



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.

February 22, 2026
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 soul is still very sick, but you have a Great Physician who has promised to make you whole and is working in you every moment of every day. You are very weak, but you have a strong and perfect Champion who has won the battle against sin for you, and he now fights it with you. You are still prone to wander, but you have a Great Shepherd who always pursues you and brings you back, carrying you home in loving arms. You have a heavenly Father who would never let this sin and weakness remain in you if he did not plan to overrule it for your good and for his own glory. Praise God, you have the perfect High Priest advocating for you, praying for you, and holding on to you with a sure, steady, and loving hand.”

Barbara Duguid, Extravagant Grace

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: *His love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: *His love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

PEOPLE: *His love endures forever.*

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

PEOPLE: *His love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1-3, 26

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
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Chandler McCoy** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio/Slides
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Ephesians 1:7-8

SONG

"His Mercy Is More"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video: *Mission Partner Mint Sukanya of Bangkok, Thailand*

OFFERTORY SONG

"All Sufficient Merit"

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

SONG

"All Sufficient Merit"

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 5:1-10
“When God Feels Far Away”

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

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.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

“All Sufficient Merit”

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 the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

Introduction: The Challenge of Feeling _____

1. _____ of a High Priest (5:1)

- Connected to _____ (5:2-3)

- Called by _____ (5:4)

2. Jesus as _____ High Priest

- Called by _____ (5:5-6)

- Connected to _____ (5:7-9)

Conclusion: The _____ Who Ensures We're Never _____ (5:10)

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

1. Share a time when you have felt alone in the world. Was it because of losing a close relationship, feeling God didn't hear you, running away from God, or something else?

2. What realities most help you see or feel your need for a priest? How would you put that need into your own words since we don't often think, "I need a priest"?

3. How does it make you feel that Jesus has suffered and sympathized in the ways mentioned here? How does it make you feel that God insisted we not be left alone?

Announcements

New Adult Connect Hour Classes

Join us for new classes in our adult communities. Classes include "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute," "The Gospel of Mark," and "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah."

Mission Trip Interest Meeting TODAY!

Please join us TODAY immediately following Connect Hour if you are interested in a mission trip to Thailand. See you in Room A!

Flourish Women's Gatherings

Ladies, mark your calendars for gatherings to connect with other women March 1 (Miscarriage & Infertility) and March 22 (Nutrition) at 2:30pm in the Connecting Spaces.

Women's Retreat Registration

Registration is open for our Women's Retreat, "Overflow: Abiding & Abounding," April 10-12 at The Vision Retreat Center. To register, visit southwood.org.

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and register for our Rainforest Falls VBS! Kickoff dinner: June 14; VBS: June 15-18, 9am-noon. Together we'll step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, where kids experience God's greatness and love and grow deep roots in relationship with Him as their safe place in every storm. Volunteers & kids register at southwood.org/kids.

Prayer Resource for March

Prayer Resource for March is now available in the Narthex and online.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, February 22

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – Communicants Class
12:00pm – Mission Trip Interest Mtg
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Friday - Saturday, February 27-28

Officers Retreat, DeSoto State Park

Saturday, February 28

6:00pm – Leadership Dinner

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Jan-Mar Budget Goal: \$722,092
Jan-Mar Giving to Date: \$357,114

Last Week's Giving: \$102,383



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Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

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.

Mission Partner Focus

Mint Sukanya serves in Bangkok, Thailand, sharing the hope of Jesus with women in the red-light districts through outreach, relationship-building, and gospel-centered job opportunities. Her ministry reflects the truth that every person is created in God's image with dignity, worth, and purpose, and that all are invited into His redeeming kingdom. Please pray for continued healing, open hearts, and lasting transformation through her work.

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Specific Needs

Pray for Randal Andress as he recovers at home from surgery earlier this week.

Pray for Cayce McAlister in the death of her grandfather last weekend.

Pray for Barbara Harris as she has been hospitalized during a trip to Spain this week with heart issues.

Pray for Sunday's Missions Trip Interest Meeting to build excitement for serving alongside our partner in Thailand.

Senior Member

Ron Brady

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Expectant Mothers

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 2026

Amanda Tatum — March 2026

Megan Craig — May 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

**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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