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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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**April 5, 2026**

**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering

**9:30 AM** Easter Worship Service

**11:00 AM** No 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**

“Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another’s Life; Another’s Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.”

Horatius Bonar

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** The Lord is risen!

*PEOPLE: He is risen indeed!*

**LEADER:** Christ is risen! He appeared alive to Cephas, then to the twelve disciples, then to more than 500 people.

*PEOPLE: By his wounds we are healed! Christ is risen from the dead!*

**LEADER:** Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are now born again to a living hope.

*PEOPLE: And we will be raised with him! Christ is risen from the dead!*

**LEADER:** Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are born again to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept secure in heaven for us.

*PEOPLE: Death is dead! Christ is risen from the dead!*

**LEADER:** Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we now live under God’s grace and sin no longer has dominion over us.

*PEOPLE: Love has won! Christ is risen from the dead!*

**LEADER:** Christ is risen! Because he is risen, we are justified by faith and have peace with God.

*ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!*

from 1 Peter 1, Romans 5-6, 1 Corinthians 15

## **Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service**

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Ben Stark** Story of Grace
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream
- **Abraham Lee** Slides

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# Worship Service

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

## SONGS

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

“Resurrection Hymn”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness 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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:1, 11

## SONG

“Mighty to Save”

We share with one another of God's ongoing work in our lives.

## STORY OF GRACE

## SONG

“In Christ Alone”

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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# Worship Service

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Because He Lives"

*Southwood Voices*

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

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 8

"Because He Lives ..."

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"Because He Lives"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

### BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary. Join us next Sunday for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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 the Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## Bottom Line:

Because Jesus is alive, the way we \_\_\_\_\_ to God has changed forever.

Jesus provides ...

1. Full \_\_\_\_\_ (8:12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Unlimited \_\_\_\_\_ (8:11)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Purposeful \_\_\_\_\_ (8:10)

**Conclusion:** If we \_\_\_\_\_ have such a high priest ... but we \_\_\_\_\_!

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

1. How would you describe the daily impact to your life of Jesus' being alive? Is it what you would like it to be, or are you neglecting the reality you place your hope in?
2. Where in your life can you recognize tendencies to relate to God under the "old system" rather than embracing the new covenant in Jesus?
3. Pick forgiveness (not guilt/shame), access (not loneliness/formality), or rest (not anxiety/exhaustion). How would you explain to a neighbor the joy of Jesus in your life?

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# Announcements

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## Welcome to Southwood

We are so glad to have you worship with us today! Southwood is a family brought together by Jesus and in need of his living presence every day, even beyond Easter Sunday. We would love to share with you more about Him or invite you into communal relationships, where we follow Him together in smaller groups. Please ask any of us for help or fill out the online sign-in (back of bulletin) to talk with a staff member.

## Men's Dinner and Dialogue

Bring a friend and join us Thursday, April 16, 6-8pm in the Lodge to hear some of our vision for men following Jesus together in community.

## Worship Night April 19

Join us for Worship Night and our new album release, Sunday, April 19, at 6pm. All ages are welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise. Nursery (0-3) provided. Invite friends!

## Vacation Bible School

Register for Rainforest Falls VBS! Start with family dinner and worship June 14, then VBS June 15-18. Together we'll step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, where kids experience God's greatness and love and grow deep roots with Him as their safe place in every storm. Register at [southwood.org/kids](http://southwood.org/kids).

## 2026 Bible Reading Plan

Visit us at [southwood.org/about-us](http://southwood.org/about-us) to access our "Two-Year Bible Reading Plan." Also, our April Prayer Resource is available in the Narthex or online.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 5

6:00am – Easter Sunrise Service  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Easter Worship Service  
11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)  
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

## Wednesday, April 8

6:00pm – Kids Club  
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

## Thursday, April 9

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

## Friday-Saturday, April 10-12

Women's Retreat, The Vision

*Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and coed groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected at [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

*Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.*

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$722,092  
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$0

**Last Week's Giving: \$27,732**



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are driven by relationships.**

Ask that our Grace Groups would increasingly be havens of refuge for those who are hurting and lonely to find life-giving community.

Pray for relationships to grow across generations so that we would grow together as the family God has called us to be.

Ask that we would grow in seeing the image of God in others so that we treat one another and our neighbors with the value God gives each of us.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Janet Skidmore in the death of her mother last weekend.

Pray for Cynthia Mann, who remains hospitalized with a serious heart condition.

Pray that God would bring joy, rest, and hope in our lives from our consideration and celebration of the cross and resurrection during our Easter Week services.

Pray for final preparations for our Women's Retreat next weekend and for God's work in the hearts of all who will attend.

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## Mission Partner Focus:

**Seth and Jessica Lewis - Ireland**

Seth and Jessica are beginning their 17th year in Ireland, where God has grown their church from 7 adults meeting in a Bible study to a family of 60 who care deeply for one another. As Irish culture shifts and many communities lack a clear gospel witness, they continue partnering with local churches in church planting, outreach, and Bible training. We praise God for providing land for a future church building and trust Him for what's ahead.

Pray the church community would continue to grow not only in number but in deep, Christ-centered relationships, caring for one another through every season of life.

Pray for the construction of their new church building and that the space would become a strong, lasting gospel witness in the community.

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## Senior Member

**Dorothie Dutcher**

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## Expectant Mothers

**Megan Craig** — May 2026

**Claire Cox** — July 2026

**Rachel Johnson** — July 2026

**Kathryn Propst** — July 2026

**Emma Chambers** — September 2026

**Alyshia Martin** — September 2026

**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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