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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 5, 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

“An idol is anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God. Anything you seek to give you what only God can give. Anything that is so central and essential to your life, that should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.”

Tim Keller

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

PEOPLE: *Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

LEADER: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

ALL: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

Psalms 150

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

## SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
“This Is the Day”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Bill Nash** Spiritual Formation Consultant
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Julian Newsome** Drums
- **Michael Babin** Vocals
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Tamara Bodie** Vocals
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Steve Long** Livestream
- **Abraham Lee** Slides

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# Worship Service

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

### 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.

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10

### SONGS

"Be Thou My Vision"  
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"I Surrender All"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 16:1-13

“Choose Your King”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Derrick 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

1. Daily \_\_\_\_\_ as King

We lay down our lives in order to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

2. Daily \_\_\_\_\_ Wisely (Who will be your King).

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ a King (v.1)

B. God sees \_\_\_\_\_ - to the heart (v.7)

C. God \_\_\_\_\_ His King (v.13)

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

1. What usually fills your “thought bubble”? In your day-to-day life, what tends to dominate your thoughts—appearance, success, money, security, family, or something else? How does that reveal what “king” you’re trusting in?

2. How do you recognize when you’re trying to be king of your own life? What are some warning signs in your heart or habits that show you’re clinging to control rather than resigning as king and trusting Christ?

3. God told Samuel that He looks at the heart, not the outward appearance (v.7). How does this truth free you from the pressure of feeling “behind” in life’s accomplishments or appearances? What would it look like to daily choose King Jesus instead?

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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.

## Southwood Kids at Tate Farms - Oct 16

Southwood Kids are heading to Tate Farms on Thursday, Oct 16, 5-8pm.

Visit [southwood.org/kids](http://southwood.org/kids) to purchase tickets (\$15) through October 15.

Otherwise, tickets are \$20 at the gate. Join us to 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](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 5

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

## Wednesday, October 8

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – No Women's Grace Groups

## Thursday, October 9

10:00am – No 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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

*Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.*

Jul-Sep Budget Need: \$558,565

Jul-Sep Giving to Date: \$465,542

## Last Week's Giving

\$62,583



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**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 God would increase our sensitivity to our oldest members and neighbors who may be experiencing loneliness - that we might show them the love of Christ well.

Pray for honesty and humility in our relationships so that we would confess sin and find restoration in Christ together.

Ask that God would give us friendships with people of different backgrounds and perspectives so that we can learn to value Jesus more together.

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### **Specific Needs**

Pray for emotional endurance and physical health for several members facing ongoing cancer treatments and recovery.

Pray for those in our church family and community immediately impacted by the government shutdown as well as others who are concerned about future impacts.

Pray for Pastor Will and Caitlyn as they visit with our mission partners at One Voice Fellowship in DC this weekend (and, of course, work to resolve the shutdown!).

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### **Missions Partner Requests** **Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center (HPRC)**

*HPRC is a ministry of Choose Life of North Alabama. They have provided free and confidential help for those facing pregnancy-related decisions since 1981. Along with free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, parenting classes for moms and dads are also available. Please pray for the following requests:*

For the men and women who walk in the doors at HPRC to see the beauty of being created in God's image.

For wisdom, discernment, and courage when sharing the Gospel with abortion seeking clients.

For our annual HPRC Tiny Toes 5K on Saturday, October 4 at 8am. To register for the run or to donate, visit: [runsignup.com/Race/AL/Huntsville/TinyToes5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Huntsville/TinyToes5K).

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### **Senior Member**

**Mary Vaughn**

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### **Expectant Mothers**

**Kaitlyn Young** — October 2025

**Myra Duarte** — November 2025

**Anna Cowles** — November 2025

**Libby Potts** — January 2026

**Rosemary Spooner** — February 2026

**Krista Fenton** — February 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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