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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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**May 24, 2026**

**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering

**9:30 AM** Worship Service

**11:00 AM** No 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

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:28-29

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

PEOPLE: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

LEADER: And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

ALL: *“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

Isaiah 12:2-6

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

## SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”  
“Forever”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- John Viers Bass Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio/Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

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# Worship Service

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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

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

## SONG

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Do It Again"

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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

Hebrews 13  
"Therefore..."

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will will greet & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour next Sunday, May 31.

**Adults:** Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

**College:** Gather in conference room in the Lodge across the street

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

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

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# Sermon Notes

Introduction: The Pattern Throughout Hebrews

Living in Light of Reality ...

13:1 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:2 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:3 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:4 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:5-6 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:7-8 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:9-10 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:11-14 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:15 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:16 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:17 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

13:18-19 What? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

Conclusion: The Ultimate Life-Shaping Reality (13:20-21)

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

1. How often do you consider the connection between the things you believe and the way you live? How would your life look different if you increased consistency here?
2. Which one of these exhortations to life with God is most convicting or challenging to you? How could someone pray for you to grow in that area?
3. What do you think God wants you to take away from this study of Hebrews in recent months? How is his Word changing what you believe and/or how you live?

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# Announcements

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## Connect Hour

There is no Connect Hour (all ages) today due to the holiday weekend. Join us next Sunday following the worship service for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

## Summer Women's Grace Groups

Come join one or both women's Grace Groups this summer: *Lamb of God* (Thursdays, 2:00-3:30pm, Room E) or *Respectable Sins* (Wednesdays starting May 27, 6:30-7:30pm, Connecting Spaces).

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is just 3 weeks away, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable week for our kids! Sign up today at [southwood.org/kids](http://southwood.org/kids) to serve and be part of what God is going to do through this exciting adventure.

## Summer Series Information

Our summer sermon and discussion series, "Thanks for Asking," focuses on questions many ask about God and faith. Cards sharing the schedule of questions are available in the Narthex and Guest Center to help you invite your friends and neighbors.

## Summer Songs & Sweets

Save the date for our next Worship Night: Summer Songs and Sweets, Sunday, June 28, at 6pm, with ice cream to follow.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, May 24

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)

### Monday, May 25

Office Closed

### Wednesday, May 27

6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

### Thursday, May 28

1:00pm – Sr. High Students Depart

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group

*Join us on God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Coed groups, women's groups, and men's groups meet throughout the week. Sign up to get connected 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.*

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$784,136

Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$402,696

**Last Week's Giving:** \$41,217



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 Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. Pray that we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us.

Ask Holy Spirit to stir our hearts to share the hope of Jesus with those around us who don't know Him.

Pray that those rejected by others would find a gracious welcome in our church family.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Dan Simmons as he recovers from a fall requiring hip and elbow surgeries this week.

Pray for Daniel and Beth Patton as they are moving this weekend to the Houston area.

Pray for our youth and children's ministry summer interns (Zach Blauwkamp, Annily Deavours, Beckham Kiskunas, and Mary Claire Paulson) as they get to know our young people.

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood members Cameron and Laura (Powell) Grace and pray for them as they begin their life together.

Praise God for the arrival of Kate Gentry, our new assistant youth director, and pray for her as she develops relationships with our girls.

Thank God for those who have given their lives to protect our nation.

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## Mission Partner Focus

**New City Fellowship West-End (Pastoral Residency Program)** in St. Louis exists to love God, love neighbors, and serve its community. As a multicultural church, they are committed to raising up the next generation of pastors, with a focus on developing minority leaders for lifelong ministry. Their Pastoral Residency Program provides hands-on training, mentorship, and real-world experience to equip leaders for faithful service. Through efforts like Restore St. Louis, they also care for vulnerable neighbors, including widows, orphans, and refugees.

Pray for financial resources and for wisdom and guidance during their church particularization process.

Pray that God would raise up leaders and pastors in the residency program to serve his Church.

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## Senior Member

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## 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](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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