



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.

January 21, 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

“Thus it is, that the freer the gospel, the more sanctifying the gospel; and the more it is received as a doctrine of grace, the more will it be felt as a doctrine according to godliness. It is only when, as in the gospel, acceptance is bestowed as a present, without money and without price, that the security which man feels in God is placed beyond the reach of disturbance.”

Thomas Chalmers
The Expulsive Power of a New Affection

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD!

PEOPLE: *Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

LEADER: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

ALL: *I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

from Psalm 146 and Colossians 3

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

SONGS

“Doxology”

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Tamara Bodie Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

SONG

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

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

BAPTISMS

Jacob Bret Tatum

Son of Mark and Amanda Tatum

John Holland Ferguson

Son of Tony and Elisabeth Ferguson

SONG

"Amazing Grace"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"There is a Fountain"

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

Matthew 6:41-71

“Bread of Life Sermon, Part 2”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Help My Unbelief”

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.

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25



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

Sermon Notes

HONESTY: People worthy of our skepticism, even at times cynicism ...

HOPE: A Person worthy of our trust at all times ...

1. Jesus offers himself as the source of the life we can't achieve ourselves (6:41-51).
2. Jesus backs up his words by selflessly giving his life to give us life (6:51-59).
3. Jesus uniquely is a person, not a system, we can relate to for life (6:60-71).

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

1. What is one thing or person you should be more skeptical about? What is one thing or person you should be less skeptical about?
2. Read Isaiah 54:11-55:9. What is the hope God offers his exiled people here? How does Jesus intend it to build our trust in Him?
3. What emotions and actions would be appropriate for us if we believe Jesus and his words of life in this passage?

Announcements

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 next weekend, 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, 11:00-12:00. For more information or to sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 21

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

Tuesday, January 23

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28

Express Grace Conference

Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at southwood.org/grace-groups.

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.



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

Prayer Guide

Mission: 3 Key Relationships Relationship with Our Neighbors

Ask that God would bring fruit from new connections made during the difficult weather this week.

Pray for Holy Spirit to grow in us hearts that consider others' interests before our own and so love and serve generously.

Ask for boldness in sharing the hope of Jesus with people around us every day.

Specific Needs

Pray for Laura Wolfson's continued progression toward leaving the ICU and complete healing.

Pray for those in our community negatively impacted by the winter weather this week.

Pray for the final preparations for our Express Grace Conference and that our time together next weekend would grow our passion for reaching the next generation with the Gospel.

Praise God for good progress in Cynthia Mann's healing and continue to pray for complete recovery.

Pray for our Senior High Retreat this weekend, for the students attending, as well as for the staff and volunteers reworking the plans due to weather this week.

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 Vinnie Athey with RUF at UAH.

Pray that God would continue to draw students to himself through the large group, small group, and individual ministries of RUF at UAH.

Ask God to provide the needed financial contributions to support our staff and programs.

Pray for my family and especially my wife Molly as we look forward to the birth of our third child in May of this year.

Senior Member

Nell Skidmore

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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
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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