



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 3, 2025
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

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.”

Augustine, Confessions (c. 400)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;

PEOPLE: *With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.*

ALL: *I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

Psalm 89:1-2

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

SONGS

“House of the Lord”
“Great Are You, Lord”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Wayne Bucknor Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Newt Johnson Bass Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

Worship Service

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

Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

PRAYER

SONG

“Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“God Made You Special”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Genesis 1:26-28

“The Beginning of the Story”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Lord, I Need You”

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 the Connecting Spaces

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: The Stories in God's Story

Bottom Line: The _____ we exist is _____.

1. Relationship with the God who _____ us.

2. Relationship with the God we _____.

Conclusion: Blessing in _____ and in _____

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

1. What do you think is the most amazing aspect of God's creation? What do you find to be the most amazing aspect of God's creation of you?
2. How does it change the way you approach a particular relationship in your life to consider that you bear the image of God? ... The other person bears the image of God?
3. What is one way you hope to see your relationship with God grow during this next year?

Announcements

Connect Hour for Adults

Join Pastor Will in the Connecting Spaces following the worship service for a guided conversation as we reflect together on today's sermon and God's mission for Southwood as well as each one of us. New Connect Communities will kick off next Sunday, August 10, for college-aged through senior citizens. Join us today to learn more about what's coming this fall as well!

Connect Hour for Kids and Youth

All young people remain in the classes they have been in this summer before moving up to their new grade level groups next Sunday, August 10.

Grace Group Leaders Gather Today!

All Grace Group Leaders are invited to gather in Room D today at 11am for a focused time of preparation and encouragement as we look ahead to the new ministry year.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 3

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
6:30pm – Summer High-Life

Tuesday, August 5

9:00am – Presbytery Meeting@WPC
6:00pm – Compassionate Service

Thursday, August 7

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group

Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and mixed-gender groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected to any of these groups at southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Jul-Sep Budget Need: \$558,565

Jul-Sep Giving to Date: \$168,710

Last Week's Giving

\$50,417



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask Holy Spirit to give us insight into new opportunities for Christ-centered relationships this new school year.

Pray that the glory, majesty, and grace of Jesus and our being united to Him every day would consume all of our thoughts, dreams, and pursuits.

Ask that we would live sacrificially before a watching world, so others will witness the value of knowing Jesus in our lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for Bud Smith as he navigates recovery from back surgery and further procedures.

Pray for all our students, teachers, and staff as they embark on a new school year as ambassadors for Christ across our city.

Pray for our Grace Group Leaders as they gather Sunday for training and launching a new year of life together.

Missions Partner Requests

RUF at Alabama A&M University

RUF is the campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church, with almost 200 chapters on campuses around the world. Through the ministry of RUF, students discover the love of Christ, find their significance in God's redemptive story, and engage in the life of his church. Pray for RUF at A&M.

Pray for the RUF team at Alabama A&M, Marcus Nobles and Aiden Tuberville, as they prepare for a new school year and welcome students back to campus.

Pray for the hearts of incoming and returning students, especially freshmen, as they take their next steps into college life. Ask the Lord to draw them to Himself and provide meaningful connection through RUF.

Pray for A&M's Bulldog Pantry providing students with needed non-perishable snacks/food, school supplies, and hygiene products. To help, drop off items at Southwood's Guest Center or church office.

Senior Member

Dorothie Dutcher

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Expectant Mothers

Amelia Daniels — August 2025

Hannah Atkins — September 2025

Kaitlyn Young — October 2025

Myra Duarte — November 2025

**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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