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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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**October 19, 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

“Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.  
All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.  
For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.  
Teach me your way, Lord,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.”

Psalm 86:8-11

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

*PEOPLE: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**LEADER:** The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

*ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

from Psalm 100 and Zephaniah 3

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

## SONGS

“Great Are You, Lord”  
“Psalm 150”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Nick Walker Bass
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Tamara Bodie Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

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# Worship Service

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God speaks to us through the Bible to tell us how to find life.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

## SONG

"Lord, I Need You"

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

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

## SONG

"The Wonderful Cross"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"God and God Alone"

*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

1 Kings 18:20-40

“God-hopping or God-hoping?”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Great Are You, Lord”

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 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

Introduction: People with multiple loyalties, divided hearts (18:20-24)

## 1. Lessons about Following \_\_\_\_\_ (18:25-29)

- More \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ always seems required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is not sufficient.
- \_\_\_\_\_ = sadness.

## 2. Lessons about Following \_\_\_\_\_ (18:30-40)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient.
- God answers with \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: A God with a singular focus, a gracious vision

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

1. What idol of our culture do you most often find yourself serving – power, pleasure, profit, something else?
2. Have you ever struggled with God hearing you and answering you? What most helps you to trust Him when you can't hear his answer?
3. Elijah says, "If YHWH is God, follow Him." How would your life look different if you quit hopping between gods and followed the one true and living God?

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# Announcements

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## 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.

## “Let’s Gather!” Women’s Luncheon

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

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, October 19

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, October 21

6:30pm – Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, October 22

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women’s Grace Groups

### Thursday, October 23

10:00am – Women’s Grace Groups

### Friday - October 24

4:00pm – Depart for Jr. High-Life Retreat, Camp Skyline in Mentone, AL

*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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## 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

\$47,432



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**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 are driven by relationships.**

Ask that our Grace Groups would increasingly be havens of refuge for those who are hurting and lonely to find life-giving community.

Pray for relationships to grow across generations so that we would grow together as the family God has called us to be.

Ask for boldness and intentionality in workplace and neighborhood relationships - that we might share the hope of Christ with those regularly in our lives.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she travels to Thailand to encourage and work alongside mission partner Mint Saetung.

Pray for mission partners Chase and Holly Daws in the death of her mother, former Southwood member Vicky Hereth.

Praise God for the birth of Stephen Morgan to Daniel and Mary Pate (Hardy) Morgan this week.

Pray for Sara Snyder as she undergoes surgery for a broken leg.

Praise God for his generous financial provision for Southwood during the recently completed fiscal year.

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## 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.

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## Senior Member

**Ron Brady**

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## 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](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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