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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.

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**January 5, 2025**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: *For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

LEADER: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

ALL: *For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

from Psalm 100 and Zephaniah 3

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

## SONGS

“He Will Rejoice”  
“God So Loved”

## PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Wayne Bucknor Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio & Slides
- Andrew Foreman Livestream

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# Worship Service

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## SONG

"In Christ Alone"

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

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

## SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"The Love of God"

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

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Known and Loved to Know and Love”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

God sends us on  
his mission with  
his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Bill 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

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## Sermon Notes

We are known and loved by God in Christ...

1. The Struggle (Romans 3:23)
2. We are known by God (Psalm 139, John 4, Luke 5:27-32)
3. We are loved by God (Romans 5:6-8, Ephesians 3:17-19, 1 John 3:1-2)

...We are moved to know and love God

### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. Does God knowing you move you to fear or relief? Why?
2. If you had to describe God's love to someone who doesn't know God, how would you explain it?
3. The depths of God's knowledge of us and love for us should move us to worship, love, and a desire to know him. What part of God's character do you love most, why? How might you grow in your knowledge about God this year? What would you want to know more about?

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## Announcements

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### Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Adults gather in the Connecting Spaces for Stories of Grace and Donuts.

### 2025 Bible Reading Plan

Our daily reading plan started a few days ago. It's not too late to join us! We are using "The One-Year Chronological Bible 365-Day Reading Plan" in an effort to grow our understanding of the historical context and order in which biblical events unfolded. Learn more at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) or scan this QR Code:



### Grace Groups Sign-ups

It's a new year and a great time for men and women to jump into Grace Groups! Two of our women's Grace Groups begin this week. Learn more about Grace Group opportunities and signup at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

### Sr. High Youth Parents Meeting

Next Sunday at noon, Sr. High youth parents are invited to join us in the Lodge for important details about our summer missions trip to St. Louis.

### Express Grace Conference

Save the date for our annual Express Grace Conference, January 25-26, where we talk about our "Motives for Mission" and focus on serving alongside our local community development partners.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, January 5

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

### Tuesday, January 7

5:00pm – AC Meeting

### Wednesday, January 8

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

### Thursday, January 9

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

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

Oct-Dec Budget Need: \$1,117,132  
Quarterly Giving thru Dec 29: \$1,006,790

### Last Week's Giving

\$294,509



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

### Experience and Express Grace

Ask that the Word of God would dwell richly among us as it constantly points us to the story of grace and the God of grace.

Pray that our zeal to share God's grace with others would match our joy in receiving his grace for ourselves.

Ask for Holy Spirit to work true humility in us that daily recognizes our desperate need for God.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Janice Robinson in the death of her sister last week.

Pray for Greg Ray as he is hospitalized recovering from a stroke earlier this week.

Pray for God's work in our hearts as we listen to his Word daily in our new chronological Bible reading plan.

Pray for our women's Grace Groups as they start this week to deepen relationships with God and one another.

Praise God for 50 years of marriage for Larry and Judy Covington.

Pray for Pastor Will and his family as they travel this weekend for a family wedding.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Express Grace Missions Conference

*On January 25 & 26, Southwood will host its annual missions conference.*

*We will learn more about our Community Development partners and hear messages about Motives for Missions from guest speaker, Pastor Ben Porter. Please help us prepare for this event by praying for these requests.*

Pray that God would bless and guide our guest speaker as he prepares to share with us during the conference.

Pray for our congregation, that we will be open and ready to learn what God has to teach us about mission through this conference.

Ask that God would order our steps as we complete the planning for this event.

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## Senior Member

### Bettie Murray

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## Expectant Mothers

**Gabriela Graniel** — Jan 2025

**Sarah Riley** — Feb 2025

**Lydia Moore** — Feb 2025

**Amy Dobrowansky** — May 2025

**Caroline Jewell** — June 2025

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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