



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 25, 2024
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Olympicnic

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“Sabbath is the primary discipline, or practice, by which we cultivate the spirit of restfulness in our lives as a whole. The Sabbath is to a spirit of restfulness what a soccer practice is to a match or a band practice is to a show. It’s how we practice, how we prepare our minds and bodies for the moments that matter most.”

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry
John Mark Comer

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

PEOPLE: *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

ALL: *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28–30

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

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to direct our lives toward rest in Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 20:8-11

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. *The fourth commandment requires keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word, in particular one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to himself.*

Q. 60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. *The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy rest all that day from worldly employments and recreations that are lawful on other days, spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except what is taken up by works of necessity and mercy.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 58 and 60

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

SONGS

"The Lord Will Provide"

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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

Worship Service

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

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 14:1-14

“Heavenly Comfort for Troubled Disciples”

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 communing members 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.*

SONGS OF RESPONSE

“Calmer of My Troubled Heart”

“When We All Get to Heaven”

BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for our churchwide event, Olympicnic! We'll enjoy great food and Olympic-themed competitions for all ages and skill-levels. All are welcome!

Mark your calendars! Regular Connect Hour resumes September 8.

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

Comfort for Troubled Hearts: Jesus offers Himself as our hope.

1. Let not your heart be troubled: _____ is preparing a home for you (14:2).
2. Let not your heart be troubled: Your true home is with _____ (14:3).
3. Let not your heart be troubled: _____ is all you need to get home (14:4-6).
4. Let not your heart be troubled: God really is like what you've seen in _____ (14:7-11).
5. Let not your heart be troubled: Your best days with _____ are still ahead (14:12-14).

Conclusion: Jesus troubles Himself for our comfort.

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

1. What is something in the normal course of life that regularly troubles your heart? What more crisis-level situation has given you a troubled heart?
2. Which of Jesus' words of comfort in John 14 speak the most hope and help to your heart?
3. How specifically could you share words of comfort and hope with someone whose heart is troubled? How could you share the exclusive hope of verse 6 with someone who didn't believe in Jesus?

Announcements

Southwood Olympicnic - TODAY!

Join us today following the worship service for our Olympicnic! We'll enjoy great food and Olympic-themed competitions for all ages and skill-levels. All are welcome, whether you came planning to stay or not!

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.

Southwood Job Opportunities

Southwood is currently seeking to fill two part-time ministry staff positions: Connections Director and Missional Partnerships Director. Both roles require membership at Southwood. For details and contact info, visit southwood.org/job-opportunities.

GriefShare at Brookdale Place

If you would be interested in joining Pastor Will and a team of members seeking to love our neighbors at Brookdale Senior Living, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to stay in the loop on plans for GriefShare gatherings this fall.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 25

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Olympicnic (all ages)

Note that this week Southwood is ruthlessly eliminating hurry :)!

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

\$54,020

Year to Date Giving

\$1,382,550



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask Holy Spirit to help us slow down in our busy lives to treasure the great worth of knowing Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pray for our pastors to have God-given insight into the Scriptures that always point us to Jesus.

Ask God to give our young people a passion for knowing Him and making Him known to classmates and friends.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Millie Clarke Johnson to Sam and Rachel last weekend.

Pray for many in our church family who are caregivers to family and loved ones to have patience and strength to serve with the love of Christ.

Pray that God would build new relationships and strengthen existing relationships in our church family during Sunday's Olympic picnic.

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

Sue Urban

9006 Randall Rd. SW
Huntsville, AL 35802

Expectant Mothers

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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