



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.

August 16, 2026

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

“There existed no love but the love of Jesus equal to the work of salvation. Love less divine, less strong, less gentle, could never have won your heart, uprooted your enmity, tore you from your idols; enthroning Christ, all of Christ, Christ only, Christ supremely, Christ forever! Beloved, nothing shall take the love of Christ from you, or separate you from it. It does not ebb with the ebbing of your feelings; it does not chill with the chill of your affections; it does not change with the changing scenes and circumstances of your life.”

Octavius Winslow
The Sympathy of Christ

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

PEOPLE: *But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, Jesus*

LEADER: Whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

PEOPLE: *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

ALL: *After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Hebrews 1:1-3

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

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“Blessed Assurance”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

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| • Will Spink Senior Pastor | • Ron Poteat Electric Guitar |
| • Bill Harritt Associate Pastor | • Marcus Pope Drums |
| • Jeremy McCoy Announcements | • Angela Baptiste Vocals |
| • DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry | • Jarrett Kaempfer Audio |
| • Newt Johnson Piano | • Steve Long Livestream |
| • Nick Walker Bass Guitar | • Padyn Pearson Slides |

Worship Service

We affirm
together what
we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

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

SONG

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

God places
the sign of his
promise of
forgiveness on
one who trusts
Him.

BAPTISM

Gage Lambert

SONG

“Bless the Lord”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD
Revelation 1:1-9-20
“Seeing Great and Good Jesus”

SONG OF RESPONSE
“Be Thou My Vision”

God sends us on
his mission with
his blessing.

BENEDICTION
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up
his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Following the Worship Service

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

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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 the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

Introduction: Why We Need to See Jesus (1:9-11)

1. Seeing Jesus as _____ (1:12-17)

2. Seeing Jesus as _____ (1:17-20)

Conclusion: How We See Jesus Up Close

Grace Group Questions *(for fuller discussion guide, visit southwood.org)*

1. When in life are you tempted to give in to the values and power of the world around you? In what situations are you tempted to give up and just feel hopelessly small?
2. Do you think you tend to see Jesus' greatness or goodness more clearly? What might change in your life if you saw both of them together when you consider who He is?
3. Can seeing Jesus clearly actually change how you live – make you humble, bold, or calm? (Read II Corinthians 3:18) How has it actually helped you in a specific situation?

Announcements

New Connect Community Classes

Starting today following the service:

"We Would See Jesus" (Rm E) with Alan Judge, Bill Nash, & Kevin Jones

The Gospel and Work" (Rm D) with Lance Cooper and Thomas Davison

"1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude" (Rm A) with Kevin Ellis, Julie Blauwkamp, and Heather Morris.

Grace Group Kickoff Tailgate Party

It's time to say "so long, summer" and kick off the fall Grace Group season! Join us at the Lodge on Saturday, August 29, 11am to 1pm. Bring your Grace Group (or adopt one for the day!), family, a pop-up tent, lawn chairs, and your favorite tailgate food to share. We'll have inflatables, Kona Ice, games, and plenty of fun as we celebrate together.

Leadership Training Class

Everyone (men and women, longtime members and new visitors) is invited to join Pastor Will for a 5-week module, "Leadership Essentials," starting this Wednesday, Aug 19, 6-8pm, Rm B. No sign-up needed.

Welcome to Southwood Class

Are you interested in learning more about the heart of Christianity or Southwood? Join Pastor Will starting Sunday, Sept 13, 11am in Rm B. Email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to sign up.

Save the Date for Worship Night

September 13 at 6pm. Invite friends!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, August 16

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

6:30pm – No Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, August 18

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

6:00pm – Leadership Training Class

Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and coed groups meet through the week.

Grace Group Sign-ups Are Open

Whether you're joining a Grace Group for the first time or entering the "Transfer Portal" to find a group that fits you better, we'd love to help you. Link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/SPCGGs>

Deacon/Finance Update

Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.

July-Sept Budget Goal: \$864,693

July-Sept Giving to Date: \$331,266

Last Week's Giving: \$90,700



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Pray that the glory, majesty, and grace of Jesus would consume all of our thoughts, dreams, and pursuits.

Ask that we would live sacrificially before a watching world, so others will witness the value of knowing Jesus in our lives.

Pray for fervent love for our neighbors that springs from the pursuing love Christ has shown to us.

Specific Needs

Praise God for his provision for Alabama A&M RUF Intern Nisha Brown, whose funding goals have been met since sharing with us last Sunday.

Pray for Bud Smith, who is recovering at home now after a fall last weekend.

Pray for Bettie Murray, 93, who has been moved to hospice care this week.

Praise God for the birth of Sam Estes Ratliff, Jr., to Sam and Maggie last week.

Pray for Larry Gee, who has been battling illness all week and hoping to regain strength.

Pray for God to raise up future leaders for Southwood as we begin a Leadership Training Class Wednesday night.

Mission Partner Focus

Pray for **Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UAH**, led by James Jardin, Campus Minister, alongside Kelly Murphree, RUF staff, and interns Ellie Duke and Ian Jones. RUF seeks to reach college students with the hope of the gospel, helping them grow in their faith, find Christian community, and live as followers of Jesus on campus and beyond.

As a new semester begins, please pray for the RUF team as they welcome new students to campus and build relationships with students who may be searching for community and a place to belong.

Pray for the launch of large group gatherings and other ministry events, that these would create opportunities for students to hear the gospel, grow in their faith, and develop meaningful Christian community.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter

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Expectant Mothers

Emma Chambers — September 2026

Amber Colvard — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 2026

Hannah Platko — September 2026

Amy Dobrowansky — October 2026

Brantley Evans — October 2026

Ashlyn Everett — October 2026

Katelyn Welch — November 2026

Riley Brechin — December 2026

**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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