



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.

August 18, 2024
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

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace, nor are your best days ever so good that you are beyond the need of it.”

Jerry Bridges, *Discipline of Grace*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus, the Son, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

PEOPLE: *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

LEADER: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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

Colossians 1:15-20

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

SONGS

“The Wonderful Cross”
“God So Loved”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Chad Lupoe Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Exodus 20:7

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

BAPTISM

Virginia Anne Spooner

Daughter of Stuart and Rosemary Spooner

SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 13:31-38
"A Life of Love"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: Whose Disciple Are You?

Expected Thought: Jesus calls us to live a life of _____.

1. The _____ of a Life of Love

2. The _____ of a Life of Love

3. The _____ of a Life of Love

Unexpected Thought: A life of love will take you _____ than you ever imagined and _____ than you ever dreamed.

Grace Group Questions *(for fuller discussion guide, visit southwood.org)*

1. What one person other than Jesus might you or someone else think you're a "disciple" of? Do you like that answer?
2. What are some factors that make loving one another a challenge for you/us? How will Jesus have to disciple us to make love possible and beautiful then?
3. How have you seen loving one another be attractive to others outside the family of God? What would noticeable sacrificial love mean for you in this season of life?

Announcements

Connect Hour Today

In our Adult Connect Communities, Pastor Will leads a study of Titus (Room A), and Ray Sheppard shares about how God has used the book of Romans in his life recently (Room D).

Youth Parent Night – TONIGHT!

Parents of junior high and senior high students, join us tonight, 5:00-6:00pm in the Lodge, to learn about the heart and plans for partnering in pointing our young people to Jesus this year.

Olympic Next Sunday

Keep training for Southwood's churchwide Olympic next Sunday, August 25, following the worship service. We will enjoy great food, life-giving relationships, and entertaining competitions for Olympians of all ages and skill levels! Visit southwood.org to sign up to help with food or games.

Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, join our Welcome class starting Sunday, Sept 8, at 11am. To sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Women's Grace Groups

Join us as we dive into 1 and 2 Kings together in our fall Women's Grace Groups! Our Wednesday evening group begins September 4 at 6:30pm, and our Thursday morning group (childcare available) begins September 5 at 10am. For details, visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 18

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – Grace Group Leaders Gathering
5:00pm – Youth Parent Night

Tuesday, August 20

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

5:30pm – CREW Training

Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$36,557

Year to Date Giving

\$1,328,529



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that the humble leadership of Jesus would be reflected in the way we serve our neighbors each day.

Pray for grace to honor Christ in the midst of suffering and that our hope would remain firmly fixed in his eternal glory.

Ask for a growing sense of what it means to live for Christ beyond Sundays in each of our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for our college students as some get settled into new places and many begin classes this week.

Pray for our Grace Group leaders as they gather Sunday to plan and pray for this upcoming year.

Pray for Jim Fowler and his family in the death of Jeanette, his wife of 66 years, last week.

Pray for the family of Pastor David Hammond (Westminster), who died last weekend.

Praise God for successful surgery for Linda O'Donnell this week and pray for her continued recovery.

Pray for our deacons as they meet this Tuesday to lead us in serving one another and our neighbors.

Missions Partner Requests

The Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)

HAP manages an Emergency Food Pantry and an Emergency Financial Assistance Program. The organization is committed to helping those in need in the Madison County area. Southwood's partnership with HAP allows us to spend our benevolence funds more effectively. Please support HAP by praying for these requests.

Ask God to grant wisdom to HAP director Wendy Kirk as she makes decisions that impact this ministry and the people it supports.

Pray that the HAP food pantry would remain stocked so they can provide for the needs of as many families as possible.

Pray for the volunteers at each of the three HAP locations, that they would reflect the love of Jesus as they respond to each need or request.

Senior Member

Clayton and Nanette Morgan

443 Jasmine Dr.
Madison, AL 35757

Expectant Mothers

Rachel Johnson — August 2024

Haley Bynum — August 2024

Cayce McAlister — August 2024

Rachel Hess Hajek — Sept 2024

**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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