



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 3, 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

“There is delight which is given not to the wicked, but to those who worship you for no reward save the joy that you yourself are to them. That is the authentic happy life, to set one’s joy on you, grounded in you and caused by you. That is the real thing, and there is no other. Those who think that the happy life is found elsewhere, pursue another joy and not the true one.”

Kevin DeYoung

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.

ALL: Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

Nehemiah 9:5

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS

“Bless the Lord”
“House of the Lord”

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Michael Babin** Acousitc Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

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

BAPTISM

James Lancaster Stanfield, Jr.
Son of James and Brett Stanfield

SONGS

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
"Who You Say We Are"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Jesus Hymn Medley"

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 8:39-59
"Life-or-Death Distinction"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Who You Say We Are"

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 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. "Natural Christianity" (8:39-47)

- Claims God by _____

- Talks about God but doesn't _____ what God _____

2. "Supernatural Christianity" (8:48-58)

- Claims God by _____

- _____ the Jesus the Father _____

3. What difference does it make? (8:59)

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

1. How strong is your "natural" association with Jesus? How has that impacted your realization of your need for Him?

2. How does "natural (cultural) Christianity" create obstacles for evangelism with our neighbors as well as pathways for evangelism with our neighbors?

3. How has fear of death shown up in your life? How does life in Jesus set you free and change the way you live?

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).

Register for our Women's Retreat

Join us April 5-7 at Joe Wheeler State Park as we discuss being "Disciples Who Make Disciples." Space limited! 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 6, 20, and 27 to prepare for Easter Sunday. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us! If you are new to the group, please sign up at southwood.org.

Plan Ahead for Easter

We will celebrate special Easter Week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise on Easter Sunday. We love welcoming many friends and neighbors on Easter and always need help in the nursery during the 9:30 service. If you would like to volunteer, tell kim.delchamps@southwood.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, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

10:00am – 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

\$25,600

Year to Date Giving

\$266,738



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.

Pray that Holy Spirit will work in us hearts of compassion and care that pray regularly for the needs of others within and beyond our church family.

Ask for growing humility in our church that sees dependence on God as a virtue rather than a weakness.

Pray for increasing delight in our Heavenly Father that we might linger with Him, listen to Him, and pour out our hearts to Him.

Specific Needs

Praise God that Brian Trach has returned home and is recovering well from his hip surgery.

Pray for Frank and Pat Six as they continue to recover from Covid at home.

Pray for Holy Spirit's work in the young people who have just completed Communicants Class and are processing their relationships with God.

Pray for the children and adult choirs preparing to lead us in worship during Easter week.

Pray for God's direction on our local and national leaders as we vote in primary elections this week.

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

Marie Hill

1314 Clinton Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35801

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

**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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