



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 22, 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

Question: How does Christ execute the office of Priest?

Answer: Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 25

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

ALL: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

from 1 Peter 1

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

SONGS

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"
"Come, Ye Sinners"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Marcus Pope** Drums
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio/Slides
- **Steve Long** Livestream

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

SILENT CONFESSION

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

SONG

“Before the Throne of God Above”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Beautiful, Scandalous Night”

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

Hebrews 7:1-22

“Jesus Is Greater Than Who?”

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

“Before the Throne of God Above”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Bill will greet & 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 the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

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

1. The writer of Hebrews expresses how Jesus meets our needs in regards to his sacrifice. What are some ways that the sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice can help carry you through struggles against sin? How can it help you point others to Jesus when they struggle?
2. The writer of Hebrews talks of Jesus' ability to save to the uttermost. This is an idea that stresses a fullness or a finality, and the NIV uses "completely." What are some things we trust for our value and salvation despite knowing the great extent of Jesus' salvation?
3. Christian, you have a Savior who intercedes for you, always! How does that statement give you comfort and hope when sin seems out of control? How does that help you in regard to times of confession? How does it comfort you knowing that your Savior is strong enough always to intercede for you?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour Classes

Join us after the service in our adult communities. Classes include "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute," "The Gospel of Mark," and "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah."

Southwood Voices Rehearsal

Our seasonal adult choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary today and next Sunday at 11am to prepare for Easter. New singers welcome to join us!

Flourish Women's Gathering Today

Women, join us today at 2:30pm in the Connecting Spaces as Janet Harritt shares on the topic of "Nourish: A Biblical Approach to Nutrition and Wellness."

Women's Retreat Registration

Our Women's Retreat is April 10-12 at The Vision. Speaker: CBS Teaching Leader Katie Caldwell. Register at southwood.org.

Vacation Bible School

Register for our Rainforest Falls VBS! Kickoff dinner: June 14 at 5pm with Worship at 6pm; VBS: June 15-18, 9am to noon. Volunteers & kids register at southwood.org/kids.

Easter Services

Mark your calendars for our Easter services: Maundy Thursday (4/2) at 6pm, Good Friday (4/3) at 3pm, Easter Sunrise (4/5) at 6am, and Easter Worship (4/5) at 9:30am.

Prayer Resource for April

Prayer Resource for April is now available in the Narthex and online.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 22

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – No Communicants Class
11:00am – Southwood Voices Rehearsal
2:30pm – Flourish Women's Gathering
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, March 25

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, March 26

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Saturday, March 28

2:00pm – Ron Brady Memorial Service

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.

Jan-Mar Budget Goal: \$722,092
Jan-Mar Giving to Date: \$534,887

Last Week's Giving: \$50,523



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that Holy Spirit would develop a deepening desperation within each of us for revival in our hearts and community that can come only from God.

Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit in our city that could only be explained as divine power and mercy.

Ask that God would make our dreams so big that we would be driven to ask for his help to see them accomplished..

Specific Needs

Pray for Martha Brady (wife) and Holly (Welch) Tucker (daughter) in the death of Ron Brady last week.

Praise God that Bettie Murray has regained enough strength to leave the hospital and return to Redstone Village, and pray for her continued recovery.

Pray for Janet Harritt as she leads our women's Flourish event Sunday and for relationships to deepen through this gathering.

Mission Partner Focus: Reaching Indians Ministries

International (RIMI) serves the poor and marginalized across India and South Asia by bringing the hope of Jesus through church planting, leadership development, education, and community programs. They train young men and women for ministry through a one-year program that combines classroom learning with hands-on field experience, along with advanced theological education at their Nagpur seminary.

Pray for pastors conferences and Bible college graduation ceremonies in every state across the country to be a humbling and inspiring time of launching graduates into ministry.

Pray especially for the Raipur Bible College Southwood supports.

Pray for Saji and Mony Lukos and other leaders who will travel extensively to celebrate, equip, and encourage graduates in the next couple weeks.

Senior Member

Alma Huston

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Expectant Mothers

Megan Craig — May 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

**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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