



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.

March 17, 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

“Just like a blind man, I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I saw the light, I saw the light -
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!”

Hank Williams

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

PEOPLE: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

ALL: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalms 96:1-4

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

SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”
“How Great Thou Art”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Wesley Chambers Slides

Worship Service

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:5-10

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

I Peter 2:24-25

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”
“Amazing Grace”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace”

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 9:13-41
“Spiritual Sight”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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 rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

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

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

Sermon Notes

Bottom Line

Spiritual sight comes when we see our own _____ and then see _____.

Questions to Ponder

Do I really see my own spiritual blindness?

Do I truly see Jesus?

“To see Jesus is to apprehend Him as the supply of our present needs and believingly to lay hold on Him as such. The Lord Jesus is always seen through the eye of need. He is presented to us in the Scriptures not for our academic contemplation and delight, but for our desperate need as sinners and weaklings. The acknowledgment of need and the confession of sin, therefore, is always the first step in seeing Jesus. Then, where there is acknowledged need, the Holy Spirit delights to show to the heart the Lord Jesus as the supply of just that need.”

- Roy and Revel Hession, *We Would See Jesus*

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

1. Which character(s) in the story do you most relate to – the blind man, the Jewish leaders, the parents? Why?
2. Why do we often not think of ourselves as spiritually blind, desperate, and needing rescue? What things help you “see” that reality in your daily life?
3. How does Jesus’ reversal of sight/blindness give you hope for yourself and for everyone around you? How do we best help ourselves and others “see” Jesus?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Join us following the worship service as we gather to discuss the Parables of Jesus (Room D), the Book of Exodus (Room A), and the Welcome to Southwood class (Room B).

Easter Week Services

We will celebrate special Easter Week services on Maundy Thursday (6pm, Lord's Supper), Good Friday (6pm), and Sunrise (6:30am) on Easter Sunday. We love welcoming many friends and neighbors on Easter and always need help in the nursery during the 9:30 service. To volunteer, tell kim.delchamps@southwood.org.

Church Work Day Saturday

We need people of all ages and skill levels to join our deacons this Saturday, March 23, as we tackle some projects around our church campus. We will meet at Southwood at 9:00am and work much of the day, so come by whenever you can!

Register for Women's Retreat

Join us April 5-7 at Joe Wheeler State Park as we build relationships with one another and grow in becoming "Disciples Who Make Disciples." Register today at southwood.org. Price is \$200/full retreat or \$60/Saturday only. Scholarships available.

Southwood Voices - Rehearsal Dates

Southwood Voices choir rehearsals are 6pm to 6:45pm on Wednesdays March 20 and 27 to prepare for Easter. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us!

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 19

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Kids Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm – SW Voices Rehearsal
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 21

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Saturday, March 23

9:00am – Church Work Day
5:30pm – Young Adults @ Spink Home

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$35,981

Year to Date Giving

\$377,343



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Pray that each of our Grace Groups would be marked by prayer for one another even outside of formal meetings.

Ask for growing boldness in praying with and for people God places in our path each day and for his work in their lives.

Pray for our children to learn the power of prayer in their own lives and through watching us pray with and for them.

Specific Needs

Pray for Lana Austin as she continues to battle a variety of health issues in and out of hospitals.

Praise God for the wedding of Catherine Henderson and Spencer Griffin this weekend and pray for God's blessing on their married life together.

Pray for preparations for our Easter Week services and for family, friends, and neighbors who may join us for those celebrations.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they gather Tuesday night to pray for and plan for our church.

Missions Partner Requests

The Cornerstone Initiative

This ministry provides spiritual, relational, and educational support to those dealing with the challenges of material poverty. Class participants receive employment and financial training using curriculums that are grounded in biblical principles. You can support CornerStone by praying for these requests.

Ask God to bless and sustain the members and volunteers involved in our current Jobs for Life class.

We are starting a new class called Trauma Reboot, led by Amy Talton, our Director of Community Care. Pray that God's spirit would surround and bring healing to those who are in this program.

Pray for a successful fundraising event, Cornhole for CornerStone, coming up on April 18.

Senior Member

Dorothie Dutcher

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Expectant Mothers

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Abigail Hess Tredal — May 2024

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024

Haley Clendinen — July 2024

Rachel Johnson — August 2024

Haley Bynum — August 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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