



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 25, 2025
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

LEADER: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

ALL: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

from Psalm 99

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

SONGS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Rejoice”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Niña Cash Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Mae Watkins Slides

Worship Service

We express
our hope in the
glorious person
of Jesus.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

PEOPLE: *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

LEADER: Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

PEOPLE: *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

LEADER: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

PEOPLE: *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

LEADER: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

ALL: *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

from John 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15

SONG

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

We talk with our
Father about our
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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8-9

Worship Service

SONG

“Come, Ye Sinners”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“The Love of God”

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 21:20-25

“Focus, Focus, Focus”

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 communing members 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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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.

No Connect Hour today. Join us next Sunday after the worship service:

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. Don't let anyone or anything _____ you from _____.

- No _____

- No _____

2. Let _____ your full attention and greatest affection.

- Who He is

- Where He will lead you

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

1. Who or what are the greatest distractions in your life to a focus on Jesus? What needs to change in or around you to regain your focus?
2. What is your favorite aspect of who Jesus is revealed to be in the Gospel of John? What difference does that make in your living with Him on his mission this week?
3. If you met someone this week who had never read the Gospel of John, why would you tell them it is or is not worth their time? Could you read it together?

Announcements

Connect Hour for Adults

No Connect Hour today (all ages).
Beginning next Sunday through August 3, Connect Hour for adults will be held 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 this Thursday, May 29, 2-3:30, as we study Nancy Guthrie's *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Register and get your book ordered by visiting 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 Class, Theology Module, this summer (starts next Sunday, June 1) during Connect Hour. For more info or sign-up, contact wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, May 25

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)

Monday, May 26

Office Closed (Memorial Day)

Thursday, May 29

1:00pm – Depart for Sr. High Trip
2:00pm – Women's Grace Groups

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: \$333,391

Last Week's Giving

\$76,032



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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 the Church will increasingly offer the hope of Jesus Christ and Him crucified to a hurting world rather than the hope of human power, control, or comfort.

Ask God to make us a church family that loves well those who are lonely, especially the older members of our flock.

Pray that we will be bold and gracious with opportunities to speak of Jesus to unbelieving family and friends during the upcoming travel season.

Specific Needs

Pray for Matthew Cruze in the death of his mother last weekend.

Pray for Tammy Reeves in the sudden death of her brother last weekend.

Pray for our summer interns (Carly Jo Hyde, Katherine Jones, Greg Phillips, and Charlie Williams) as they get to know our young people.

Pray that as we conclude our study of the Gospel of John, we would increasingly believe in our glorious Jesus and find life in Him each day.

Pray for those still without power or recovering from damage due to this week's storms.

Pray for preparations for VBS and for God's work preparing the hearts of kids to hear his good news.

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.

Strength and energy to serve.

Healing from nightly rashes and sleep interruptions.

Guidance as she teaches and mentors three women at Samaritan Creation.

Protection and salvation for her family—grandmother, aunt, and brother.

Senior Member

Mark Wolfson
138 Sarah Jane Drive
Madison, AL 35757

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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