



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 23, 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

“What matters more to us—that we successfully put others in their place, or that we are known to love well? That we win culture wars with carefully constructed arguments and political power plays, or that we win hearts with humility, truth, and love? God have mercy on us if we do not love well because all that matters to us is being right and winning arguments. Truth and love can go together. Truth and love *must* go together.”

Scott Sauls, *Jesus Outside the Lines*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God has highly exalted Christ Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

PEOPLE: *At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

LEADER: His name is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

ALL: *May Jesus Christ be praised!*

From Philippians 2, Revelation 19

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

SONG

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- James Jardin Story of Grace
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

PEOPLE: *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

LEADER: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

PEOPLE: *Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

ALL: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

Psalm 51:1-12

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”

We share with one another of God’s work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Worship Service

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

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

God invites us
to taste and see
his goodness
in the bread
and cup that
represent the
body and blood
of Jesus for us.

God sends us on
his mission with
his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD
Revelation 2:1-7
“Heart Check from Jesus”

LORD’S SUPPER
The Lord’s Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as communing members or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.
* *Gluten-free bread is available in center front and back.*
* *Grape juice is in clear cups in the outer ring of each tray, while wine is in purple cups in the inner rings.*

SONG OF RESPONSE
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

The **Sender** (2:1):

The **Commendations**:

1. Working _____ (2:2)
2. Defending _____ (2:2,6)
3. Enduring _____ (2:2-3)

The **Critique**: _____ Your _____ (2:4-5)

The **Promise** (2:7):

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

1. When have you been factually or theologically right (accurate) but failing to love someone well at the same time? Why are those realities often connected?
2. What characterized you or your church when you first met Jesus that you feel is missing from your life recently? What else may have grabbed your affection since then?
3. What could repentance look like - both in turning back to Jesus and in bearing fruit of a renewed life ("first works")? How can you begin that process even this week?

Announcements

Adult Connect Community Classes

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

Join us at the Lodge this Saturday, Aug. 29, 11am-1pm. Bring your Grace Group (or join one for a day), family, pop-up tent, lawn chair, and tailgate food to share. We'll bring inflatables, Kona Ice, games, and plenty of fun!

Welcome to Southwood Class

Interested in learning more about the heart of Christianity or Southwood? Join Pastor Will starting Sunday, Sept 13, 11am in Rm B. Sign up with wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Women's Grace Groups

Women's groups begin Sept. 9-10 (Wednesdays 6:30pm, Thursdays 10am). We'll explore the New Testament with *Finding Your Way*. Meals Wednesdays; childcare Thursdays. New participants welcome! Register at southwood.org.

Leadership Training Class

"Leadership Essentials" with Pastor Will continues this Wednesday at 6pm, Rm B. Everyone is welcome.

Worship Night Coming Soon

Our next Worship Night will be September 13 at 6pm for a wonderful evening of hymns. Invite friends!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, August 23

- 8:45am – Prayer Gathering
- 9:30am – Worship Service
- 11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
- 5:00pm – Youth Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

- 6:00pm – Leadership Training Class

Saturday, August 29

- 11:00am – Grace Group Tailgate Party

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: \$372,755

Last Week's Giving: \$41,490



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.

Ask for hearts that increasingly listen to trust the voice of our Good Shepherd over any other voice we hear.

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

Ask that Holy Spirit would continue to show us how the Scriptures point our hearts to Jesus, particularly in the pages of Revelation with our conquering and coming King

Specific Needs

Pray for many in our congregation who are dealing with new health diagnoses or seeking wisdom in treatment decisions

Pray for our youth volunteers and parents as they meet this weekend to prepare for a new year of ministry with our young people.

Pray for Bettie Murray and her family as she remains in hospice care this week.

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

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Expectant Mothers

Katie Atkins — September 2026

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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