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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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**January 14, 2024**  
**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

“It is not reverent to erect barriers of icy formality (with God) which Jesus died to tear down. Doing so is pious rebellion. There is no more beautiful reverence in the sight of God than the simple heartcry, ‘Abba! Father!’”

Ray Ortlund, Jr.  
*Supernatural Living for Natural People*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

ALL: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!*

Psalms 96:1-4

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

## SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”  
“God So Loved”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Alan Judge Ruling Elder
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Lily Kate Swoboda Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

## SONGS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Nothing But The Blood”

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

“Windows in the World”

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

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 6:16-40

“Bread of Life Sermon, Part 1”

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

## 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 members themselves 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.*

“Untitled Hymn”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“God So Loved”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

LEADER: The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ... He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

*ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Revelation 22:17-21

## 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 Comes ... We are safe with Him! (6:16-21)

**Human Struggle #1:** Demanding God to perform for us (6:22-26)

*Jesus' Response #1:* Seek lasting satisfaction (6:27)

**Human Struggle #2:** Demanding us to perform for God (6:28)

*Jesus' Response #2:* Come to me (6:29)

**Human Struggle #3:** Demanding more, not being satisfied with Jesus (6:30-31)

*Jesus' Response #3:* Come find lasting satisfaction in me (6:32-35)

Conclusion: Jesus Comes ... We are safe with Him! (6:36-40)

### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. Where do you see the heart of the crowd in your own heart/life?
2. Read Psalm 42. Which emotions of the psalmist do you relate to? In those emotions, how do you embrace Jesus' promise in John 6:35?
3. What does coming to Jesus need to look like for you? What is one thing you might need to do more or less of to find lasting satisfaction in Him?

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# Announcements

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## Connect Hour Today

In preparation for our Express Grace Conference at the end of this month, two of our elders, Ray Sheppard and Skeets Simonis, will be sharing their stories of how God worked in their lives through college ministries and how He continues to this day. These Connect Communities will meet in Rooms A and D following the service.

## Express Grace Conference

Our annual conference is being held January 27-28 and features our campus ministry partners as we focus on "Equipping the Next Generation."

9:30am, Saturday, Jan 27, Lodge  
Bill Nash leads a panel discussion with some of our mission partners addressing effective ways to share the gospel with students/young adults.

6:00pm, Saturday, Jan 27, Main Bldg  
Hear brief presentations from three campus ministry partners, concluding with fellowship and desserts in the Connecting Spaces.

## Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, we invite you to join us for our next Welcome to Southwood class starting Sunday, February 11. Details to come!

## 2024 Churchwide Bible Reading Plan

Join our church family on our 2-year Bible adventure. This week we're reading parts of Nehemiah and Acts! Visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) for details or get a reading plan in the Narthex today.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 14

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

## Monday, January 15

Church office closed

## Tuesday, January 16

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

## Wednesday, January 17

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

## Thursday, January 18

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

## Friday-Sunday, January 19-21

Sr. High Retreat

*Become part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! Sign up at [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update Budget and Congregational Meeting

Final year-end income and expenses, as well as the 2024 budget, will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2023.



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## **Mission: 3 Key Relationships Relationship with One Another**

Ask that our Grace Groups would increasingly spur one another on to love and good deeds.

Pray for humility and forgiveness to mark our relationships because we embrace the centrality of Jesus' love for us.

Ask that Holy Spirit would unite our hearts in both weeping and rejoicing together.

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## **Specific Needs**

Pray for Ron and Martha Brady as they prepare to move into Brookdale Place at the end of the month and seek to sell their current home.

Pray for Cynthia Mann, who returned to the hospital this week and is working to regain strength.

Praise God that Taylor Bozeman has completed her chemotherapy regimen and pray for her continued treatment and healing.

Pray for Laura Wolfson to continue to make progress toward leaving behind ventilator, dialysis, and ICU.

Pray for Lana Austin, who is hospitalized again in Florida with heart complications.

Pray for our Women's Grace Groups as they resume meeting this week and next.

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## **Missions Partner Requests**

### **Express Grace Conference - Equipping the Next Generation**

*This year's Express Grace Conference will focus on our student ministry partners. As we prepare for this event, we will share requests from some of the leaders who will be participating. The following requests are from Marcus Nobles with RUF at Alabama A&M.*

Pray that we will be able to meet our fundraising goals in the upcoming semester.

Pray for our students and faculty as the amazing growth in enrollment comes with growing pains. Pray that the administration will make good decisions that will benefit the students as well as the campus.

Join with us in praying for our local church partners. Pray that their work continues and that we continued to be blessed by them.

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## **Senior Member**

### **Julie Miller**

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## **Expectant Mothers**

**Grace Guin** — January 2024

**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](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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