



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 7, 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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:31-35

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE : *For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.*

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout,

PEOPLE: *the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*

LEADER: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: *Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Psalm 47

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

SONGS

"House of the Lord"

"Father, Long Before Creation"

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

God speaks to us through the Bible to remind us of our tendency to wander from Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

"I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. Therefore I still contend with you, declares the Lord, and with your children's children I will contend. ... Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Jeremiah 2:9-13

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalms 130:7-8

SONG

"His Mercy Is More"

We celebrate how God has been faithful to his covenant promises in our seniors' lives.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Unity Hymn"

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 4:7-11

"In The End, This is What Matters"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



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

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Kaitlyn Young** Slides
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream

Announcements

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) today at southwood.org. We also need volunteers of all sorts and are especially searching for Crew Leaders to lead a crew of 6 to 8 space cadets as you sing, worship, pray, play, and explore God's Word together. Visit the web site to sign up to be a volunteer!

Adult Connect Community Classes

Adults up to age 45 will meet in Room D to study the Gospel of Mark with Julie Blauwkamp, Anna Kent, and Chris Morris, while adults over 45 will meet in Room A to study The Heart of the Torah with John Foreman. You're welcome in either group!

Community Cookout: Sunday, June 4

Save the date for a Sunday afternoon (4:00-7:00) cookout at Brahan Springs Park for the whole church family as well as all your friends and neighbors. Details to come!

Praying for you

Our elders and other leaders love to pray with and for you, no matter what the situation is that you're facing. The Prayer Need cards in the pew backs are there for you to let us know how we can be praying and if you would like us to contact you to pray with you. You can place completed cards in the offering plate or in the Prayer Room.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 7

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
12:30pm – Senior Banquet
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, May 9

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

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

\$33,677

Year to Date Giving

\$657,578



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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

Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are in danger each day for the sake of the Gospel.

Ask that the Holy Spirit would give the aroma of the gospel to our lives among those who do not know Jesus.

Pray that God would give us hearts that work and sacrifice to be where Jesus is - with those others push aside.

Specific Needs

Pray for Greg Ray as he has been hospitalized this week to treat an infection.

Praise God for the engagement of Southwood members Jessica Wright and Sam Sheppard last weekend.

Pray for our high school graduates as they move to a new season of life to deepen their trust in the same faithful Father, whose Spirit goes with them always.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they meet Tuesday night to pray for and plan for our church.

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.

The church plant's fourth anniversary celebration is this Sunday, May 7. 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 this past Saturday down in Austin, Texas. We're extremely proud!

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter

10 Cedar Holly Lane SE
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Expectant Mothers

Brett Stanfield — May 2023

Sarah Putman — 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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