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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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**June 8, 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

“When the Spirit comes to us in redemption, uniting us to Jesus Christ, we do not lose our true identity; rather, it is restored. Since we were not created to be autonomous, self-made people but were created to be in communion with God, when the Spirit leads us back into communion with God in Christ, we do not lose our true selves. We regain them. ... To be fully human is not to be autonomous but to be in communion with God.”

Todd Billings, *Union With Christ*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: *His steadfast love endures forever!*

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:1, 24

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

## SONG

“This Is the Day”

### Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Chandler McCoy Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

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# Worship Service

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We talk to God  
about his worth  
and our needs,  
as Jesus taught  
us to pray.

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

God places  
the sign of his  
promises on  
the children of  
parents who  
trust in Him.

## BAPTISM

*Simon Hugh Collins*  
Son of Tony and Sarah Collins  
  
*Evie Blake Bynum*  
Daughter of Tim and Haley Bynum

## SONG

“Doxology”

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

## SONG

“I Belong to Jesus”

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

“Who You Say We Are”

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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**  
Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3-4  
“Defined in Christ”

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**  
“Who You Say We Are”

God sends us on  
his mission with  
his blessing.

**BENEDICTION**  
The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will 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

How do we often define our identity?

How does God define our identity?

How are we defined in Christ?

How can we live in this new identity?

How does identity in Christ give true worth and freedom?

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

1. How do you tend to achieve your sense of self and worth? Performing in traditional roles? Customizing and curating your own identity? What struggles have you faced?
2. What are the key aspects of your identity in Christ you personally need to remember? What rhythms, practices, or relationships help you actually live defined by that reality?
3. How would you describe freedom in Christ to someone who felt Christianity was simply another capitulation to low views of self and limited experiences of freedom?

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## Announcements

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### Connect Hour for Adults: AfterWords

Join us in the Connecting Spaces following the worship service for a guided conversation as we reflect on today's message together. Lance Cooper and Bill Nash will lead us through meaningful questions that help us explore the sermon's themes, connect God's Word to everyday life, and grow together in community. It's a space for insight, encouragement, and deepening our walk with Christ—side by side.

### Yee Haw VBS - See y'all tonight!

Get ready to giddy up! Vacation Bible School begins tonight at 5pm with our Family dinner (if you have signed up!), followed by our Opening Round-up featuring family-style worship and an overview of the week (everyone welcome!). No nursery this evening. If you still need to sign a child up for VBS, you may come Monday morning at 8:30 and join the crew.

### Leadership Training Class

Interested in a deeper dive into God's Word and our theology? Feeling called to lead or teach at Southwood? It's not too late to join Pastor Will for our Leadership Training Class! See you today during Connect Hour, Room D.

### Worship Night: Summer Songs & Sweets

Save the date for our next Worship Night: Summer Songs and Sweets, Sunday, June 29, at 6pm, with ice cream to follow.

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### This Week @ Southwood

#### Sunday, June 8

8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
5:00pm – VBS Family Dinner  
6:00pm – Family Worship/VBS Kick-off

#### Monday - Wednesday, June 9-11

9am to noon – Yee Haw VBS

#### Wednesday, June 11

11am to noon – VBS Show 'n' Tell/Lunch

#### Thursday, June 12

2:00pm – No 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: \$421,375

### Last Week's Giving

\$60,049



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

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.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Elizabeth Anne Jewell to Cameron and Caroline, with proud grandparents Alan and Dana Judge.

Pray for palpable joy, growing relationships, and eternity-changing gospel impact in the lives of kids at this coming week's VBS.

Pray for tonight's VBS kickoff dinner to be a special opportunity for parents and other adults to engage with the next generation around the things of Christ.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as commissions meet Tuesday night to pray for and guide our church.

Pray for our homebound members and those who care for them to know the nearness of Christ's love.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Mint Saetung - Bangkok, Thailand**  
*Mint is a new Southwood Mission Partner. She serves full-time with Samaritan Creation and volunteers with Rak Teh Ministry (YWAM). In obedience to God's specific calling, she has dedicated her life to reaching out to women working in prostitution in Red- light areas in Bangkok. You can support Mint by praying for these requests.*

Strength and energy to serve.

Healing from nightly rashes and sleep interruptions.

Guidance as she teaches and mentors three women at Samaritan Creation.

Protection and salvation for her family—grandmother, aunt, and brother.

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## Senior Member

**Mary Vaughn**  
2211 Country Club Ave NW, Apt. 1110  
Huntsville, AL 35816

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## Expectant Mothers

**Lily Hatfield** — June 2025  
**Amelia Daniels** — August 2025  
**Hannah Atkins** — September 2025  
**Kaitlyn Young** — October 2025

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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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