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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 6, 2025**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service

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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

“We can easily feel defeated in our Christian lives. We can easily think that we will never change, that we are doomed to live in the same failings time and time again. But that is to limit Jesus. How can we come into such an intimate union with him and not be changed?”

Sam Allberry, *One With My Lord*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

PEOPLE: *For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

ALL: *O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.*

Psalm 59:16-17

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

## SONGS

“God So Loved”

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

*ALL: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

-from Galatians 5

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

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

## SONGS

"Blessed Assurance"

"All for Jesus"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

"Abide"

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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

John 15:1-11  
"Bearing Fruit in Christ"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"All for Jesus"

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

Join us for Connect Hour next Sunday, July 13.

**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

## Introduction: A Dynamic Union

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ You Can Count On (15:1)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ You Can Count On (15:2-6)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ You Can Count On (15:7-11)

- Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ at home in you

- You at home in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ at home in you

## Application: Love for the Hard to Love

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

1. In what area of your life do you often feel stuck with little fruit or long to see more fruit develop?

2. How does Jesus' promise of bearing fruit encourage you? How does it help you not give up hope in relationship with others?

3. How are you practically abiding in Christ's words, love, and joy? What fruit are you praying He will grow in you in the days ahead?

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# Announcements

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## 2025 Bible Reading Plan

We are about halfway through this year's Bible reading plan. If you haven't begun this journey with us, then jump in today! 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](https://southwood.org) (About Us page) or scan this QR Code:



## Pray with us on Sundays!

Join our pastors and Prayer Team Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the Prayer Room to pray together. We love to pray for you and/or to pray with you for God's blessing on our church, our specific needs, and our worship service.

## Officer Nominations

Southwood members may nominate individuals for the office of Elder or Deacon today (and any day!) at [southwood.org](https://southwood.org). Please prayerfully consider those you would encourage to serve in leadership roles in our church.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, July 6

8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)

## Tuesday, July 8

6:30pm – Session Meeting

## Thursday, July 10

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group

*Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Women's groups, men's groups, and mixed-gender groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected to any of these groups at [southwood.org/grace-groups](https://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

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

Apr-Jun Budget Need: \$558,565  
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$541,023

## Last Week's Giving

\$34,492



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that God would anchor our hearts in our inseparable relationship with Jesus so that we would stand firm even in the storms of life.

Pray for a renewed daily awareness of the love of God for us that is the same love with which He loves his own perfect Son.

Ask that Holy Spirit would help us grasp our true identity as received from the God who made us rather than achieved by our efforts or imaginations.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Mike Cash, Heather Morris, and Josh Cash and their families in the death of their mother and grandmother last weekend.

Praise God for the birth of Daniel Judah Betts to Andrew and Christine this week.

Pray for a revival of love for God and love for neighbor in our country as we celebrate our independence this week.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Rob and Tünde Futo - Hungary

*The Fütös lead the Sarrokó Evangéliumi Protestáns Gyülekezet (Cornerstone Evangelical Protestant Church), a growing church built on a solid foundation of the Gospel of grace. Their daughter Hajni and her husband, Mark, are also very involved in the church, while their daughter Csenge is attending Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL. You can support the Fütös by praying for these requests.*

Pray for the development of a church discipleship program. Please pray for wisdom and unity to put in place a mentor and training program for all who want to teach, serve, and lead others.

Pray for the church plant, which was particularized on June 1.

After much prayer, Rob's biblical theology book could be published this summer. Pray for the finishing touches and for everything to be ready to go to the printers.

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## Senior Member

### Nancy Unks

145 Sam Henley Lane  
New Market, AL 35761

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## Expectant Mothers

Amelia Daniels — August 2025

Hannah Atkins — September 2025

Kaitlyn Young — October 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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