



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 21, 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

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:10

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

PEOPLE: *For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

LEADER: God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

PEOPLE: *So that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

LEADER: Because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

ALL: *Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!*

I Corinthians 1:23-31

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

SONGS

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus Name"
"Our God Is Greater"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Padya Pearson Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible about where we place our confidence.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

I Corinthians 2:1-5

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

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

I Timothy 1:15

SONG

"Jesus Paid It All"

God places the sign of his promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISM

Elizabeth Anne Jewell

Daughter of Cameron and Caroline Jewell

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"His Strength Is Perfect"

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

Judges 6-8

"Gideon: Weakness of men, Strength from God"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Our God Is Greater"

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 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. God calls the weak
2. God uses the weak
3. God's power on display in the work of the weak
4. A warning for the weak

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

1. What factors make it most challenging for you to trust God to use you in the lives of others, despite your weaknesses?
2. How can the story of Gideon encourage us to trust God when he calls us to something we feel ill-equipped for?
3. How can a God-supplied success drive us to idolatry of ourselves? How can an ongoing trust in God's strength help us in the temptation to make ourselves the centerpiece of our story?

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.

Worship Night - TONIGHT!

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

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

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

Visit 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.

Southwood Baby Bowl - SATURDAY!

Join us for our Southwood Baby Bowl in the Connecting Spaces on Saturday, September 27, 9-11am. Together, we'll enjoy games, crafts, and a photo booth. Mom or Dad must attend with nursery-age children. Wear a jersey to represent your favorite sports team! To sign up, visit southwood.org/kids.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 21

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

6:00pm – Worship Night

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, September 24

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, September 25

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Saturday, September 27

9:00am – Southwood Baby Bowl

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: \$465,542

Last Week's Giving

\$29,221



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 God would help us to slow down and take time to listen to Him each day.

Ask for Holy Spirit to grow our delight in prayer as we see God meet us there and meet our deepest needs.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our children more than they learn from our self-reliant or even at times cynical perspective.

Specific Needs

Pray for Jim and Barbara Harris as Jim begins treatment for an aggressive form of cancer this week and anticipates future treatment.

Pray for Kelli Johnson as she cares for her mother, who is recovering from brain surgery this week.

Pray for Sunday's Worship Night to be a God-focused time that resets our hearts that wander so easily after idols of our own making.

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 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

Bettie Murray

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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

Krista Fenton — 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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