



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.

May 10, 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

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:30-31

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

PEOPLE: *We were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

ALL: *Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so our faith and hope are in God.*

1 Peter 1:3, 18-19

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

SONGS

“Nothing But the Blood”
“Psalm 150”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

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

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ... In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:7-14

SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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 12:1-17

“Running the Race of Faith”

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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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 & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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

Starting Line

In running the race of faith, _____ is _____ but not _____.

Running the Race

1. How do we stay ready to run well each day? (12:1-4)

- Lay aside _____

- Look to _____

2. How do we run well when we're hurting? (12:5-11)

- Don't deny your _____

- Don't deny your _____

3. How do we run well together? (12:12-17)

- Strengthen the _____

- Remember the _____

Finish Line

Endurance ends in _____.

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

1. What are one or two things others can pray for and encourage you to lay aside as you seek to run unhindered in the race of faith?

2. What painful situation are you facing in your race right now? How does it help you endure to consider your Father's discipline and care for you?

3. Imagine it is the goal of your Grace Group (or family or friends) to endure in the race together to the end. How would you organize? What would you spend more time doing?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour

Following the service, Pastor Bill Nash continues a course on walking with Jesus (Room B). Other Connect Communities continue, including "The Alt. Gospel: Why Good News Needs No Substitute," "The Gospel of Mark," and "The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah."

College Connect Community

We will offer a class to connect and learn together for any college students home this summer. Class of 2026 and older. Meet in Lodge conference room at 11am starting next Sunday, May 17.

Summer Women's Grace Groups

Come join one or both women's Grace Groups this summer: *Lamb of God* (Thursdays starting May 14, 2-3:30pm, Room E) or *Respectable Sins* (Wednesdays starting May 27, 6:30-7:30pm, Connecting Spaces).

Flourish

Our next Flourish gathering will be next Sunday, May 17, 2:30pm, in the Connecting Spaces. Sheila Corbin and Anna Babin will lead us as we discuss supporting families of children with special needs.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just 5 weeks away, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable week for our kids! Sign up today at southwood.org/kids to serve and be part of what God is going to do through this exciting adventure.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 10

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

Tuesday, May 12

6:30pm – Session Meeting

Thursday, May 14

2:00pm – 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 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.

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$784,136
Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$274,205

Last Week's Giving: \$81,652



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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

Pray that God would give us hearts that work and sacrifice to be where Jesus is - with those others push aside.

Ask that the Holy Spirit would give the aroma of the gospel to our lives among those who do not know Jesus.

Pray that the children in our church and community would have opportunities to develop their faith during the upcoming summer months.

Specific Needs

Pray for Lance and Whitney Cooper as Lance prepares for radiation for a treatable skin lymphoma.

Thank God for our biological, foster, adoptive, and spiritual mothers, and pray for grace for them to show us God's strong and tender love.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they meet on Tuesday to pray for and guide our church family.

Mission Partner Focus

Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen is more than a place to eat. It is a community of care and hope. They serve daily hot, home cooked meals with dignity in a welcoming, family-friendly setting. They also provide showers, hygiene kits, pantry goods, children's items, and pet food through Life Line programs. With a no barriers philosophy, Rose of Sharon opens its doors to all, including individuals, families, and veterans, offering not only nourishment but also access to vital community resources and partner services. Please pray for:

Safety, provision, and hope for Huntsville's homeless community.

Strength and encouragement for volunteers as they serve.

Wisdom and endurance for staff, and resources to meet growing needs.

Senior Member

Mark Wolfson

105 Imogene Way
Huntsville, AL 35758

Expectant Mothers

Claire Cox — July 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

Emma Chambers — September 2026

Amber Colvard — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 2026

Hannah Platko — September 2026

Amy Dobrowansky — October 2026

Brantley Evans — October 2026

Ashlyn Everett — October 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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