



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 18, 2025

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

“Jesus is the Fountain of grace and mercy. He alone can give to his people the assurance of hope, because none but He is infinite in power, and infinite in grace. Hear his own declaration, ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ ... My needs are many, but my supplies are infinite. Though millions of weak, tempted, persecuted, dying believers, have been invigorated in every age by this living water, yet its streams are undiminished; it still remains as it ever was — Grace Sufficient! Sufficient to relieve the needy, to strengthen the weak, to pardon the guilty, to sanctify the unholy, to support the disconsolate, to comfort and save all, however vile and worthless; who sincerely, fervently, and perseveringly seek for it, through faith in Christ.”

Thomas Reade, *Christian Meditations*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

PEOPLE: *Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

LEADER: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

ALL: *Praise the LORD!*

-from Psalm 150

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

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Great Are You, Lord”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

We talk honestly with our Father about our idolatry, brokenness, and need for him.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

PEOPLE: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

LEADER: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

PEOPLE: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

LEADER: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:1-12

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

SONGS

“Blessed Assurance”

“His Mercy Is More”

Worship Service

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

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

God sends us on
his mission with
his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Love of God”

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 21:15-19

“A Savior for Failures”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“His Mercy Is More”

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 the Connecting Spaces.

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. Jesus makes _____ into _____.

- By _____ rather than _____ their failure

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- By _____ on a heart of love rather than a record of performance

2. Jesus makes failing _____ into _____.

- Loving the _____ Jesus loves

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

1. What situation or struggle in your life do you think will keep you from Jesus or from leading others to Him?

2. Why is it so important to face our failures honestly? Why is it so important to see Jesus clearly as well?

3. What needs to happen for you to move from thinking of yourself as failure of Jesus to follower of Jesus? Where might Jesus use your failure to feed another of his sheep?

Announcements

Connect Hour for Adults - Today!

Join us in the Connecting Spaces for a time of appreciation for our Grace Group and Connect Hour leaders. All adults are invited, and we will have some light refreshments available.

Connect Hour for Adults - This Summer

This Summer, Connect Hour for Adults begins at 11am on Sundays (June 1 - August 3) in the Connecting Spaces! Join us for a series of unique gatherings designed for relationship building and connecting with one another around God's Word.

Yee Haw! Sign Up for VBS

Get ready to giddy up! Vacation Bible School is June 8-11 and we've got some fun surprises in store. Register as a ranch-hand (volunteer) or sign up as a buckaroo (child) at southwood.org. Invite friends!

Summer Women's Grace Group

Join us on Thursdays beginning May 29, 2-3:30, as we study Nancy Guthrie's *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Register & get your book at southwood.org/gracegroups.

Leadership Training Class

Interested in a deeper dive into God's Word and our theology? Feeling called to lead or teach at Southwood? Join Pastor Will for our Leadership Training Theology Module this summer (starts June 1) during the Connect Hour. For more info, contact wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 18

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

Tuesday, May 20

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and mixed-gender groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected to any of these groups at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.

Apr-Jun Budget Need: \$558,565

Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$257,360

Last Week's Giving

\$28,447



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

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 Holy Spirit to stir our hearts to share the hope of Jesus with those around us every day who don't know Him.

Pray that those rejected by others would find a gracious welcome in our church family.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Lily Marie Dobrowsky to Stephen and Amy last week.

Pray for staff member Shannon Clark in the death of her father this week.

Pray for Rob McFadden in the death of his father last week.

Pray for Brent Snyder as he recovers from colon cancer surgery and awaits further treatment plans.

Pray for Sandy Burley as she recovers at home from hip surgery and some complications following surgery.

Thank God for our Grace Group leaders and Connect Community teachers as we honor them Sunday.

Missions Partner Requests

Mint Saetung - Bangkok, Thailand
Mint is a new Southwood Mission Partner. She serves full-time with Samaritan Creation and volunteers with Rak Teh Ministry (YWAM). In obedience to God's specific calling, she has dedicated her life to reaching out to women working in prostitution in Red-light areas in Bangkok. You can support Mint by praying for these requests.

Pray for our Tuesday outreach with Samaritan Creations Ministry and our Friday ministry as we reach out to women involved in prostitution.

Pray that God will lead and guide us so that the women we meet will experience His love through us. Ask God to strengthen all the ministers and bless our work so that many will come to know Jesus.

Pray for my fundraising efforts, as I still need more sponsors. Pray for my health, wisdom, and strength as I serve the Lord.

Senior Member

Cynthia Mann
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Expectant Mothers

Caroline Jewell — June 2025
Lily Hatfield — June 2025
Amelia Daniels — August 2025
Kaitlyn Young — October 2025

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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