



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.

July 28, 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

“We are being called by Jesus Christ to love our neighbor, meaning anyone, including people of other races, of other classes, of other tribes, as it were, of other religions and that we’re supposed to love them all.”

Timothy Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

PEOPLE: *By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.*

ALL: *They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.’”*

Isaiah 45:22-24a

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name”
“There Is Power in the Blood”

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Sam Johnson** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Steve Long** Livestream
- **Kaitlyn Young** Slides

Worship Service

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, 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

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isaiah 1:18

SONG

“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Hold Space for Me”

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Matthew 22:34-40

“Creating and Holding Space: Embracing God’s Love and Purpose, Part 2”

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

“Near the Cross”

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.

Today, during Connect Hour, all ages gather in the Connecting Spaces for a time of connection and fellowship with one another. Please pick up kids from the nursery before joining the fun. Light snacks will be served!

Sermon Notes

1. God wants you to love.
2. God wants you to love your neighbor.
3. God wants you to love your neighbor as yourself.

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)*

1. Can you recall a moment when someone held space for you in a meaningful way? How did it impact you? In what ways has God made space for you in your life? How do you experience His grace and rest?
2. Can you share a moment when you felt like an "extension cord" of God's love in someone's life?
3. How do you balance loving yourself properly while also prioritizing the needs of others?
4. Why is it important to have a healthy self-view in order to effectively love your neighbor? How can you start small in noticing your neighbor and listening to them?
5. What steps can you take this week to hold space for someone in need of encouragement or support?

Announcements

Connect Hour - TODAY!

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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.



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

Olympicnic - Save the Date

Mark your calendars and plan your training regimens for our 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!

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, July 28

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

Thursday, August 1

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

\$33,963

Year to Date Giving

\$1,185,855



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Mission

Experience and Express Grace in Relationships that Impact Eternity

Ask that Holy Spirit would give us grace to prioritize daily time with God that impacts all our other time throughout the day.

Pray for relationships in our Grace Groups to deepen and strengthen the bonds our Southwood Family shares in Christ.

Ask that we would increasingly and intentionally love our neighbors in both word and deed.

Specific Needs

Pray for David, Janet, and Mary Skidmore as they leave this weekend for a missions trip to Guatemala.

Pray for Senior Pastor Will, Christy, and the girls as they enjoy vacation and return to us renewed and refreshed.

Pray for our students and teachers as many of them return to school, develop new friendships, and establish new patterns for life with Jesus this coming week.

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.

Senior Member

Sandy Newby

2816 Briarwood Dr.
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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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