



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 15, 2024
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

“Abiding in Jesus is not a work that needs each moment the mind to be engaged, or the affections to be directly and actively occupied with it. It is an entrusting of oneself to the keeping of the Eternal Love, in the faith that it will abide near us, and with its holy presence watch over us and ward off the evil, even when we have to be most intently occupied with other things. And so the heart has rest and peace and joy in the consciousness of being kept when it cannot keep itself.”

Andrew Murray
Abide in Christ

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

PEOPLE: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

ALL: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.*

1 Chronicles 16:23-25

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

SONGS

“Friend of God”
“Rejoice”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Newt Johnson Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Abramham Lee Slides

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Q. 70. What is the seventh commandment?

A. *The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."*

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. *The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.*

Q. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. *The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.*

Westminster Shorter Catechism

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11

SONG

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

God places the sign of his promises on one who trusts Him and on the children of parents placing their trust in Him.

BAPTISM

Claire Margaret House (Profession of Faith)

Joseph Chandler House & Joshua Thomas House (Covenant)

Daughter and Sons of Michael and Sara House

SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Love of God"

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 15:9-17
"How Do I Abide?"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

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: Is abiding ALL I do ALL the time?

Bottom Line: Abiding in Christ changes you from the inside out.

1. Abiding in Christ's _____ produces sacrificial _____.

2. Abiding in Christ's _____ produces beautiful _____.

3. Abiding in Christ's _____ produces full _____.

Conclusion: What do I do if I'm not as joyful about abiding as I should be?

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

1. What does it mean to you to be invited into the love of the Trinity? How might you share that love with someone else?

2. In what ways does the Word of God most often shape your behavior? What practice with God's Word – like memorization, meditation, or sharing – might most help you?

3. When in your life have you experienced deep, sustained joy – in Jesus or something else? What things grow your joy in Jesus himself?

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 today at 11am in Room B.

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).

Young Adult Lunch

Southwood's "Yo-Pro" group desires to connect young adults (both married and single) to one another and to the life of the church. Join us for lunch today at the Coopers' home (214 Jones Valley Dr.) or reach out via email at yp@southwood.org.

Worship Night

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

Southwood Job Opportunities

Southwood is currently seeking to fill two part-time ministry staff positions: Connections Director and Missional Partnerships Director, as well as two full-time youth ministry positions (one male and one female). All roles require attending Southwood. For details and contact info, visit southwood.org/job-opportunities.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 15

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
12:00pm – Yo-Pro Lunch
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, September 17

10:00am – Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

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

\$34,459

Year to Date Giving

\$1,492,163



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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

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 the several engaged couples in our church family as they invest in growing their relationships and prepare for marriage.

Pray for our young adults as they gather for lunch this Sunday and continue to invite others in to connect with Jesus and his body.

Pray for our students and teachers as many have been navigating an emotionally challenging week at school.

Pray for our search teams as we look to hire two part-time adult ministry staff and two full-time youth ministry staff.

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 the permit for our building project would come through and that construction could begin soon. Pray that the construction would be safe and done well.

Ask that God would sustain our vulnerable families, and that He would guide the church leadership as we walk with them.

Pray that our Young Adult group would launch successfully later this month.

Senior Member

Nell Skidmore

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Expectant Mothers

Sarah Riley — Feb 2025

**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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