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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 20, 2024**  
**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

“Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. ... Let me get used to the sound of Thy voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be the music of Thy speaking voice.”

A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: *Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!*

ALL: *Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

Psalm 105:1-3

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

## SONGS

“All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus Name”  
“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

We talk to God about his worth and our needs, as Jesus taught us to pray.

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Announcements Cathy Mayer
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio & Slides
- Lance Cooper Livestream

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## SONG

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, and need for Him.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

God reminds us of his grace and forgiveness as the foundation of our relationship.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

## SONG

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

“Knowing You”

*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

John 17:3  
“Eternal Life”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

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:** Missing out on the Life we were made for?

## 1. The Surprising Nature of Eternal Life

- Surprise: We \_\_\_\_\_ naturally have it.
- Surprise: Eternity starts \_\_\_\_\_.
- Surprise: It's about \_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." – John 17:3*

## 2. The Supreme Priority of Knowing God

- Knowing God in the \_\_\_\_\_
- Knowing God more than knowing \_\_\_\_\_ God
- Knowing God in \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Experiencing Life the way we were made to

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

1. Before reading verse 3, how would you have described "eternal life"? How is what Jesus says different from your answer?
2. Is the life you're experiencing today something you would want to go on forever? What changes could make you more excited about that prospect?
3. What moments or seasons of your life did you most feel you personally "knew God" and enjoyed the reality of that relationship most deeply?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Hour

Adult gatherings following the worship service: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry (Room D, Bill Nash), Romans: God's Plan for Your Life (Room A, Kevin Ellis and Mark Wolfson), and Welcome to Southwood (Room B, Will Spink).

## Women's Luncheon - Nov 9

All Southwood women are invited to gather at the Lodge on Saturday, November 9, for a time of fellowship and encouragement. We will have lunch together and hear from a special guest speaker. Register by November 6 at [southwood.org](https://southwood.org).

## Southwood Mountain Men - Nov 9

All Southwood men are invited to a gathering at Blevins Gap Landtrust parking lot on Saturday, November 9, at 7am. We will enjoy breakfast and learn about spending time with Jesus and growing relationships with Him.

## MNA Disaster Relief

Pray about how you or your Grace Group can help with hurricane relief efforts. There are opportunities through the PCA to give financially, join a team, or prepare relief kits. Learn more at [pcamna.org/ministry/mna-disaster-response](https://pcamna.org/ministry/mna-disaster-response).

## Southwood Job Opportunities

Southwood is seeking to fill four ministry positions (youth male, youth female, missions, and connections). Learn more at [southwood.org/jobs](https://southwood.org/jobs).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, October 20

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

## Wednesday, October 23

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

## Thursday, October 24

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit [southwood.org/grace-groups](https://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

Join us on Sunday, November 17, following the worship service for our annual Congregational meeting. Together we'll reflect on the 2024 budget that ended September 30 and look forward to the 2025 budget, which began October 1.

## Last Week's Giving

\$45,776



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](https://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

We are driven by relationships.

Ask Holy Spirit to give us eyes to see those fighting loneliness and draw them into gospel community.

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.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Terra Calhoun in the death of her mother last week.

Pray for Sue Urban as she cares for her friend, Roy, whose cancer has returned and desires physical and spiritual healing.

Pray for relational fruit from our Tate Farms evening and Church Work Day this weekend.

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she travels to the PCA Women's Leadership Conference this week.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### Reaching Indians Ministries Int'l (RIMI)

*RIMI's vision is to transform communities in South Asia and beyond by developing and deploying indigenous leaders. Their ministry plan includes evangelism, leadership training, and mercy ministries. You can support them by praying for the following requests:*

Pray that Saji and his wife, Mony, have a safe and successful trip to India later this month.

Ask that God will provide the funds required for the deployment of 200 new missionaries.

Pray for the provision of new staff at RIMI headquarters for various ministry needs.

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## Senior Member

### Eileen Sessions

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## Expectant Mothers

Sarah Riley — Feb 2025

Lydia Moore — Feb 2025

**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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