



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.

January 25, 2026

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Express Grace Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“A priest’s job is to get us into the presence of God, and to get the presence of God into us.”

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

PEOPLE: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

LEADER: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

SONGS

“Nothing But the Blood”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Mae Watkins/L. Nichols Announcements
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Psalm 130:1-3

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:7-8

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“By His Wounds”

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

Hebrews 2:14-18

“Love Song from a Savior”

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

“Lord, I Need You”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick 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/HS Youth: Gather in the sanctuary for “Express Grace Through Gifts”

High-Life: Jr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

Kids Connect: (Birth-5th grade) classes in the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

1. God is _____ (v.14), Do Not _____ (vv.15–16)

2. Death is _____, Christ _____ (v.17)

3. Help is _____ (v.18)

Why It Matters:

What sin broke, Christ entered.

What death ruled, Christ defeated.

And what still feels undone, Christ is restoring.

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

1. Hebrews 2:14–15 says Jesus frees us from “lifelong slavery to the fear of death.” Where do you see fear shaping your decisions, relationships, or life?

2. In what ways do you personally wrestle with the belief that God is truly near to you in moments of anxiety, temptation, or suffering?

3. If “death is dead” through Christ, how does that reshape the way you view endings, loss, or uncertainty in your life right now?

4. Verse 18 says Jesus is able to help those who are being tempted. What area of your life most needs His help—and what would it look like to invite Him into that space this week?

5. Where have you noticed—even in small ways—God restoring something in you? Your heart, your relationships, your habits, or your hope? Where have you seen it in others?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood - TODAY!

Are you interested in learning more about the heart of Christianity or Southwood? Join Pastor Will and other leaders for our welcome class today immediately following the worship service in Room B.

Express Grace Through Gifts - TODAY!

This year our focus for how God's grace flows through us to others is on how we use our spiritual gifts as unique and significant parts of Christ's body. During Connect Hour on Sundays (Today - Feb 8), all adults and high school youth gather together for teaching and spiritual gifts assessments led by our deacons and Spiritual Formation Consultant Bill Nash.

Flourish - TODAY!

Today, new women's gatherings to aid our relationships with God and one another begin 2:30 - 4pm in the Connecting Spaces. Join us for Scripturally-based topical discussions focused on body, mind, and spirit.

Express Grace Serve Day

Save the date: Saturday, February 7. Practical opportunities for using our spiritual gifts. More details to come.

Churchwide Family Meal - February 4

Join us for our Family Meal at 5:30pm Wednesday, Feb 4 in the Connecting Spaces! We'll share dinner together, then (if you don't already have an activity) at 6:30pm guest speaker Kevin Moore of Mission Increase will discuss healthy, sustainable ways to engage non-profits in our community.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 25

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
2:30pm – Flourish
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Friday, January 30

4:15pm – Depart for Sr. High Retreat, CampToKnowHim, Pisgah, AL

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

Last Week's Giving

\$26,145



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Prayer Guide

Mission: 3 Key Relationships

Relationship with Our Neighbors

Ask that God would bring fruit from new connections made during the difficult weather this week.

Pray for Holy Spirit to grow in us hearts that consider others' interests before our own and so love and serve generously.

Ask for boldness and thoughtfulness in sharing the hope of Jesus with people around us every day.

Specific Needs

Pray for Debbie Simmons in the death of her brother last weekend.

Praise God for the birth of Daniel Wesson Potts to Stephen and Libby this week.

Pray for Dave and Hallie Porter as they care for their son, Ben, and his wife, Emma, whose twins have had surgery in utero this week.

Pray for our women's Flourish gathering Sunday afternoon to be a time of spiritual refreshment and relational connection across generations.

Pray that God would be showing each of us what spiritual gifts He has given us and how we can use them for the sake of his kingdom.

Pray for our community as we navigate potential winter weather and care for our neighbors this weekend.

Mission Partner Prayer Focus

Alex and Suzanne Sarran have served in full-time ministry in Lyon, France since 2001. Alex leads a growing church plant near the center of the city, and together they seek to glorify God by faithfully proclaiming the Gospel. Their prayer is that many would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, that the church would continue to grow, and that God would establish additional churches in time. They also long to see the Gospel bring visible renewal to Lyon, France's second-largest city.

Meeting Space: Pray that a long-term lease would be secured or that God would provide a new, larger space as the congregation continues to grow.

Church Leadership: Pray for wisdom and discernment for the current elders as they affirm God's call on new officers.

Future Church Planting: Pray for clarity, unity, and faith as they seek the Lord's direction.

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Expectant Mothers

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Krista Fenton — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 2026

Amanda Tatum — March 2026

Megan Craig — May 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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