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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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**July 21, 2024**  
**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

“Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.”

Francesca Battistelli

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,

PEOPLE: *And bless your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Every day I will bless you

PEOPLE: *And praise your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

PEOPLE: *His greatness is unsearchable.*

LEADER: One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

PEOPLE: *On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

LEADER: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

PEOPLE: *And I will declare your greatness.*

LEADER: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

ALL: *And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

Psalms 145:1-7

## Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Debbi Akers Story of Grace
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

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# Worship Service

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

## SONGS

“Our God is Greater”  
“How Great is Our God”

## PRAYER

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

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my 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

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 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 130:4-8

## SONG

“The Love of God”

We encourage one another by sharing of God’s gracious work in our lives.

## STORY OF GRACE

## SONG

“Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

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# Worship Service

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Source"

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

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

Matthew 22:37-40

"Creating and Holding Space: Embracing God's Love and Purpose"

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Love of God"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

### BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Today during Connect Hour, all ages gather in the Lodge to welcome Debbi Akers from Cornerstone Initiative, a Southwood ministry partner, as we learn together more about loving our neighbors, especially those in material poverty.

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## Sermon Notes

1. God made space.
2. God holds space for us.
3. God wants us to hold space for each other.

Why it matters: The greatest commandment reveals the source of our ultimate purpose: holding space for God's love and holding space for each other.

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

1. How has your journey through different phases of life shaped your understanding of God and purpose?
2. God gave away the space He created to us. In what ways can you "give away" your space to others in your community?
3. The greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) calls us to love God and our neighbor. How do you actively create space for God's love in your daily life?

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# Announcements

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## Loving Our Neighbors Workshop

Today, let's welcome Debbi Akers from Cornerstone Initiative, a Southwood ministry partner, as we learn together more about loving our neighbors, especially those in material poverty. Gather in the Lodge at 11am during Connect Hour. All ages invited!

## Sermon Resource File

Recommended resources for all ages to help you in your relationship with God along the lines of this summer's sermon series are available by scanning the QR code below.



## Olympic Save the Date

Mark your calendars and plan your training regimens for our churchwide Olympic 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!

## Partner Service Opportunity

During July we are collecting new board games for mission partner Second Mile Development. Parents at area Title I schools will receive them as part of Second Mile's Parent Initiative. Drop off games in the Guest Center or go to [southwood.org](http://southwood.org) to find their Amazon Wishlist.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, July 21

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Loving Neighbors Workshop  
6:30pm – Summer High-Life

### Thursday, July 25

1:00pm – Jr. High Pool Day  
2:00pm – Women's Bible Study

### Friday, July 26

6:00pm – Senior High Leader Hunt

*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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$38,163

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,151,893



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# Prayer Guide

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## Vision

**To Experience and Express Grace in Relationships that Impact Eternity**

Pray that God would reveal his glory and grace to us in fresh ways that give us increasing delight in our relationship with Him.

Ask that God would give us eyes to see the disconnected and hurting in our church family and the heart to reach out to welcome them into relationship.

Pray that we would be bold and sacrificial to demonstrate the grace of God tangibly in our relationships with our neighbors.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Audrey Anne Clendinen to Wesley and Haley last week.

Pray for Linda O'Donnell, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is awaiting biopsy results, to trust God's sovereignty as doctors develop a treatment plan.

Pray for Sunday's "Loving Our Neighbors" training event and for our practical lives of love as we walk with those around us day by day.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**The Lewis Family**  
**Carrigtwohill, Ireland**

*Seth and Jessica Lewis, along with their three children, focus on planting new churches, providing Bible training through Munster Bible College, and running youth camps through Munster Christian Camps. They are currently on home ministry and visited Southwood in June. Please support their time in the states by praying for these requests.*

Pray that the Lewises will be encouraged and refreshed as a result of spending time with their families and supporting churches.

Ask God to make this a fruitful time for raising any support that is needed for their family and ministry.

Pray that the Lord would continue to work in people's hearts and build up his church in Ireland while the Lewises are away.

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## Senior Member

**Dorothie Dutcher**  
2601 Touchmark Dr. Unit 302  
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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](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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