



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 31, 2024

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Easter Celebration

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

Tim Keller
The Meaning of Marriage

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

TRADITIONAL GREETING

LEADER: The Lord is risen!

PEOPLE: *He is risen indeed!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Christ is risen! He appeared alive to Cephas, then to the twelve disciples, then to more than 500 people, then to James, then to all the apostles, and then to Paul himself.

PEOPLE: *By his wounds we are healed! Christ is risen from the dead!*

LEADER: Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are now born again to a living hope.

PEOPLE: *And we will be raised with him! Christ is risen from the dead!*

LEADER: Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are born again to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept secure in heaven for us.

PEOPLE: *Death is dead! Christ is risen from the dead!*

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- Holly Higginbotham Story of Grace
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

Worship Service

LEADER: Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we now live under God's grace and sin no longer has dominion over us.

PEOPLE: Love has won! Christ is risen from the dead!

LEADER: Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are justified by faith and have peace with God.

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

from 1 Peter 1, Romans 5 and 6, 1 Corinthians 15

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

SONGS

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
"Resurrection Hymn"

PRAYER OF HOPE

We share with one another of God's work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

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

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10

SONG

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONGS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 10:10-21
"I Am the Good Shepherd"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Our Easter celebration commences outdoors, weather permitting. Join us next Sunday 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

Introduction: The Good Life?

1. Fully _____

2. Fully _____

3. _____

Conclusion: The Good Life is with the Good Shepherd.

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

1. What things would you put on a list of what makes up “the good life”? How do we find those and even more in Jesus?
2. Read Psalm 23. If Jesus is our shepherd, why do we still struggle with feeling “want” or lack?
3. Where does a risen/living Jesus make a difference in your life this week?

Announcements

Easter Celebration – TODAY

Join us today after the worship service for our Easter Celebration, complete with a kids' egg hunt, family (selfie) photo stations, and sweet treats for all!

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Ready to make a splash? At Scuba VBS (June 10-13, 9am to noon), we'll dive into friendship with God and help kids discover evidence of him in everyday life. Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We would love to have you partner with us in one of the most exciting weeks of the year at Southwood! Get more details and register via the Kids page at southwood.org.

Grace Groups

At Southwood we pursue deepening relationships with God, one another, and our neighbors through smaller communities we call "Grace Groups." We want everyone here engaged in these communities, so please visit southwood.org/grace-groups to get connected.

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 31

6:30am – Sunrise Service
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Easter Celebration
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, April 2

5:30pm – Discipleship Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

5:00pm – Shepherding Meeting
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 4

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Friday-Sunday, April 5-7

Women's Retreat, Rogersville, AL

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

\$32,840

Year to Date Giving

\$441,754



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that the gratitude for a living Savior who intercedes for us would give us hope even when we don't know how to pray.

Pray that Holy Spirit would work boldness in us to approach the throne of grace because Jesus died to open the way for us to draw near to God.

Ask that prayer would become a conversation we long to linger in because we know our Savior lives to meet us and grow our relationship with Him.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood member Thomas Thelen and Izzy Augustin last weekend.

Pray for Stephen and Amy Dobrowansky as they grieve the miscarriage of their child last week.

Pray that Holy Spirit would work a growing love for our crucified and risen Savior in each of us through our special Easter Week services.

Pray for final preparations for our Women's Retreat next weekend, especially for those who are praying through sharing some of their stories of discipleship.

Pray that our young people would embrace the joy of Jesus and the relationship they can have with Him.

Missions Partner Requests

The Cornerstone Initiative

This ministry provides spiritual, relational, and educational support to those dealing with the challenges of material poverty. Class participants receive employment and financial training using curriculums that are grounded in biblical principles. You can support CornerStone by praying for these requests.

Ask God to open doors for our current Jobs for Life class members as they seek new and meaningful employment.

Praise God that so many of our participants are growing their faith by sharing prayer requests and having the opportunity to see answers.

Pray that God will make his care known to these individuals as they seek him in the coming week.

Senior Member

Sandy Newby

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Expectant Mothers

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Abigail Hess Tredal — May 2024

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024

Haley Clendinen — July 2024

Rachel Johnson — August 2024

Haley Bynum — August 2024

Cayce McAlister — 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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