



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.

September 1, 2024
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

“The key to the power of the Holy Spirit operating in your life and making you what you should be and can be is understanding the first Advocate. When Jesus says, “I’m going to send you another Counselor,” he’s talking about himself. Who’s the first Counselor? Him. He’s the first Counselor.”

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

PEOPLE: *I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

ALL: *Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

Psalms 34:3-5

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

SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”
“How Great”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Bill Nash** Spiritual Formation Consultant
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newton Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Angela Baptiste** Vocals
- **Rebecca Querin** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio and Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to direct our lives toward rest in Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires that we preserve the honor and perform the duties appropriate to everyone in their various places and relations, whether in authority over us, under our authority, or equals.

Q. 66. What is the reason added to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason added to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it serves for God's glory and their own good) to all who keep this commandment.

Questions 64 and 66

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus”

“I Surrender All”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Worth”

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 14:15-31

“Never Alone: The Promise of God’s Presence”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“I Surrender All”

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.

Mark your calendars! Regular Connect Hour resumes Sunday, September 8.

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. We all experience loneliness. (John 14:15-21)

If we could do it on our own, then we wouldn't need a _____.

2. The Holy Spirit gives us guidance in our loneliness. (John 14:22-26)

If we could do it on our own, then we wouldn't need a _____.

3. The Holy Spirit gives us transcendental peace in our loneliness. (John 14:27-31)

If we could do it on our own, then we wouldn't need a _____.

Why it matters: We can't do it on our own. Jesus endured the loneliness of the cross to end loneliness forever; His presence is the answer to our deepest fears.

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

1. How does understanding the role of the Holy Spirit as our "Helper" change the way you approach feelings of loneliness and isolation?

2. In what ways can we practically invite the Holy Spirit into our daily lives to combat loneliness, especially during moments of silence or solitude?

3. How can we, as followers of Christ, become vessels of God's love for those who are lonely?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, join our welcome class starting next Sunday, Sept 8, at 11am. To sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Women's Grace Groups

Join us as we dive into 1 and 2 Kings together in our fall Women's Grace Groups! Our Wednesday evening group begins September 4 at 6:30pm, and our Thursday morning group (childcare available) begins September 5 at 10am. For details, visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

Southwood Job Opportunities

Southwood is currently seeking to fill two part-time ministry staff positions: Connections Director and Missional Partnerships Director. Both roles require membership at Southwood. For details and contact info, visit southwood.org/job-opportunities.

GriefShare at Brookdale Place

If you would be interested in joining Pastor Will and a team of members seeking to love our neighbors at Brookdale Senior Living, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to stay in the loop on plans for GriefShare gatherings this fall.

Worship Night

Join us for Worship Night, Sunday, September 22 at 6pm. All ages are welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise. Invite friends!

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 1

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – No Connect Hour
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Monday, September 2

Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

6:00pm – Kids Club
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

Thursday, September 5

10:00am – Women's Grace Group

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$18,727

Year to Date Giving

\$1,401,277



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that God would show each of us in fresh ways our need for Him so that we would long for Him to be the Hero of our stories rather than ourselves.

Pray that our Grace Groups would be communities of prayer both for one another and for our neighbors.

Ask for each of us to be marked by a confident humility that comes from being dependent children of an extravagantly gracious Father.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Noa Ann McAlister to Nathan and Cayce this week.

Praise God for the birth of Evie Bynum to Tim and Haley this week.

Praise God for a great time of fellowship last week at the Olympic picnic.

Pray for our Grace Groups and leaders as they begin meeting this month.

Missions Partner Requests

Great Plains Gathering - Billings, MT
Great Plains Gathering (GPG) is a diverse community of people where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the source of hope and peace. While all are welcome to worship at this church plant, the primary focus is ministry to Native Americans in the area. Please support Great Plains Gathering by praying for these requests.

Pray that God would give wisdom and direction to Josh Charette, pastor of GPG, along with his wife Katie.

Ask God to grant them success in their desire to be a church that is willing to engage people where they are on their spiritual journey.

Pray for a strong start to their fall season of ministry activities for men, women, students, and children.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter
10 Cedar Holly Lane
Brownsboro, AL 35741

Expectant Mothers

Rachel Hess Hajek — Sept 2024

**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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