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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 22, 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

“If Jesus is who he says he is, and if his promises are as rewarding as the Bible claims they are, then we may discover that satisfaction in our lives and success in the church are not found in what culture deems most important but in radical abandonment to Jesus.”

David Platt, *Radical*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

PEOPLE: *Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*

LEADER: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

ALL: *For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!*

from Psalm 149

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

## SONGS

“In Christ Alone”  
“Mighty to Save”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Aaron Cox Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Wesley Chambers Slides

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

## **SONG**

“Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood”

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

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

“Healer”

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

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 5:1-18

“The Jesus We Must Not Miss”

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 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

“Jesus Paid It All”

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:** Being Close But Missing Jesus

1. Physical Miracle

2. Spiritual Lessons

3. Sabbath Confusion

4. Divine Equality

**Application:** How Are We Missing Jesus?

**Conclusion:** Jesus Keeps Drawing Near So We Don't Miss Him

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

1. What do you see about the person of Jesus in this story that you most love?

2. Will said there are many ways people miss Jesus even when they are close to Him. What ways have you personally struggled with missing Jesus?

3. How does Jesus help you taste/see Him clearly in the Lord's Supper? What do you contemplate during that time that helps you not miss Him?

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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+).

## Kids Ministry Trunk or Treat - TODAY

If you have children infant-5th grade, make plans to join us in the Southwood parking lot from 4-6pm today for Trunk or Treat.

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

Ladies, invite friends and join us for our 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).

## Leadership Training Class - Module 3

All are invited to join us for Leadership Training, Module 3: "Shepherding" on Wednesdays starting Nov 1 from 6-8pm. While a great opportunity for anyone to learn more, this module is required for those interested in serving as officers, session advisors, or Grace Group leaders. Sign up at [wyketa.shipman@southwood.org](mailto:wyketa.shipman@southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, October 22

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
4:00pm – Kids Ministry Trunk or Treat  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Wednesday, October 25

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

### Thursday, October 26

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$34,752

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,617,423



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are driven by relationships.**

Pray for deepening relationships within our Grace Groups that would spur one another on to love and good deeds.

Ask God to bring healing and reconciliation in fractured relationships between family members and friends.

Pray for eyes to see new relationships God is providing as opportunities to express his grace even in already busy schedules.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Lauren Elise Lewis to Trey and Ashleigh last weekend.

Pray for Elaine Hill as she undergoes surgery next week for breast cancer.

Praise God for several successful surgeries and treatments this past week and pray for the continued recovery of many in our church family.

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she travels to the PCA Women's Staff gathering in Greenville, SC.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**The Village Church - Pastor Alex Shipman**

*The Village Church is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic church located in northwest Huntsville. Their vision is to embrace and extend God's love in genuine community. Please support them by praying for these requests.*

Pray that our Trunk or Treat event on October 29 would be a successful neighborhood outreach.

Pray for our newly commissioned Deacon Assistants, that they would be joyful and committed servants of this church and its members.

Ask that God would give us wisdom as we prepare to ordain new Officers to help lead our congregation.

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## Senior Member

**Eileen Sessions**

1613 Montdale Rd.  
Huntsville, AL 35801

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## Expectant Mothers

**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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