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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.

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**October 15, 2023**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

"It is the faith that continually closes its eyes to the weakness of the creature, and finds its joy in the sufficiency of an Almighty Saviour, that makes the soul strong and glad. It gives itself up to be led by the Holy Spirit into an ever deeper appreciation of that wonderful Saviour who God hath given us—the Infinite Immanuel."

Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

PEOPLE: *All things were created through him and for him.*

LEADER: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

PEOPLE: *He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

ALL: *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

based on Colossians 1:15-20

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

## SONGS

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"  
"Fairest Lord Jesus"

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

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# Worship Service

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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

## SONG

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

God places the sign of his promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

## BAPTISM

*Nolan Timothy Putman*

Son of Ross and Sarah Putman

## SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Lord, I Need You"

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

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 4:43-54

“A God You Can Take at His Word”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

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.

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

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# Sermon Notes

Introduction: Trusting God's Word

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith: Focusing on the Signs

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith: Focusing on Who Jesus Is

3. Promises You \_\_\_\_\_ Have

4. Promises You \_\_\_\_\_ Have

Conclusion: The God Whose Word You Can Trust

## **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. In what way do you sometimes find yourself wanting what Jesus does for you more than Jesus himself? What helps you long to know Jesus himself more?

2. What situation in your life do you struggle with handling the lack of a clear (or desirable) answer from God?

3. What is one promise with which others could pray for you to take God at his word?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Communities

TODAY following the worship service in our Connect Communities, Todd and Amy Gandy will teach on "The Meaning of Marriage" with adults under 45. Mark Baginski and Kevin Ellis will discuss Christian living in every season with *The Fight* by Dr. John White as a guide (ages 45+).

## Men's Hamburger Lunch - Tuesday!

All men are invited to join us at the Lodge Tuesday, October 17, anytime between 11:30 and 1:00 for a casual time of connecting with new and old friends. Come hungry!

## Kids Ministry Trunk or Treat

If you have children infant-5th grade, make plans to join us in the Southwood parking lot from 4-6pm on Sunday, October 22. If you would like to donate candy, collection buckets are available in the hallway.

## "Let's Gather!" Women's Luncheon

Ladies, invite friends and join us for a time of food and fellowship at the Southwood Women's Luncheon. "Let's Gather!" in the Lodge on Saturday, November 4, beginning at 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided at no charge. To RSVP, send an email to [women@southwood.org](mailto:women@southwood.org) by Oct 31.

## Singers Needed!

Everyone is invited to be part of the adult choir for our annual Christmas event, "Hark the Herald Southwood Sings." Rehearsals begin Nov. 1 at 6pm; event held Dec 10. Questions? [dennis.baptiste@southwood.org](mailto:dennis.baptiste@southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, October 15

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

### Tuesday, October 17

11:30am – Men's Hamburger Lunch  
6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, October 18

6:00pm – Leadership Class: Theology  
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:00pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, October 19

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$38,197

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,582,671



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are driven by relationships.**

Ask Holy Spirit to give us eyes to see those fighting loneliness and draw them into gospel community.

Pray for intimacy to grow in our marriages as we share struggles honestly and respond with grace.

Ask for God's direction of our kids as they build life-long friendships.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Taylor Bozeman as she finishes her first chemo regimen and prepares for further treatments.

Pray for Marcelle Mahesh as she has breast cancer surgery Monday.

Pray for Vicki Richardson as she awaits treatment for recently diagnosed breast cancer.

Pray for Lana Austin as she is home and continues battling multiple serious health issues.

Pray for Jay Talbot as he recovers from knee replacement Thursday.

Pray for peace and doors for the Gospel amidst the war in Israel.

Pray for spiritual and relational fruit from this weekend's Jr. High Retreat.

Pray for Tuesday's men's lunch to be an encouraging time of connection.

Pray for our deacons as they meet next week to lead us in serving.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**One Voice Fellowship - Chris and Naomi Sicks**

*One Voice Fellowship (OVF) has the unique mission of providing multi-lingual worship services to reach the hearts of those in their community. Sermon translation is provided in 12 languages, and they sing and pray in those languages, too. You can support this ministry by praying for the following requests:*

Pray for the spiritual growth of some men at OVF who are meeting monthly to study scripture, theology, and leadership.

Ask that God would bring more students to our church, possibly through our partnership with a local YoungLife chapter.

Pray for higher levels of congregational giving as we increasingly trust God with our finances.

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## Senior Member

**Mary Vaughn**

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## Expectant Mothers

**Ashleigh Lewis** — October 2023

**Ashlyn Everett** — November 2023

**Libby Potts** — December 2023

**Beth Patton** — February 2024

**Lauren Taylor** — May 2024

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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