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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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**March 9, 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

“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*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

PEOPLE: *And all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

PEOPLE: *And forget not all his benefits.*

LEADER: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. He satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: *Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

Psalms 103

## Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Nash Spiritual Formation Consultant
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

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

God speaks to us through the Bible as his love leads us to honesty about our failures.

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

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

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

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

## SONGS

"10,000 Reasons"

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalm 103:10-13

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ... But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Hebrews 9:22,26

## SONG

"Nothing But the Blood"

## BAPTISM

*Millie Clarke Johnson*

Daughter of Sam and Rachel Johnson

## SONG

"Doxology"

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

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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

John 19:1-11

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

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 Bill 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

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## Sermon Notes

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

1. The beauty of Jesus can be lost on us in a world of endless distractions like social media, the news, possessions, etc. What are the most prevalent distractions in your life? How do you think they are affecting your relationship with Jesus?

2. What are the rough seas, disorienting rivers, or difficult roads you have experienced in your life? How has that affected how you see God?

3. Is there any area of life where God is inviting you to trust Him more deeply?

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# Announcements

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## 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).

## Women's Retreat Deadline This Week

The Southwood Women's Retreat will be March 28-30 at the beautiful Guntersville State Park lodge. This is a special opportunity to focus on relationships with God and one another. Register by this Wednesday, March 12, at [southwood.org](http://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!

## On-Call Nursery Volunteers

If you are willing to serve as an "on-call" volunteer for our nursery children (whether you already serve in the nursery or not), we'd love to hear from you and add you to our list! Email [kids@southwood.org](mailto:kids@southwood.org).

## 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](mailto:prayer@southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 9

8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

## Wednesday, March 12

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – No Women's Grace Groups

## Thursday, March 13

10:00am – No 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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## 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: \$367,826

## Last Week's Giving

\$49,608



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

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 that we would confess our pride and self-reliance so that we would come humbly and boldly to the throne of grace.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for endurance and healing for Greg Ray as he works on walking again following a recent stroke.

Pray for the upcoming Spring Break to be a time of refreshment, rest, and reconnection for students, families, and school staff throughout our community.

Pray for Billy Phillips as he faces challenging life changes in the next few days.

Pray for those being trained as future Grace Group leaders to have their love for Christ and their brothers and sisters grow through the process.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**One Voice Fellowship - Chris and Naomi Sicks**

*A service at this gospel-centered church in Alexandria, Virginia, includes sermon translation, prayer, and singing in 18 languages. The people of One Voice declare God's glory among the nations right in their own neighborhood, full of people from all around the world. Learn more at [onevoicefellowship.org](http://onevoicefellowship.org). You can support One Voice by praying for these requests.*

Pray that they would see growth towards their vision of being a church that glorifies God as "a light for the nations—so that all the world may be saved." (Isaiah 49:6).

Ask God to give their ethnically diverse staff and congregation spiritual unity in Christ.

Pray for strong financial support to supplement the gifts their members are able to provide.

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## Senior Member

**Alma Huston**

2800 Day Cir SW  
Huntsville, AL 35801

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## Expectant Mothers

**Amy Dobrowansky** — May 2025

**Caroline Jewell** — June 2025

**Lily Hatfield** — June 2025

**Amelia Daniels** — August 2025

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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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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