



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 4, 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

“Our souls were not created for the kind of speed to which we have grown accustomed. Thus, we are a people who are out of rhythm, a people with too much to do and not enough time to do it. ... We are worn out. In all of this, the problem before us is not just the frenetic pace we live at but what gets pushed out from our lives as a result; that is, life with God.”

Rich Villodas, *The Deeply Formed Life*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

PEOPLE: *for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.*

LEADER: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,

PEOPLE: *and you are exalted as head above all.*

LEADER: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

PEOPLE: *In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

ALL: *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

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

SONGS

“To God Be the Glory”

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: What is required in the first commandment?

PEOPLE: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God as the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

LEADER: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

PEOPLE: The first commandment forbids denying or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; it also forbids giving of that worship and glory, which is due to him alone, to anyone or anything else.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 46 and 47

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:8-13

SONG

“What a Beautiful Name”

God speaks to us from his Word to remind us He alone is the source of our renewal.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

Ezekiel 36:24-27

We bring needs to our Father.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG

“Have Thine Own Way”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Firm Foundation"

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Colossians 1:15-20

"First-Place Jesus"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus At The Center"

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

1. Jesus is first in _____ (1:15-17)

2. Jesus is first in new _____ (1:18-20)

APPLICATION: Jesus first in _____ (1:18)

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

1. What is one aspect of Jesus' supremacy highlighted in this passage that makes you marvel or moves you to praise?
2. In what area of your life do you feel you may not be giving Jesus first place? What other thing tends to move into the center in his place?
3. Have you spent time with Jesus asking Him to show you what it would look like in your life for Him to be in first place? What did you hear Him saying to you?

Announcements

Connect Hour - TODAY!

Today is Promotion Sunday! Our kids and youth move up to their new grade-level classes after the service.

For our Adult Connect Communities today, Pastor Will leads a study of the Pastoral Epistles (Room A), and Bill Nash shares about how to understand your journey of faith (Room D).

Olympicnic - Save the Date

Mark your calendars and plan your training regimens for Southwood's churchwide Olympicnic on 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!

Parent Cafe:

"The Heart of Children's Ministry"

Parents of infants -- 5th grade are invited to join us for dinner and discussion at our next Parent Cafe in the Lodge on Sunday, August 11, 5:30pm to 7pm. Parents eat free. Childcare/pizza is \$5 per child. RSVP to kids@southwood.org if you will attend AND if you need childcare. More details at southwood.org.

Youth Parent Night

Parents of junior high and senior high students, join us for Youth Parent Night on Sunday, August 18, 5:00-6:00pm in the Lodge. Come discuss our partnership for the hearts of our young people and the ministry plans for this year.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 4

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
12:00pm – 6th Grade Graduation Lunch

Thursday, August 8

2:00pm – Women's Bible Study

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

\$31,719

Year to Date Giving

\$1,217,574



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

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 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 Steve Long as he recovers from abdominal surgery this week.

Pray for Josh and Nina Cash as their family relocates to Alaska this week.

Pray for our sixth graders as we celebrate their start of middle school and completion of Children's Ministry here.

Pray for Al and Arlene Eller as they battle Covid at home.

Pray for our students and teachers as many of them are returning to school, developing new friendships, and establishing new patterns for life with Jesus.

Missions Partner Requests

Lincoln Village Ministry (LVM)

LVM seeks to help people experience restoration through a transforming relationship with Christ. Some of the practical ways LVM pursues this mission are affordable housing and a quality private school in the LVM community. Please remember these requests as school begins this week.

Pray for the teachers and staff of Lincoln Academy as they make final preparations and welcome students back for the new school year.

Ask God to work in the hearts and minds of the students, making them focused and ready to get the year off to a good start.

Pray that God would continue to provide for the financial needs of Lincoln Academy.

Senior Member

Elaine Looney

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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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