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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 30, 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

“My wife and my children are so dearly beloved unto me, that they cannot be bought from me for all the riches and possessions of the duke of Bavaria; but, for the love of my Lord God, I will willingly forsake them.”

George Carpenter  
martyred in Munich, Germany, 1527

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

PEOPLE: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!*

LEADER: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

ALL: *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

from Psalm 36

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

## SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

“All For Jesus”

## 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 dependence upon and trust in our God.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23

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

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

## SONGS

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"  
"He Will Rejoice"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Give Me Jesus"

*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 4:1-6

“Sin or Suffering? Self or Savior?”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

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:** Jesus Choosing

## **Key Suffering Principle:**

The threat of suffering presents a life-shaping choice between your sin and your Savior.

Life-or-Death Choices through History

Life-Shaping Choices Today

**Conclusion:** Choosing Jesus

### **Helping Lead Today's Worship Service**

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Marc Simons** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

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## Announcements

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### Day of Prayer and Hymn Sing

Join with us in our monthly Day of Prayer for our relationships with our neighbors this Wednesday, May 3. This month we will gather at 6:00pm at the church and add to our regular time of prayer a “hymn sing” led by DJ Baptiste.

### VBS Crew Leader Volunteers

Our “Stellar” Vacation Bible School is June 20-22 from 9am to noon, and we want all of you to join us! Register your kids (completed K through 5th grade) today at southwood.org. We also need volunteers of all sorts and are especially 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 the web site to sign up to be a volunteer!

### 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!

### Worship at Fleming Farms - Today!

Join us at 2:30pm in building relationships with our neighbors as Southwood leads a worship service for the residents of Fleming Farms Senior Living.

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### This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 30

6:00am – Men’s Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
2:30pm – Worship@Fleming Farms  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, May 2

9:00am – Presbytery @ Tuscumbia

### Wednesday, May 3

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:00pm – Kids Club  
6:00pm – Prayer Gathering/Hymn Sing

*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.*

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### Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week’s Giving

\$27,831

### Year to Date Giving

\$623,901



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

### We are driven by relationships.

Pray that new members and visitors would be quickly and deeply connected in community in our church family.

Ask that Holy Spirit would comfort those in our community who are lonely and give us God's heart to love and befriend them.

Pray for new relationships with neighbors and co-workers who are in need of the hope of Christ.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Ann Elizabeth "Annie" Searcy to Phillip and Maddie this week.

Pray for encouragement and growing relationships among the parents of our church and community following Thursday night's Parent CAFE.

Pray for our college students as they complete exams and end-of-the-year projects and as many prepare to head to RUF Summer Conference.

Pray that God would provide female summer interns and full-time staff for our youth ministry.

Pray for our Sunday afternoon worship service at Fleming Farms to uplift the name of Christ and the hearts of our neighbors.

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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.*

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.

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## Senior Member

### Clayton and Nanette Morgan

443 Jasmine Dr.  
Madison, AL 35757

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## Expectant Mothers

**Brett Stanfield** — May 2023

**Sarah Putman** — May 2023

**Megan Craig** — June 2023

**Alaine Moss** — July 2023

**Stephanie Tomes** — July 2023

**Amanda Tatum** — July 2023

**Jessica Stroud** — September 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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