



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.

April 23, 2023
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.”

Psalm 115:1

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

PEOPLE: *O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

LEADER: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

ALL: *O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

Based on Psalm 30

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

SONGS

“To God Be the Glory”
“How Great Is Our God”

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.

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to remind us of his promises to us and all creation.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Genesis 9:12-17

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

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

SONGS

"Before The Throne Of God Above"
"One Day"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Hymn Of Heaven"

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 3:18-22

“Valleys and Victory with Jesus”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: Perspicuity of Scripture

Key Suffering Principle:

Because Jesus has endured our sufferings, we can be assured we will enjoy his victory.

1. Glorious Gospel _____ (3:18)

* Jesus with us in our _____

2. Glorious Gospel _____ (3:19-21)

A. Proclaiming to spirits in prison –

* Jesus with us in our _____

B. Baptism now saves you? –

* We with Jesus in his _____

3. Glorious Gospel _____ (3:22)

* We with Jesus in his _____

Conclusion: Perspicuity of Our Hope

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Keys
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Blake Stuart** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Amanda Tatum** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Announcements

Adult Connect Community Classes

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 invited to join us for our next Parent CAFE this Thursday, April 27, from 6:00- 7:30pm in the Lodge. We will have 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 and invite a friend!

Day of Prayer and Hymn Sing

Join with us in our monthly Day of Prayer for our relationships with our neighbors Wednesday, May 3. This month we will begin our 6:00pm gathering with a "hymn sing" led by DJ Baptiste before spending some time praying together.

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 to sign up to be a Crew Leader today! Registration for kids opens soon!

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 25

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, April 26

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

Thursday, April 27

10:00am – Women's Bible Study
6:00pm – Parent CAFE

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.

Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$39,723

Year to Date Giving

\$596,070



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Ask that we would learn to focus on the image of God in others so that we treat one another and our neighbors with the value God gives each of us.

Pray for relationships marked by love, honesty, and trust between parents and kids at every stage of life.

Ask for boldness and intentionality in workplace and neighborhood relationships - that we might share the hope of Christ with those regularly in our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for God's direction and provision as we search for a Director of Operations for Southwood staff.

Pray for members who are caring for aging parents and overwhelmed both physically and emotionally.

Pray for our youth and children's teams as they prepare for next Thursday's Parent CAFE, plan a summer missions trip to DC, and work to hire summer interns.

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.

Praise God that he has protected the health of our daughter Benitaah and is providing for her needs in Lexington, KY.

We also praise God for all our faithful donors and the sacrifices they make to support our ministry here in Togo.

Pray that the students at our school would be safe while in our care and that we would have a strong finish to the school year.

Senior Member

Elaine Looney

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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
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

Southwood's Mission

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

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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