



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.

February 18, 2024

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Isaiah 9:2

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

ALL: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalms 27:1,4

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

SONGS

“Mighty to Save”
“Great Are You, Lord”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Travis Buchanan Percussion
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation and those times we have been stubborn in loving correction. Forgive us for the times we have been proud of our own achievements and have failed to glorify you. Forgive us for when we have harshly judged others and been lenient to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us for the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ our Savior's name, Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

God places the sign of his promises on the children of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISMS

Bennett Aleece, Lane Taylor, and Whitten Poe Stroud
Daughters and son of Taylor and Jessica Stroud

SONG

"Doxology"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Light of the World"

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

John 8:12-30
"The Light of the World"

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 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 Connecting Spaces or rooms on hallway across from 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: The Light Show at the Feast of Booths

1. The desperation of walking in _____
2. Jesus as the _____ we desperately need
3. Light _____ us and _____ us

Conclusion: Light from Eternity that Transforms Today

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

1. Where in your heart/life are you experiencing the desperation of the darkness on a daily basis?
2. How would you share with someone who doesn't see his need for Jesus the importance of believing in Him as the Light of the World?
3. What difference does daily seeing Jesus as the light from another world make with your fears, your friendships, and your hopes?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Following the worship service, adults gather with one another for training on leading a Grace Group (Connecting Spaces), a study of the Parables of Jesus (Room D), a study of the Book of Exodus (Room A), and the Welcome to Southwood class (Room B). You are invited to join any of these gatherings.

Worship Night

Invite your friends and join us for our next Worship Night at 6pm Thursday, February 29.

Fleming Farms - TODAY!

Join us for worship at Fleming Farms Senior Living today at 2:30pm.

Food Collection for HAP

Donate non-perishable food items for one of our local partners, the Huntsville Assistance Program, again next Sunday. Bar soap and toilet paper are also needed for the pantry. Drop off on tables near Guest Center.

Women's Conference @ WPC

Our sister church, Westminster, is hosting an "Extravagant Grace" women's conference with Barbara Duguid March 1-2. Sign up by tomorrow at wpc-hsv.org.

Stories of Grace - Share Yours!

One of our favorite things to do as a church family is to share stories of God's gracious work in our hearts and lives. If you would like to share such a story (in any format), please email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org. A pastor will contact you to listen and help discern best ways to share.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 20

6:00pm – Love Our GG Leaders

Wednesday, February 21

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Kids Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 22

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Friday and Saturday, Feb 23-24

Officers Retreat

Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$34,863

Year to Date Giving

\$209,934



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that God would protect us from self-promotion and pride that would seek to build our own kingdoms rather than Christ's.

Pray that our shared Savior would be much more significant in our hearts than our many differences in other areas

Ask that Holy Spirit would make us willing to suffer for the sake of our Savior as He has done for us.

Specific Needs

Pray for Brian Trach, who broke his hip in a fall last weekend and is now in the process of rehab following surgery.

Pray for our Grace Group leaders as we honor and thank them in particular Tuesday night.

Pray for Sunday's worship service at Fleming Farms to be an encouraging time of reconnection with our neighbors there.

Pray for those in our congregation caring for aging loved ones to have the patience and gentleness of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for wisdom, unity, and refreshment of soul for our church leaders as they participate in their annual retreat next weekend.

Missions Partner Requests

Justin and Alanna Huston - Ireland

Justin and Alanna lead the Ireland Serge Apprenticeship team, a program where post-college age men and women come to serve for two years to learn cross-cultural ministry. Justin and Alanna also oversee the summer internship program, Encounter. You can reach them at jhuston@serge.org. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for our apprentice James as his term comes to a close in May: that we would lead him well in these final months, that he would be able to have good goodbyes with his community here, and that he would transition smoothly as he heads to start seminary at Covenant upon his return to the States.

Pray for our recruitment efforts, that God would bring us more teammates, both long term and apprentices.

Senior Member

Eileen Sessions

1613 Montdale Rd.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

Beth Patton — February 2024

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024

**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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