

## CONNECT HOUR SCHEDULE SUMMER 2025

**June 1: Bagels & Connection:** Grab a bagel, pull up a chair, and enjoy some unhurried time to build relationships after worship—whether you're meeting someone new or reconnecting with old friends. Join us in the Gathering Spaces during the Connect Hour.

**June 8: AfterWords:** Join us for a guided conversation space where we reflect on the Sunday message together. A facilitator will lead us through meaningful questions that help us explore the sermon's themes, connect God's Word to everyday life, and grow together in community. It's a space for insight, encouragement, and deepening our walk with Christ—side by side.

**June 15: Tell Me More: Conversations Across Generations:** What happens when generations take time to listen to each other? Join us during the Connect Hour for a guided time of conversation between younger and older adults in our church. Around the table, we'll talk about life, faith, and the wisdom God has taught us along the way. Come ready to listen, share, and build meaningful connections across generations.

**June 22 and 29: Listening to Hear:** What if listening became more than just waiting for your turn to speak? Led by Derrick Harris and Bill Nash, we'll explore what it means to truly listen—to those who don't share our faith and to one another within the Body of Christ. Through real interview clips, honest conversation, and shared reflection, we'll learn how listening can become an act of love—and a pathway to deeper understanding, compassion, and Gospel witness.

### July 6: Not Meeting, Holiday Weekend

**July 13: AfterWords:** Join us for a guided conversation space where we reflect on the Sunday message together. A facilitator will lead us through meaningful questions that help us explore the sermon's themes, connect God's Word to everyday life, and grow together in community. It's a space for insight, encouragement, and deepening our walk with Christ—side by side.

**July 20: Kingdom Prayers: Across the Street and Around the World:** Join us during the Connect Hour as we gather in smaller groups to lift up our youth mission team in St. Louis, our local mission partners, our global mission partners, and God's work in Huntsville and beyond. It's a time to pray intentionally, listen expectantly, and join our hearts to what God is doing both near and far. Come ready to pray, connect, and be part of God's movement in our city and across the world.

**July 27: Bagels & Connection:** Grab a bagel, pull up a chair, and enjoy some unhurried time to build relationships after worship—whether you're meeting someone new or reconnecting with old friends. Join us in the Gathering Spaces during Connect Hour.

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**August 3:** (two gatherings will take place)

**AfterWords:** During the Connect Hour, AfterWords will take a special turn as Pastor Will leads a conversation flowing from the morning's sermon, with a focused look at Southwood's mission—who we are, what we're called to, and how we're invited to join God's work in and beyond our community. It's a time to reflect, share, and consider how each of us plays a part in the mission of the church. Come ready to listen, connect, and be challenged toward deeper participation in God's Kingdom.

**Grace Group Leaders Gathering:** At the same time, all Grace Group Leaders will meet for a focused time of preparation and encouragement as we look ahead to the new ministry year.

**August 10: New Semester of Adult Classes Begins:** Our new semester of Adult Classes kicks off during Connect Hour on August 10! We're offering age-based gatherings for 20s & 30s, 40s & 50s, and 60+, each designed to create space for deeper connection, discussion, and spiritual growth. Whether you're new or returning, it's a great time to jump in and walk alongside others in your stage of life.