



# *Briarwood*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Morning Services of Divine Worship – January 25, 2026

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## Worship Leaders

Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

Rev. Benny Parks, Ministries Team Pastor

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...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*

## Call to Worship & Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 95:1–3

Pastor: *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.*

All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

## Prelude & Time of Meditation & Confession of Sin

*“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

Briarwood Orchestra

*O God of grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. – adapted from The Valley of Vision*

## Invocation

## Gospel Word of Salvation

## Greeting of Grace & Peace\*

## Hymn of Adoration\*

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 2*

## Confession of Truth\*

Hebrews 3:12–14

Pastor: *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

All: But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE  
*O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice... Psalm 5:3*

**Ministry Opportunities for Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer of Intercession**

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY  
*Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God... Psalm 147:1a*

**Presentation & Consecration of God's Tithe & Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** *"All Praise to Christ, Our God and King Divine"*  
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
Tommy Horner, Jr., Assistant Choral Director

**Singing of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs\*** *"O Church, Arise"*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD  
*Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes! Psalm 119:12*

**Prayer of Illumination\***

**Scripture Reading\*†** Deuteronomy 1:19–33

**Exposition of God's Word** Dr. Scott Redd, Pastor

*Deuteronomy: Wholehearted Love*  
*"What Happened at Kadesh"*  
Deuteronomy 1:19–33

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE  
*For the Love of Christ controls us... II Corinthians 5:14a*

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\*** *"The Doxology with Alleluias"*

**Postlude** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

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\*The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

†K4–3rd grade dismiss to the Children's Auditorium for Children's Worship.

Following the 8:00 service, Children's Worship participants will be escorted to their Sunday School rooms.

Following the 10:55 service, please pick up K4–3rd grade children in the Children's Auditorium.

A Prayer Team is available following both morning services just to the right of the pulpit platform.

The 8:00 a.m. service is "signed" each week in the Worship Center.

Morning services are available live on WLJR 88.5 FM. and online at [briarwood.org/livestream](http://briarwood.org/livestream).

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# FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP

Evening Service of Praise and Proclamation – 6:00 p.m.

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**Prelude**

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

**Welcome**

Dr. Greg Norfleet, Director of Counseling Ministry

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His  
holy Name!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise\***

*“To God be the Glory”* Hymn 66

*“There’s Just Something About that Name”* Hymn 102

Daniel Cason, Worship Leader

**Announcements**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory**

*“He Hideth My Soul”* Hymn 496

Daniel Cason

**Scripture & Sermon**

Rev. Wright Draper, Senior Adults Community Pastor

“The Suffering and Glory of New Covenant Ministry”  
2 Corinthians 4:7–18

**Pastoral Benediction\***

**Congregational Affirmation\***

*“The Doxology”*

**Postlude**

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## WELCOME TO BRIARWOOD

We’re delighted you are worshiping with us today. The entire Briarwood family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have, and minister to you in any way. After the service, please stop by the foyer so that we may offer you a small gift to acknowledge your presence with us. We pray that this morning’s worship will be all about Him and not about us and that it will draw you close to the Lord of the universe.

– Dr. Scott Redd & the Briarwood Church Family

## 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 with 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 fun, games, trivia and music each night along with great missions teaching. Bring your child to the Children's Auditorium Sunday-Wednesday nights. No registrations are required.

\*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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## PRAYERS & CHURCH FAMILY

**Briarwood Prayer Focus** — Pray for the Mom's Prayer Group that meets on January 26. We are 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.

**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.

**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.

**Church Family** — Pray for our hospitalized members Sandy Bell, Tom Cartledge, Bebe Costner, Betty Minderhout, Sam Nichols, Carol Payne, Easton Woodfin, 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; and to Evans Bailey and family on the death of his father, William Bailey, on January 18.

Receive each day's prayer as a notification through the Briarwood App.  
In your Briarwood App settings, enable "Weekly Prayer Guide" notifications.



# 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 for \$15 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.