



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 3, 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

“Faith is the ceasing from all nature’s efforts, and all other dependence; faith is confessed helplessness casting itself upon God’s promise, and claiming its fulfillment; faith is the putting ourselves quietly into God’s hands for Him to do His work.”

Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ*

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!

PEOPLE: *According to God’s great mercy, we have been born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

LEADER: We now have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us,

ALL: *Guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

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

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“God So Loved”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt 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
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Padya Pearson 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

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

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SONG

"The Lord Will Provide"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Sometimes By Step"

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 11
"Living By Faith"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"For All the Saints"

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

Introduction: Walking by _____ or by _____?

Though our physical eyes are limited, the eyes of faith see ...

1. God's _____

2. God's _____

3. God's _____

Conclusion: Seeing _____

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

1. In what ways do you often find yourself living by sight – focusing on the things or people you see?
2. How would you describe to a non-Christian the difference between “blind faith,” “a leap of faith,” and faith in God?
3. How does seeing Jesus make God’s person, promises, or place more real to your eyes of faith than what your physical eyes see? How do you pray for that faith to grow?

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 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).

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just 6 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. There are many different gifts in our church family and equally many different ways to serve, so we'd love to help you find your place on the VBS team!

Prayer Resource for May Available

The booklet for May is available in the Narthex or Guest Center as well as on our website on the reading plan PDF.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 3

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
12:00pm – Graduation Luncheon
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, May 5

9:00am – Presbytery @ Florence

Wednesday, May 6

6:00pm – Kids Club

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: \$182,553

Last Week's Giving: \$40,565



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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 we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us to extend the welcome God has shown to us.

Ask for boldness to share the hope of Jesus with an increasingly hopeless world around us.

Pray that God would make us a community where the materially poor feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood members Gretchen McKee and Jim Hess last weekend and pray as they begin life together.

Pray for our graduating seniors and their families as they prepare for this next season of life and trust God's direction for them.

Praise God for the birth of Ella Marie Craig to Tony and Megan this week.

Pray for Karen Andress as she remains hospitalized and is hoping to move to rehab soon.

Pray for wisdom for those attending next Tuesday's Presbytery meeting and for peace throughout our sister churches.

Pray for Bob Everett as he travels to North Carolina to care for his father undergoing major surgery.

Mission Partner Focus

Birmingham Theological Seminary is committed to making faithful theological education accessible, equipping leaders to serve Christ's Church. Through training pastors, counselors, and lay leaders, both locally and around the world, BTS seeks to strengthen churches with a firm commitment to the inerrancy, infallibility, and authority of Scripture. In Huntsville, BTS is in the early stages of establishing a local campus, with several churches already partnering and more anticipated. This spring, a course titled Christ and Culture, has been offered at Summit Crossing Community Church, providing an opportunity for theological growth within our community.

Pray for partnerships with local churches and growing interest in theological training across Huntsville, and for Roy McDaniel's transition to full-time leadership this summer.

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

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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