriate for all ages. 20 Volunteers available.

Location: 4120 Inglenook St, Birmingham, AL 35217

Shepherd's Fold

Painting projects. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. 10 Volunteers available

Location: 507 Whitmore Dr, Birmingham, AL 35221

Northstar Soccer

Project #1:

Have a snack table or cookout for players and families and extra referees as needed. Appropriate for all ages. 12 Volunteers available.

Location: Holy Rosary Church, 7414 Georgia Road, Birmingham, AL 35212

Project #2:

Site preparation work (possible example: assembling irrigation system pipes), trash pick up, weed removal. Appropriate for teenagers and up. 15 Volunteers available.

Location: 4601 14th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35212

For the full list of projects, visit briarwood.org/impact

FEATURED EVENTS

IMPACT Birmingham — Church Mobilization | April 25 *

On the morning of April 25, we will partner with local ministries to do service and repair projects, ranging from yard work and painting to distributing food. This will be an opportunity to serve together as the body of Christ and IMPACT Birmingham for Christ! Find additional information and register for projects at briarwood.org/impact.

G.F. Handel's Messiah — Music Ministry Worship Concert | May 3 *

During the Evening Worship Service on May 3, the Briarwood Choir & Orchestra will present several of the solo passages and choruses from G.F. Handel's Messiah, which outlines the redemptive story of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School 2026 — K5–6th Graders | June 1–5 *

VBS will be June 1–5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. VBS is free and open to both members and visitors. T-shirts are available for \$10. Register your child and purchase VBS t-shirts at briarwood.org/vbs.

* 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

Ezekiel: A Prophet in Exile

by Scott Redd | Newly Released Adult Book

Ezekiel: A Prophet in Exile offers readers an accessible yet profound exploration of one of Scripture's most complex prophetic books. Written for both scholars and lay readers, this commentary illuminates Ezekiel's unique voice during Israel's darkest hour—the Babylonian exile. Dr. Redd masterfully guides readers through Ezekiel's stunning visions, from the divine chariot-throne to the valley of dry bones, revealing how these dramatic images communicate timeless truths about God's holiness, justice, and redemptive love. The book demonstrates how Ezekiel's message of judgment against Jerusalem's corruption simultaneously offers hope for restoration to the faithful remnant in exile. What sets this commentary apart is its clear connection between Ezekiel's ancient prophecies and their fulfillment in Christ. He shows how the prophet's vision of a restored temple, a good shepherd, and streams of living water find their ultimate meaning in Jesus and the church. The Focus on the Bible series commentaries are popular-level commentaries, especially helpful for pastors and small group leaders. They are useful for personal devotions and spiritual growth. Many of the authors of the commentaries are leading expositors of God's Word on their specialty subjects. The series holds to the inerrancy of scripture and the uniqueness of Christ in salvation. Whether you're struggling to understand Ezekiel's bizarre symbolic actions or seeking encouragement during your own season of exile, this book provides both scholarly insight and pastoral wisdom. Dr. Redd proves that Ezekiel's message of hope emerging from judgment remains powerfully relevant for God's people today. Price: \$15.00 (includes tax)

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting — Sunday, April 12, at 5:00 pm, in W-202. All are invited for this special time of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adoption/Foster Connection Meeting — April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brides' Room. This group for foster/adoptive parents, and those interested in fostering/adopting, focuses on encouraging and equipping one another. Email w.carter.ralph@gmail.com.

Become a Briarwood Member — April 15, 18 and 19. All newcomers and prospective members are invited to attend our Briarwood Inquirers' Class. Attending does not obligate you to join. To sign up, call 205-776-5208 or email wlong@briarwood.org.

Baptism Class — April 22. Expecting and new parents are invited to join us as we walk through the importance of infant baptism and how Briarwood partners with families in raising their covenant child. If you plan to attend, please email lreese@briarwood.org.

Canned Food Drive — April 26. Gather your canned goods and non-perishables for Daniel Cason Ministries. Sunday morning, April 26, leave your donations behind your vehicle for pick up while you are in church.

Communion Service — April 26. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the morning services. An alms offering for the Mercy Ministry will be received after each service. Elements are gluten-free.

High School & College Graduating Seniors — May 10 deadline. If you are graduating high school or college this Spring, please send your full name and school name to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or 205-776-5301.

CMMA Informational Reception — May 17 in the Fellowship Hall after the 2nd service. All Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, & Occupational Therapists are invited to come and hear about the ministry of CMMA.

Support Our Soldiers Memorial Banquet — May 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a banquet for Support Our Soldiers. Tickets are \$20 per person. Purchase 8 tickets to reserve a full table. Register at briarwood.org/events.

VBS Volunteers — June 1–5. Classroom shepherds, nurses, prayer team, greeters, and nursery are all still needed. Teen helper registration is now open for rising 7–12th graders. To sign up to volunteer, please go to briarwood.org/vbs.

Created for a Purpose Conference Volunteers — July 20–24. We need women to help with art rooms (cooking, sewing, paper, painting, sculpture), decorations, and prayer. If you feel led to serve, contact Hannah Grace Walker at hwalker@briarwood.org.

Mission Trip Needs — Christian Medical Ministry is collecting donations of ibuprofen 200mg, anti-fungal cream, Tylenol 500mg, and 1% hydrocortisone cream for mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Contact CMMA with questions at 205-776-5470.

Job opening: Youth Pastor — This position involves responsibility for programming, discipleship, evangelism, outreach opportunities, retreats, and leadership training, and staff development. Send resume to Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org.

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

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, April 12 — Briarwood Prayer Focus

Join us in praying for our new members who took their vows this morning. Give thanks for their commitment to Christ and to our church, and for using their gifts to serve the Body. Also, pray for our church family to welcome them with open arms and to help them and their families find their places at Briarwood.

Monday, April 13 — Birmingham Prayer Focus

Pray for ministry partner, Grace House, as they equip young women in foster care with the educational, emotional, and spiritual tools they need to overcome generational cycles of poverty and abuse. Pray that each girl would come to know Jesus as their Savior. Ask the Lord to hand-pick staff members with hearts fully devoted to Him and a deep love for the girls.

Tuesday, April 14 — Missions Prayer Focus

Please be in prayer for the Lampstand Conference April 23-25 at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Pray for all the pastors as they teach and for the conference to be impactful, encouraging, and refreshing to the attendees. The flag of South Carolina will be featured in the Worship Center this Sunday.

Wednesday, April 15 — Global Ministry Partners

Pray for Jonathan and Maggie Iverson with Mission to the World in Japan, Jay and Faith Jackson with Global Empowerment serving Internationally, Judith Jacobson with Mission to the World in Asia, and Jacob and Pei Jasin with Reformed University Fellowship serving Internationals.

Thursday, April 16 — 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, April 17 — Briarwood Officers and Staff

Pray for our Briarwood Elders Ernie Brown, Gene Head, Keith Silliman; deacons Jake Bonds, John Holcombe, John Rollins; and Shepherding Pastor Dave Lewis and his wife Sue.

Saturday, April 18 — Church Family

Pray for hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Jim Shackelford.

Our love and sympathy to Margaret, Thomas and Jonathan Hess and family on the death of their father and grandfather, Walter H. Wilborn, on April 3.

The Flowers in the Worship Center are given in honor of Jack Prickett by his family.

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

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

Sunday Morning Worship Services:

The Ten Commandments

“The First Commandment: God”

Deuteronomy 5:7

Dr. Scott Redd

Sunday Evening Worship:

Mark: The Words of Eternal Life

Dr. Scott Redd

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