



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.

June 28, 2026

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

“Unless Christ can be said to reign over the world of hard facts in which Christians must live their lives, he can hardly be said to reign at all.”

G.B. Caird

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Be strengthened with all power according to God’s glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

ALL: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Based on Colossians 1:11-14

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

SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio/Slides
- Leslie Ellis Livestream

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to give us words for the aches in our hearts.

OLD TESTAMENT READING
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13

We bring our laments to the God we trust.

PRAYER OF LAMENT

SONG
"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God places the sign of his promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISM
Rafael Scott Duarte
Son of Steven and Myra Duarte

SONG
"Jesus Loves Me"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Selected Verses
Why Do Bad Things Happen?

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

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

God sends us on
his mission with
his blessing.

BENEDICTION

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10-11



Following the Worship Service

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

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & each other around his Word.

Adults: Gather in Connecting Spaces (exit sanctuary; turn right)

College: Gather in conference room in the Lodge across the street

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

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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: The Origin of Bad Things and Why Questions

What does the God of the Bible do with Bad Things?

1. He _____ bad things _____

- The purpose of bringing _____ out of bad (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28)

- The purpose of deepening our relationship with _____ (1 Peter 1:6-7)

- The purpose of blessing our relationship with _____ (II Corinthians 1:3-11)

2. He _____ bad things _____ (Revelation 21:3-5, Romans 8:18-25)

3. He _____ bad things _____ (Isaiah 53:3-5, John 11:35, Hebrews 2:10)

Conclusion: The End of Bad Things and Why Questions

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

1. How have you experienced God using something bad in your life for a good purpose in your life or someone else's? How does that help when you can't see the purpose?

2. What do Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday have to say about suffering? Which message do you need most, and how can you engage it differently this year?

3. What is a situation in your life or your world that you are presently asking "why" about? What do you think God says to you, and what Bible passage echoes that truth?

Announcements

Joint Adult Connect Hour

Following the service, adults will gather in the Connecting Spaces with Pastor Will as we continue our discussion on the question addressed in today's sermon. We will start by giving the floor to those with questions, hurts, or differing perspectives to share.

Summer Series Information

Our summer sermon and discussion series, "Thanks for Asking," continues Sundays through July 26, and focuses on some difficult questions many ask about God and faith. Cards sharing the schedule of questions are available in the Narthex and Guest Center to help you invite your friends and neighbors.

Worship Night: Summer Songs & Sweets

Join us for Worship Night TONIGHT at 6pm. We'll sing songs together in the sanctuary, then move outdoors for ice cream and other sweet treats. All ages welcome – invite friends and neighbors! (Nursery is not provided). Visit southwood.org to sign up to bring sweet treats.

July Prayer Resource

As an aide to us in slowing down to talk with God as we read his Word, Southwood leaders have written daily prayers inspired by Scripture readings for that day. The booklet for July is available in the Narthex or Guest Center as well as on our website on the reading plan PDF.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, June 28

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
6:00pm – Summer Songs & Sweets
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life Cookout

Thursday, July 2

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group
6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

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.

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$784,136
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$632,177

Last Week's Giving: \$33,554



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond. Ask that God’s promises of renewal and restoration would give us hope for the future and strength to live for his kingdom today.

Pray for those in our congregation and community struggling with dissatisfaction at work, job transition, and job loss.

Ask for God’s fresh blessing on the city of Huntsville, our leaders and our neighbors, spiritually, economically, and relationally.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Edward McComas Cox to Randall and Claire last weekend.

Pray for Sunday night’s worship night gathering to stir our hearts toward God and deepen our relationships with one another.

Pray for Pastor Will as he preaches at the Summer RUF gathering of college students Monday night.

Mission Partner Focus

Pray for our **Thailand Mission Trip Team** (Katie Cantonwine, Kelli Johnson, Heather Morris, and Clara Morris) as they travel to serve alongside Mission Partner Mint Sukanya, who serves women in Bangkok’s red-light district through Gospel-centered relationships.

Pray for safe travels and that God would open their eyes to all He desires them to see and learn. Pray that those they meet would feel the love, encouragement, and prayers of Southwood. Also pray for deepened faith and strengthened relationship with Christ through their service.

Support the team by bringing travel-sized hygiene products for men (deodorant, shaving cream, body wash, shampoo, hand sanitizer) to the missions counter by July 5.

Senior Member

Nancy Unks
145 Sam Henley Lane
New Market, AL 35761

Expectant Mothers

Rachel Johnson — July 2026
Kathryn Propst — July 2026
Maggie Ratliff — August 2026
Emma Chambers — September 2026
Amber Colvard — September 2026
Alyshia Martin — September 2026
Hannah Platko — September 2026
Amy Dobrowansky — October 2026
Brantley Evans — October 2026
Ashlyn Everett — October 2026
Riley Brechin — December 2026

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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