



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 14, 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

“As long as we view the Christian church as a club for those who make the grade socially, we will be unwilling to speak freely of our shortcomings as believers. Only when the single prerequisite to inclusion in the church is joint agreement that there is no prerequisite will we let down our guard.”

Dane Ortlund, *Defiant Grace*

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, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: *Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.*

LEADER: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

PEOPLE: *I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.*

ALL: *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

-from Psalm 118

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

SONGS

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
“Rejoice”

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
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Newt Johnson Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Amanda Tatum Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible to give us confidence in Him so we don't have to worry.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:25-34

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:16-17

SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Worship Service

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

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

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"You Keep Your Promises"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

K-1st grade may join Kids Worship after Children's Moment.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Joshua 2

"Grace in an Unexpected Place"

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

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

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

1. What do we learn about _____? _____

- _____ Promise

- _____ Promise

- _____ Promise

2. What do we learn about _____ in _____ with _____? _____

- Faith _____ safety in a sovereign, gracious God.

- Faith _____ safety to trust God.

- Faith _____ others into safety with God.

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

1. What factors make it most challenging for you to trust God to keep his promises even when He's come through before?

2. What is your favorite thing you learn about God in this story? Where in your life do you need that truth about his unchanging character to make a difference?

3. What is one thing faith in the sovereign, gracious God should look like in your life this week (consider finding safety, risking safety, and inviting others into safety)?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, join our welcome class today following the service in Room B.

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.

Worship Night - Next Sunday!

Join us for Worship Night, Sunday, Sept 21, 6pm. All ages welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise! Nursery available for ages 0-3.

Opportunities to Serve on Sundays

We have some quick and easy ways to serve our church on our Host Team on upcoming Sunday mornings, such as preparing coffee or welcoming guests. For more information and to sign up visit <https://bit.ly/spccoffee>.

Parenting Resource Library

We are developing a Parenting Resource Library in the Nursery Office, where parents can check out books and other resources to help them in this important and challenging journey. If you have a resource that has helped you that you would like to donate for the blessing of others, drop it off in the nursery or narthex in the next few weeks.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 16

6:00pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

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.

Jul-Sep Budget Need: \$558,565
Jul-Sep Giving to Date: \$436,321

Last Week's Giving
\$60,794



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Pray that time alone with our Heavenly Father would become as vital to our lives as it was to the life of Jesus.

Ask Holy Spirit to give us eyes for the needs around us that we might be eager to pray with others.

Pray for our children to learn the power of prayer in their own lives and through watching us pray with and for them.

Specific Needs

Pray for Brad Woods in the death of his mother this week.

Pray for Lyndsay Abel in the death of her father this week.

Pray that God would provide additional nursery staff members to love and care for our littlest ones.

Pray for Thomas Watkins as he recovers from hip surgery this week.

Pray for our deacons as they meet Tuesday to lead us in serving one another and our neighbors.

Praise God for good progress in Greg Ray's recovery from his stroke and pray for continued healing.

Pray for Ollie Sierk as he recovers from dental surgery and prepares for further treatment.

Missions Partner Requests

Macklann and Rose Basse

Macklann Basse is the founder and director of Africa Missions with Nations (AMN), where he trains future missionaries to plant churches and disciple Africans to serve the vulnerable. Rose leads New Beginnings Elementary School, offering daycare from six months old and sharing God's love through quality education.

Pray for the Basse family as they drop off their oldest daughter in Lexington, KY, for college.

Pray for a smooth school year start at New Beginnings, which begins two weeks before the Basses return from the U.S. (350+ students enrolled).

Pray for the new farming ministry—for capable leadership to emerge and for funds to drill needed wells.

Pray for newly graduated missionaries as they begin ministry in rural Togo.

Senior Member

Mark Wolfson

138 Sarah Jane Drive
Madison, AL 35757

Expectant Mothers

Hannah Atkins — September 2025

Kaitlyn Young — October 2025

Myra Duarte — November 2025

Anna Cowles — November 2025

Libby Potts — January 2026

Rosemary Spooner — February 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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