



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 26, 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

“Jonah is about the disturbing possibility that, having pledged our life to God, we could end up spending much of that life avoiding the God we set out to serve. You may have already discovered this strange contradiction that lies at the heart of all Christian experience: while loving Christ, you find yourself turning from him; while trusting Christ, you often battle fear and anxiety; while serving Christ, you sometimes struggle with disappointment about certain events in your life. You are not alone!”

Colin Smith

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,

ALL: And I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Psalm 7:17

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

SONGS

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Mae Watkins Slides

Worship Service

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:1-7

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

SONG

"Nothing But the Blood"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Love of God"

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

Jonah

"Mercy for Runaways"

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

"The Love of God"

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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: _____ People

Chapter 1: God's Mercy to the _____

Chapter 2: God's Mercy to _____

Chapter 3: God's Mercy to the _____

Chapter 4: God's Mercy to _____

Conclusion: The God Who Runs After _____

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

1. In what relationship or situation does your heart most often run away from God's heart?
2. Read Luke 11:29-32 and Matthew 12:39-41. How would you explain the sign of Jonah to someone who knew his story? Have you repented in response to the sign?
3. Read Psalm 9:9, Isaiah 30:18, and Luke 15:2. How does considering God's merciful heart motivate you to share that same heart?

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;

Grace Group Leaders Meeting TODAY

Grace Group Leaders, join the Adult Ministry Team during the Connect Hour in the Connecting Spaces for an intentional time of encouragement.

“Let’s Gather!” Women’s Luncheon

Ladies (ages 16+), don’t miss 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.

Thanksgiving Service Testimonies

Our special service of thanksgiving this year will be on Sunday, Nov. 23. If you have a testimony of thanksgiving you would like to share, please let us know at worship@southwood.org so we can plan some of the sharing.

Children’s Ministry Volunteers

Have you been praying for an opportunity to impact the next generation for Jesus? Looking for a way to serve the families of Southwood? We have several different roles you can fill to volunteer with our children’s ministry, including teaching or childcare positions. To learn more, email kids@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, October 26

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

12:15pm – JHL Returns from Retreat

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, October 28

6:00pm – YL Capernaum Trunk/Treat

Wednesday, October 29

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women’s Grace Groups

Thursday, October 30

10:00am – Women’s Grace Groups

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

\$26,942



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.

Ask God to bring healing and reconciliation in fractured relationships between family members and friends.

Pray for our youth to develop Christ-centered friendships in a self-centered world.

Ask Holy Spirit for doors for the gospel in relationships with our neighbors and for the boldness to walk through them.

Specific Needs

Pray for Ron Brady as he undergoes an endoscopy and learns further treatment plans.

Pray for former Southwood member Misty Anderson and her family as she returns to Huntsville and grieves the death of Mark, Lainey, and Ellie last weekend.

Praise God for Nanette Morgan's 97th birthday Sunday, and pray for her and Clayton (102) as they face various health challenges.

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she continues her visit to Thailand and mission partner Mint Saetung.

Missions Partner Requests

Child Evangelism Fellowship

CEF is a worldwide, Bible-centered ministry dedicated to evangelizing children with the Gospel, discipling them in God's Word, and connecting them to Bible-believing churches. Through programs like the Good News Club and 5-Day Club, held in schools, homes, and community spaces, CEF reached over 29 million children last year. Their vision, Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day, drives their work to bring the Gospel to every child, everywhere. CEF equips and trains believers to share the Gospel effectively, providing curriculum, devotionals, and evangelism tools. With the support of volunteers and donors worldwide, they continue to expand their reach, trusting God to provide workers and resources. Join us in supporting CEF as they faithfully bring the Good News to children and train the next generation to follow Jesus.

Senior Member

Clayton & Nanette (97 Today!) Morgan
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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
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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