



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.

October 12, 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

“Jesus, everlasting King,
Accept the tribute which we bring;
Accept the well deserved renown,
And wear our praises as Your crown.

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.”

Isaac Watts and Matthew Smith

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God has highly exalted Christ Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

PEOPLE: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LEADER: His name is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

ALL: May Jesus Christ be praised!

From Philippians 2, Revelation 19

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

SONGS

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name”
“Lead On, O King Eternal”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Kelvin Wooten Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Amanda Tatum Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Question: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Answer: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, 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

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

SONG

“His Mercy Is More”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Whom Shall I Fear?”

Worship Service

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

K-1st grade may join Kids Worship after Children's Moment.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 17

"Having a Hero"

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

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

I Timothy 1:17



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

1. I _____ a Hero

* What our practical atheism often looks like

2. The _____ of a Hero

* What seeing God clearly looks like

1. _____ for God's Ultimate _____

2. _____ for God's Desperate _____

3. _____ in God's Active _____

3. I _____ a Hero

* What living with Jesus in his victory looks like

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

1. In what situation, sin struggle, or relationship in your life are you most prone to practical atheism?

2. What things, people, or practices in your life most help you see God clearly? How does it impact your heart when you actively sense God's presence?

3. Where is God leading you to join Jesus in plundering the camp of Satan, sin, and death (consider physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, intellectual, or relational ways)?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities

Today following the service:

Ages 18-39: Rm E, Gospel and Work with Lance Cooper, Thomas and Laura Davison;

Ages 40-59: Rm D, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude with Kevin Ellis, Julie Blauwkamp, and Heather Morris;

Ages 60+: Rm A, Ephesians with Alan Judge, Kevin Jones, and Bill Nash;

All Ages: Rm B, Welcome to Southwood with Will Spink.

Southwood Kids at Tate Farms

Join Southwood Kids as they head to Tate Farms this Thursday, 5-8pm.

Visit southwood.org/kids to purchase tickets (\$15) through Wednesday.

Otherwise, tickets are \$20 at the gate. Come and invest in relationships with the next generation!

“Let’s Gather!” Women’s Luncheon

Ladies (ages 16+), registration is now available for our fall Women’s Luncheon, 11am to 12:30pm on November 8 in the Lodge. Our own Gretchen McKee will share her story. RSVP by Nov 5 at southwood.org.

Prayer

At Southwood, we love the privilege of praying for one another. Join us in the Prayer Room each Sunday at 8:45am for prayer. You may also email prayer requests or ask the elders to gather to pray for you by contacting prayer@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, October 12

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, October 14

6:30pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women’s Grace Groups

Thursday, October 16

10:00am – Women’s Grace Groups

5:00pm – SW Kids @ Tate Farms

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.

Oct-Dec Budget Goal: \$1,182,675

Last Week’s Giving

\$56,088



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray for intimacy to grow in our marriages as we share struggles and repent honestly and respond with grace and forgiveness.

Ask for God's direction of our kids as they build life-long friendships that impact their relationship with Him.

Pray for eyes to see new relationships God is providing as opportunities to express his grace even in already busy schedules.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Theodore Joseph Young to Jonathan and Kaitlyn last weekend.

Praise God for good progress in Jim Harris' cancer treatment and continue to pray for him as he begins chemo treatment.

Pray for unity, wisdom, and faith our elders as they meet Tuesday night to pray and plan for our church.

Pray for our upcoming Tate Farms night to be a time of joy and encouragement particularly for the next generation of our family.

Pray for our neighbors, Huntsville businesses, and local campuses (like Alabama A&M) feeling the impact of the government shutdown.

Missions Partner Requests

One Voice Fellowship (PCA), is a vibrant, multilingual mission church in Northern Virginia that exists to give the world a glimpse of Revelation 7:9 — people from every nation and language worshiping Jesus together. Join us in giving thanks for One Voice Fellowship's first decade of ministry — proclaiming the gospel, welcoming the nations, and glorifying God with one voice!

Pray for the church as they elect their first deacons Sunday, October 19, and for the men nominated to serve.

Pray for new kingdom opportunities as the church with whom they share a building moves to a new property at the end of the year.

Pray for continued growth and unity as they finish up a sermon series on the Book of Acts and the nature of the Church.

Senior Member

Eileen Sessions

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Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

Myra Duarte — November 2025

Anna Cowles — November 2025

Libby Potts — January 2026

Rosemary Spooner — February 2026

Krista Fenton — February 2026

Ashleigh Lewis — March 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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