



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 9, 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

“How can we break our heart’s fixation on doing ‘some great thing’ in order to heal ourselves of our sense of inadequacy, in order to give our lives meaning? Only when we see what Jesus, our great Suffering Servant, has done for us will we finally understand why God’s salvation does not require us to do ‘some great thing.’ We don’t have to do it, because Jesus did it all for us, and he loves us — that is how we know our existence is justified. When we believe in what he accomplished for us with our minds, and when we are moved by what he did for us in our hearts, it begins to kill off the addiction, the need for success at all costs.”

Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures ... and day and night they never cease to say,

PEOPLE: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

ALL: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

Revelation 4:5-11

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- Story of Grace Marcus Nobles
- Story of Grace Rhonisha Brown
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Chandler McCoy Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio/Slides
- Andrew Foreman Livestream

Worship Service

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

SONG
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
Merciful God and King, like a father embracing his children, you have gathered us into your loving arms. Yet we have turned away from you, and have sought comfort and security in other things: wealth, family, work, and the approval of others. We have been selfish with our time and attention. We have sought the praise of others instead of your glory. Rather than trusting in you, we have relied on our own strength and cleverness. Gracious Father, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us turn from sin and flee temptation. Renew our hearts, and conform us to your image, that we may delight to love you, faithfully serve you, and walk in humble obedience before you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

SONG
“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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

STORY OF GRACE

SONG
“Mighty to Save”

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

“Revelation Song”

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Revelation 1:1-8
“More Than Meets the Eye”

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

“Revelation Song”

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6



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 Connecting Spaces (exit sanctuary; turn right)

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

Revelation Overview:

In spite of real evil and darkness in human history and your life ...

_____ wins (don't lose heart; there's real hope!)
_____ prevails (the best is yet to come!)
_____ reigns (worship Him!)

What do we need to know up front about the nature of Revelation? (1:1-3)

1. Apocalyptic – Unveiling of _____ by _____
2. Prophetic – So we see _____ truth
3. Letter – For our _____

What do we need to know up front about the One giving the blessing? (1:4-8)

1. God the Father:
2. God the Spirit:
3. God the Son:
 - _____ Witness
 - _____ of the Dead
 - _____ of Kings on Earth

What do we need to know up front about ourselves? (1:6)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

God is bringing his precious, purchased people to share his limitless glory and joy in a perfect home forever!

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

1. What do you think of when you think of the book of Revelation? How does that fit or not fit with how it tells us to receive its truth?
2. What is the most wonderful aspect in your eyes of the description of Jesus in verses 5 and 6? How does it increase your awe at his love for you?
3. In what way or area of life do you struggle with feeling unloved/unwanted, trapped/stuck, or small/insignificant? How can a vision of the "God who wins" help you?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour Today

While our Grace Group leaders gather to prepare for this fall, all other adults join Pastor Will in the Connecting Spaces following the service for a discussion on being Christ-Centered as a church and a Christian.

Grace Group Sign-ups Are Open

“Get in the Game” & find community in a Grace Group this fall! 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 signup: <https://bit.ly/SPCGGs>

Leadership Training Class

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Will for Module 1: “Leadership Essentials” starting at 6pm, Wednesday, Aug 19, Room B. No need to sign up. See you there!

Men’s Dinner and Vision Casting

Join us this Thursday, August 13, 6-8pm, in the Lodge as we share a framework for the future of ministry to men at Southwood to create meaningful pathways to grow in Christ together. All men invited! If you’d like to shape, lead, support, or participate in the future of men’s ministry, we’d love to have you! Link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/MensDnD813>

Welcome to Southwood Class

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

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 9

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – Grace Group Leader Mtg
12:00pm – 6th Grade Blessing Lunch
6:30pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, August 11

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Thursday, August 13

6:00pm – Men’s Dinner & Vision Casting

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.

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: \$240,565

Last Week’s Giving: \$73,517



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 Holy Spirit to help us slow down in our busy lives to treasure the great worth of knowing Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pray for grace to honor Christ in the midst of suffering and that our hope would remain firmly fixed in his eternal glory.

Ask for a growing sense of what it means to live for Christ beyond Sundays in each of our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for Tommy McMurtrie, who remains hospitalized in ICU after suffering a stroke last week.

Pray for Kim Watkins in the death of her grandmother this week.

Pray for our pastors and all of us to have a clear vision of Jesus as we begin our series in Revelation.

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

Pray for our sixth graders and parents as they rejoice in God's blessing as they move into this new season.

Pray for the Woods family as they gather for Cynthia Mann's memorial service Sunday.

Pray for our Grace Group leaders as they prepare for the new year.

Mission Partner Focus

Pray for RUF at Alabama A&M led by Campus Minister Marcus Nobles and Intern Rhonisha Brown. RUF exists to reach college students with the hope of the gospel, equip them to follow Christ, and send them into the world to serve His Kingdom. Through Bible studies, discipleship, and outreach, Marcus and Rhonisha invest in students and help build a gospel-centered community on campus.

As students return for fall semester, Southwood is collecting donations for the Bulldog Pantry, a campus resource providing food and essential items for students in need. Please bring items to the Missions Counter: college-ruled notebooks, loose-leaf paper, index cards, sticky notes, folders, binders, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, canned goods (with pop-top lids), bottled water, chips, juice boxes, Pop-Tarts, peanut butter.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

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Expectant Mothers

Maggie Ratliff — August 2026
Emma Chambers — September 2026
Amber Colvard — September 2026
Alyshia Martin — September 2026
Hannah Platko — September 2026
Amy Dobrowsky — 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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