



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.

March 10, 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

“Sometimes the only way to handle your suffering is to simply obey in the dark.”

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

ALL: We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

from Psalm 115

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

SONGS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Bill Nash** Visiting Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Kelvin Wooten** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Steve Long** Livestream
- **Josh Cash** Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible as we have our hurting hearts pointed to hope in Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Psalm 40:1-3

SONG

"All Must Be Well"

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, we confess we struggle to live in the freedom you have given us. We work to provide our own security. We labor to build our own kingdoms. We worry over controlling our own plans. Forgive us, Jesus, and give us grace to trust your faithful, loving, eternal care.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:14

SONG

"Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Cornerstone"

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 9:1-12

“Walking Through Darkness with Jesus”

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.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

“All Must Be Well”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick 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

1. The Question (v.1-2)
2. The Answer (v.3-5)
3. The Miracle (v.6-7)
4. The Response (v.8-12)

Why it matters: Nothing in our story is wasted!

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

1. In the passage from John 9, why do the disciples ask Jesus whether the blind man or his parents sinned, leading to his blindness? How does this reflect common responses to suffering in our own lives?
2. Jesus responds to the disciples' question by stating that neither the blind man nor his parents sinned to cause his blindness. What does this reveal about God's nature and his relationship with suffering?
3. In the sermon, it's mentioned that suffering often leads to questions about God's love and presence. Have you ever struggled with doubts about God's love or felt abandoned in times of suffering? How did you navigate those doubts, and what helped you find comfort and reassurance?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Join us following the worship service as we gather to discuss the Parables of Jesus (Room D), the Book of Exodus (Room A), and the Welcome to Southwood class (Room B).

Easter Week Services

We will celebrate special Easter Week services on Maundy Thursday (6pm, Lord's Supper), Good Friday (6pm), and Sunrise (6:30am) on Easter Sunday. We love welcoming many friends and neighbors on Easter and always need help in the nursery during the 9:30 service. To volunteer, tell kim.delchamps@southwood.org.

Register for Women's Retreat

Join us April 5-7 at Joe Wheeler State Park as we build relationships with one another and grow in becoming "Disciples Who Make Disciples." Register today at southwood.org. Price is \$200/full retreat or \$60/Saturday only. Scholarships available.

Southwood Voices - Rehearsal Dates

Southwood Voices choir rehearsals are 6pm to 6:45pm on Wednesdays March 20 and 27 to prepare for Easter. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us!

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, March 10

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, March 13

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – No Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 14

10:00am – No Women's Bible Study

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

\$74,624

Year to Date Giving

\$341,362



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Church Work Day - Save the Date

Join our deacons Saturday, March 23, as we tackle some projects around our church campus.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that Holy Spirit would develop a deepening desperation within each of us for revival in our hearts and community that can come only from God.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our children more than they learn from our self-reliant or even at times hardened or cynical perspective.

Ask that God would make our dreams of his kingdom coming here on earth so big that we would be driven to plead for his help to see them accomplished.

Specific Needs

Pray for Ron Brady as he continues to recover from Covid this week.

Pray for Cam Burley and his family in the death of his mother this week.

Pray for rest and refreshment for students, teachers, and families during this Spring Break week.

Pray for preparations for our Easter Week services and for family, friends, and neighbors who may join us for those celebrations.

Missions Partner Requests

Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center
The HPRC has provided free and confidential help for those facing pregnancy-related decisions since 1981. Along with free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, parenting classes for moms and dads are also available. Please support this ministry by praying for the following requests.

Praise God with us for opportunities to share the gospel with our clients, and help us pray that many would accept Christ as a result.

Pray that the women who visit the clinic would continue to feel loved and heard when they speak with our staff and volunteers.

Ask God to send new Client Advocate volunteers to support the ministry of the HPRC.

Senior Member

Sue Urban
9006 Randall Rd.
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Expectant Mothers

Lauren Taylor — May 2024
Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024
Shealy Holliday — May 2024
Sarah Collins — June 2024
Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024
Haley Clendinen — July 2024
Rachel Johnson — August 2024
Haley Bynum — August 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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