



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 30, 2025

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

"I could never myself believe in God, if it were not for the cross. The only God I believe in is the One Nietzsche ridiculed as 'God on the cross.' In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? ... I have turned ... to that lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn-pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me! He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of his. There is still a question mark against human suffering, but over it we boldly stamp another mark, the cross that symbolizes divine suffering."

—John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

ALL: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

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

SONGS

"God So Loved"

"Here I Am to Worship"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Patrick Bogui Violin
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Newt Johnson Bass Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Amanda Tatum Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to tell us of Jesus' suffering in our place .

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:10-12

SONGS

“Lord, I Need You”

“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Man of Sorrows"

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 19:28-29

"The Thirsty Savior"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"God So Loved"

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

Introduction: To thirst is human?

We see Jesus' full humanity on display as, thirsty on the cross, He...

1. _____ the _____ we experience (_____ Thirst)

2. _____ the _____ we deserve (_____ Thirst)

Conclusion: To thirst is human?

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

1. Share about the time you recall feeling greatest physical thirst. How would you characterize spiritual or existential thirst in your own life?
2. A friend of yours experiences personal tragedy and tells you he just can't believe in God anymore. How would you interact with him? How would the cross of Christ help?
3. What specific experience did Jesus endure in your place that makes you most grateful never to have to endure?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour

Join us for classes in our adult communities, connecting with one another around God's Word. These include "Sermon on the Mount: The Good Life" (Under 40 in Room D with Lance Cooper, Thomas & Laura Davison); "Hebrews: Drawing Near to God in a Broken World" (40-60 in Room E with John Foreman and Bill Nash); "Living Life via the Psalms" (60+ in Room A with Mark Baginski and Vinit Mahesh).

Easter Services

Mark your calendars for our Easter services: Maundy Thursday at 6pm, Good Friday at 6pm, Easter Sunrise at 6am, and Easter Worship at 9:30am.

Easter Nursery Volunteers

This Easter, consider volunteering in our sweet nursery to support families during the 9:30am service. To sign up, email kids@southwood.org.

Vacation Bible School

Yee Haw! Save the date for VBS, June 8-11, and hold on to your hat; we've got some fun surprises in store! To register as a ranch-hand (AKA volunteer) or to sign a buckaroo (AKA child) up to participate, visit our website today.

Need Prayer?

We consider it a great privilege to bring one another before the throne of grace. Our elders in particular love to pray with you, so join us Sunday mornings at 8:45am or let us know of a need at prayer@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

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

Jan-Mar Budget Need: \$558,565
Jan-Mar Giving to Date: \$517,344

Last Week's Giving

\$52,424



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that the comfort of Holy Spirit's presence would encourage us to talk with God throughout the day about what's on our hearts.

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

Ask for a renewed sense of Jesus' nearness to our sufferings to encourage us to cry out to Him even in our deepest despair.

Specific Needs

Pray for Mae Watkins as she recovers from shoulder surgery this week.

Pray for Sarah Pillsbury as she recovers from gallbladder surgery this week.

Pray for this weekend's Women's Retreat to be a refreshing time of drawing near to Jesus and growing in relationships with one another.

Pray for Vicki Richardson as she undergoes some heart tests next week.

Pray for Haley Bynum in the death of her grandmother last week,

Missions Partner Requests

New City West End (St. Louis, MO)
Pastor Thurman and Evie Williams

This member of the New City Network is a multicultural congregation that seeks to serve the West End community of St. Louis City, as they love God and love one another.

You can find more details at newcitywestend.org. Please pray for them as they go through a transition in leadership.

Pray for Pastor Williams as he shifts to an Associate Pastor role to better focus on his calling of teaching at Covenant Seminary.

Ask God to strengthen and guide Assistant Pastor Anthony Johnson, who is being considered for the lead pastor position.

Pray that the ministries of New City West End will continue to flourish throughout this process.

Senior Member

Sandy Newby

2816 Briarwood Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

Robin Cardwell — April 2025

Amy Dobrowansky — May 2025

Caroline Jewell — June 2025

Lily Hatfield — June 2025

Amelia Daniels — August 2025

**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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