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To all who are weary and need rest ...  
To all who mourn and long for comfort ...  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares ...  
To all who struggle and desire strength ...  
To all who sin and need a Savior ...  
We do, too.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our great Hope and Joy, the reason we gather to celebrate and worship. Southwood opens wide our doors, our hearts, and our lives as our God has done for us.

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**April 16, 2023**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

## MEDITATION

“We must not be grieved, that we have nothing to trust upon besides Christ for our salvation; but rather we are to rejoice, that we need nothing else, and that we have a sure foundation to rely on, incomparably better than any other that can be imagined.”

Walter Marshall  
*The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*

God welcomes us into his presence and reorients our hearts to Him and each other.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel that has been preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

PEOPLE: *By this gospel we are saved, if we hold firmly to the word preached to us. Otherwise, we have believed in vain.*

LEADER: For what I received was passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

PEOPLE: *That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

We express the worth of our God and the emotions of our hearts to Him.

## SONGS

“Mighty to Save”

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.**

A Nursing Mothers' Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

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# Worship Service

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We affirm our confidence in God's greatness, power, and care for us in the midst of our struggles.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:5-11

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, and need for Him.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God reminds us of his grace and forgiveness as the foundation of our relationship.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

## SONGS

"In Christ Alone"

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

We celebrate how God's grace flows through us in our relationships and community.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"It Is Well With My Soul"

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*

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# Worship Service

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God speaks to us through the Bible explained and applied to our lives.

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 3:13-18  
"Suffering Sharers"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"It Is Well With My Soul"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10-11



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

**Adults:** Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

**Kids Connect:** Birth-5th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## Introduction

When you suffer, remember who and whose you are (3:13-14).

## Key Suffering Principle

Suffering affords unique opportunities we must embrace to share our hope with others (3:14-16).

What are we sharing?

When should we share?

Where and How (in what way) do we stay ready to share?

How (in what manner) should we share?

Why do we share this way?

## Conclusion

When you suffer, remember your Suffering Savior (3:17-18).

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Sarah Niemitz** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Ben Niemitz** Drums
- **Tamara Bodie** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Kaitlyn Young** Slides
- **Daniel Brown** Livestream

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Community Classes

New adult classes begin today after the worship service. Adults up to age 45 will meet in Room D to study the Gospel of Mark with Julie Blauwkamp, Anna Kent, and Chris Morris, while adults over 45 will meet in Room A to study The Heart of the Torah with John Foreman. You're welcome in either group!

## Parent CAFE

All parents (infants - 12th grade) are welcome to join us for our next Parent CAFE on Thursday, April 27, 6:00-7:30pm in the Lodge for a dinner and discussion led by the Youth and Children's Staff. Our focus will be "Not Just a Parent: How our identity in Christ flows out into our parenting." Childcare and a meal will be provided for younger children. Register at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) and invite a friend!

## Connect with Young Professionals

The Young Professionals (YoPro) group at Southwood is geared towards fellowship, community building, and outreach. Anyone who is post-college through mid-thirties is welcome to participate. Visit [southwood.org/yopro](http://southwood.org/yopro) to sign up.

## VBS Crew Leader Volunteers

Our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School is June 20-22 from 9am to noon, and we are now searching for Crew Leaders to lead a crew of 6 to 8 space cadets as you sing, worship, pray, play, and explore God's Word together! Visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) to sign up to be a Crew Leader today! Registration for kids opens soon!

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 16

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
12:00pm – ReGroup  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

## Tuesday, April 18

6:00pm – Session Meeting

## Wednesday, April 19

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

## Thursday, April 20

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. To get connected, please visit [southwood.org/gg](http://southwood.org/gg).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

## Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

## Last Week's Giving

\$41,477

## Year to Date Giving

\$556,347



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are driven by relationships.**

Pray for growing relationships out of Easter week conversations with friends and neighbors inquiring about our hope in the resurrection.

Ask that God would increase our sensitivity to our oldest members and others who may be experiencing loneliness - that we might show them the love of Christ well.

Pray for honesty and humility in our relationships so that we would confess sin and find hope in Christ together.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Neely Kathryn Jones to Kevin and Kathryn this week.

Pray for ongoing conversations surrounding the hope of Easter to make an eternal impact in our hearts and our neighbors.

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she begins her work on Southwood staff on Monday and continues building relationships among our church family.

Pray for our elders as they meet Tuesday night to pray for and plan for our church.

Pray for Mathew Nixon and his family in the death of his mother last week.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Macklann and Rose Basse - Togo**

*The Basses are community leaders in Lome, Togo. Along with planting a church, Macklann founded and directs a missionary training organization, and Rose is the principal of a Christian elementary school. You can support them and their ministry by praying for these requests.*

Pray that God would protect and guide their daughter Benitaah, who recently moved to the United States.

Pray for Macklann's assistant Bleck Sodji and his family as Bleck is away from home receiving further theological training.

Ask that God would provide the funds needed to dig a well and install a pump to support their farming ministry.

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## Senior Member

**Alma Huston**

2800 Day Cir. SW  
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## Expectant Mothers

**Maddie Searcy** — April 2023

**Brett Stanfield** — May 2023

**Sarah Putman** — May 2023

**Megan Craig** — June 2023

**Alaine Moss** — July 2023

**Stephanie Tomes** — July 2023

**Amanda Tatum** — July 2023

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **Southwood's Core Commitments**

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

We are driven by relationships.

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

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