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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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**June 4, 2023**  
**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

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

"How Firm a Foundation"  
Rippon's Hymns (1787)

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

PEOPLE: *For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

LEADER: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

PEOPLE: *The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

LEADER: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

ALL: *for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Psalm 95:1-7

**We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.**

A Nursing Mothers' Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

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# Worship Service

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

## SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”  
“How Great”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

We affirm our confidence in Jesus as the One who provides true rest for us.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:27-30

## SONG

“The Lord Will Provide”

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

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

## SONG

“Come, Ye Sinners”

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# Worship Service

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

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

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"God Will Take Care of You"

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 5:6-11

"Living in Light of God"

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"God Will Take Care of You"

### BENEDICTION

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10-11



## 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: Living faithfully requires awareness of spiritual realities.

WHAT TO DO: \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by casting your burdens on God.

... Because of ...

WHAT'S TRUE: God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

WHAT TO DO: Be alert to \_\_\_\_\_ Satan.

... Because of ...

WHAT'S TRUE: Satan is \_\_\_\_\_; God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: Eternity is real ... and worth it!

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Newt Johnson** Bass Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Ron Poteat** Vocals
- **Kristin Symon** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Amanda Tatum** Slides
- **Steve Long** Livestream

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# Announcements

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## Community Cookout - TODAY!

Bring a friend and join us for burgers and hot dogs and a relaxing evening together. We will gather at Brahan Spring Park (pavilions 9-11) from 4pm to 7pm. Bring a side or dessert to share, as well as a lawn chair if you'd like. We'll enjoy the playground, disc golf, beach volleyball, the splash pad, and more together with our church family and our neighbors. You may still RSVP at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Day of Prayer and Prayer Gathering

Join our monthly Day of Prayer for our relationships with our neighbors this Wednesday, June 7. We will gather together at 12 noon in the Prayer Room. Kids especially welcome!

## Church Workday - This Saturday

Join us for a Work Day this Saturday, June 10, 9am to 3pm. All ages and skill levels welcome. Meet at Southwood. Some will work here; others will work at the Cornerstone Initiative. Bring hats, sunscreen, and water. Lunch provided.

## VBS Sign-ups

Our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School is June 20-22 from 9am to noon, and we want all of you and your friends to join us! Kids (completed K through 5th grade) and volunteers (older than 5th grade) can register today at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

## Lord's Supper Communication

We celebrate the Lord's Supper again next Sunday. An example juice/wine tray is available in the Narthex to help in preparing yourself or your kids.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, June 4

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
4:00pm – Community Cookout

## Wednesday, June 7

12:00pm – Day of Prayer/Gathering

## Thursday, June 8

1:00pm – JHL Mystery Meeting  
2:30pm – Women's Bible Study

## Saturday, June 10

9:00am – Church Work Day

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. To get connected, please visit [southwood.org/gg](http://southwood.org/gg).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$23,798

### Year to Date Giving

\$805,810



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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## Core Commitment

**We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.**

Ask God to give wisdom to the leaders of Huntsville - that the plans made for the future of our growing city would reflect the compassion of God and provide Gospel opportunities that we don't even see yet.

Pray for wisdom and generosity for our business leaders as they seek to lead and care well for their employees.

Ask God to bless our local and global partners as they seek to minister to the "least of these" in their communities.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Ivy Barber, 97, who has been hospitalized this week with fluid on her lungs and difficulty walking.

Pray that our Community Cookout Sunday evening will deepen many relationships with one another and our neighbors.

Pray for Drew and Taylor Bozeman as they continue to await test results and treatment plans for Taylor's recently diagnosed cancer.

Pray for Melissa Patterson as she begins her service as Southwood's Director of Operations.

Pray for our VBS volunteers as they train and prepare this week to show the next generation the love of our awesome God.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Rob and Tünde Futo - Budapest, Hungary**  
*The Fútos and their daughters, Hajni and Csenge, are church planters who lead the Cornerstone Evangelical Protestant Church in Budapest. This church has a growing congregation that is built on a solid foundation of the Gospel of grace. You can support them and their ministry by praying for these requests.*

We are preparing to plant two churches this coming fall and have two teams working hard to be ready. Pray for unity and strength in the midst of talking through controversial and difficult topics regarding the future of these church plants.

Praise God that our church has grown over the past several years. Pray that God will show us his solution for a meeting space that will accommodate us all.

Praise God for the engagement of our daughter Hajni as she and fiancé Mark plan to wed on August 26.

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## Senior Member

**Julie Miller**  
14016 Camden Circle  
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## Expectant Mothers

**Alaine Moss** — July 2023  
**Stephanie Tomes** — July 2023  
**Amanda Tatum** — July 2023  
**Jessica Stroud** — September 2023  
**Ashlyn Everett** — November 2023

**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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