



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.

May 14, 2023

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

"86 years I have served (Christ), and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?"

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna,
before being martyred (155AD)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

PEOPLE: And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, and day and night they never cease to say,

ALL: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

from Revelation 4

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

SONGS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Nothing But the Blood"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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.

Worship Service

We encourage one another by sharing of God's gracious work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

God places the sign of his covenant promises on the one who places his trust in Him.

BAPTISMS

*Gabriel Arnold
Cooper Stefanie*

SONG

"Amazing Grace"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 4:12-19

“Responding to Suffering”

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 on each table.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

“All Must Be Well”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 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

Announcements

Community Cookout: Sunday, June 4

Bring a friend and join us for free burgers and hot dogs and a relaxing evening together. We will gather at Brahan Spring Park (pavilions 9-11) from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday, June 4. 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. RSVP at southwood.org.

VBS Sign-ups

Our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School is June 20-22 from 9am to noon, and we want all of you to join us! Register your kids (completed K through 5th grade) or yourself as a volunteer today at southwood.org.

Connect with Young Professionals

Looking to connect with other awesome young professionals? Visit southwood.org/yopro to get more info about our "YoPro" group. Sign up today to hear about a gathering this Friday, May 19, at the Food Truck Rally at Big Spring Park.

Security on Sundays

Off-duty Police Officer Sierra Dillard will be at Southwood (primarily outside) regularly on Sundays moving forward. Her presence is a part of our normal security precautions (as was our practice prior to Covid as well) rather than a response to any specific new concern. Thanks to our deacons for their ongoing care for us and our safety when we gather.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 14

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

Tuesday, May 16

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

3:30pm – Bible Study@Fleming Farms

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$54,517

Year to Date Giving

\$712,095



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Church Workday - June 10

Save the date. Saturday, June 10, 9am to 3pm. Details coming soon.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

Pray that we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us.

Ask for boldness to share the hope of Jesus with an increasingly hopeless world around us.

Pray that God would make us a community where the materially poor feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

Specific Needs

Praise God for encouraging progress for newborn Nolan Putman and mom, Sarah, and continue to pray as Nolan remains in the NICU.

Pray for Alma Huston, who is struggling with a bad cardiac reaction to her chemo this week.

Praise God for healing in Greg Ray, who was discharged from the hospital this week.

Pray for the biological, adoptive, and spiritual mothers in our congregation who have such a significant impact in shaping so many lives.

Pray for our new members to be connected quickly and deeply in our church family and to become a part of God's mission here.

Praise God for his provision of two female youth interns for this summer in the past week.

Missions Partner Requests

New City West End - St. Louis, MO

New City West End is a PCA church plant led by Thurman Williams. This multicultural congregation seeks to serve the West End community of St. Louis as they love God and one another. Please support them by praying for the following requests.

We recently celebrated the fourth anniversary of this church plant. Praise God with us for all he has done here in just four years.

Pray that God will continue his work in this church and send more visitors from our community.

Another praise is that one of our first pastoral residents, David Vilches, passed his ordination exams last month. We're extremely proud!

Senior Member

Jim Smith

2404 Maury Dr.

Birmingham, AL 35242

Expectant Mothers

Brett Stanfield — May 2023

Megan Craig — June 2023

Alaine Moss — July 2023

Stephanie Tomes — July 2023

Amanda Tatum — July 2023

Jessica Stroud — September 2023

**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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