



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 28, 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

“God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace his hand, we must trust his heart.”

Charles Spurgeon

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: We love you, Lord. You are our strength. You, Lord, are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer; our God is our rock, in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

Based on Psalm 18:1-2

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

SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”
“Come, Thou Fount”

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Julian Newsome** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible about where we find comfort in our suffering.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

2 Corinthians 1:3-6

We talk honestly with our Father about our need for Him.

PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

SONG

"God of My Life, to Thee I Call"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"My Help, My 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

Ruth
"God's Restoration Work"

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

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

"We Will Feast"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10-11



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:

God's restoration work happens in the _____ as well as the miraculous.

1. God's restoration work sometimes looks or feels like _____.

2. God's restoration work typically takes place in _____.

3. God's restoration work often involves _____.

Conclusion:

God's restoration work goes beyond what we _____ or _____.

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

1. In what situations or seasons have you most struggled to believe God is working to restore your relationship with Him?
2. What situations in your life would you still like to ask God "why" about because you can't "trace his hand"? What helps you "trust his heart" in times like these?
3. What hopeful dreams or big prayers would you ask of God? How does it encourage your heart to consider his working beyond what you ask or imagine?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities

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

All Ages: Rm B, Welcome to Southwood with Will Spink

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 2025 Bible Reading Plan

In our chronological journey through God's Word this year, we have just reached the beginning of the New Testament. It's a great time to jump in and read the whole New Testament between now and the end of the year! View the reading schedule at southwood.org/about-us.

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.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 28

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, October 1

6:00pm – Kids Club

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, October 2

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: \$500,467

Last Week's Giving

\$34,925



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.

Ask that Holy Spirit would develop a deepening desperation within each of us for revival in our hearts and community that can come only from God.

Pray that our Grace Groups would increasingly be marked by prayer for each other's hearts and lives.

Ask for a renewed sense of Jesus' nearness to our sufferings to encourage us to cry out to Him even in our deepest despair.

Specific Needs

Pray for Pastor Derrick as he attends a conference on caring for people in Colorado this week.

Praise God for the birth of Wesley James Atkins to Ethan and Hannah this week.

Pray for Rachel Johnson, who is recovering at home after being hospitalized this weekend with an infection.

Pray for the many caregivers in our Southwood Family to experience God's all-sufficient grace in their weakness.

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.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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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
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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