



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 6, 2026

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Congregational Meeting

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“Men do not differ much about what things they will call evils; they differ enormously about what evils they will call excusable.” G.K. Chesterton

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

PEOPLE: *It is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

LEADER: He heals the brokenhearted

PEOPLE: *and binds up their wounds.*

LEADER: He determines the number of the stars.

PEOPLE: *He gives to all of them their names.*

LEADER: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

PEOPLE: *his understanding is beyond measure.*

LEADER: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

ALL: *Praise the Lord!*

From Psalm 147

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Nash Spiritual Formations
- Kelli Johnson Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Clara Morris Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

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

God speaks to us through the Bible to remind us of his great glory and grace.

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

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord
 from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 the name of the Lord is to be praised!
The Lord is high above all nations,
 and his glory above the heavens!
Who is like the Lord our God,
 who is seated on high,
who looks far down
 on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
 and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
 with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,
 making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 113

SONG

“Doxology”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Glorious God, all praise is due to you, all blessings flow from you, all glory belongs to you. Forgive us for being distracted by lesser things, for chasing lesser pleasures, for settling for lesser goods. We have left you, the fountain of living waters, and dug our own wells that can never satisfy. Satisfy us again, dear Jesus!

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Worship Service

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"God of Wonders"

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Revelation 2:12-17

"To the Church in Pergamum (and Huntsville)"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"God of Wonders"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Number 6:24-26



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Bill will greet & pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Today, remain in the sanctuary for our brief Congregational Meeting. No Connect Hour gatherings this week due to the holiday weekend. Next week, join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & 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 the Nursery and upstairs

Sermon Notes

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

1. Where are you tempted to ask, "How close to the line can I get?" What does that reveal about your heart?
2. What are you tolerating that may be slowly pulling you away from Jesus? What "bowling bumper" might help?
3. How might feasting on what Jesus promises change the way you engage what the world offers?

Announcements

Congregational Meeting TODAY!

The Session has called a brief Congregational Meeting for today following the worship service. The purpose is to vote on the recommendations to call Bill Nash as an associate pastor and approve Ron Poteat as a trustee.

Welcome to Southwood Class

Interested in learning more about the heart of Christianity or Southwood? Join Pastor Will starting next Sunday, Sept. 13, 11am in Rm B. Sign up with wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Church Family Dinner Wednesday

Everyone is encouraged to join us Wednesday at 5:30pm for our first Church Family Dinner of the fall. Come enjoy great food (mostly from Chick-fil-A) and even better fellowship as we get to spend time with new and old friends and deepen the bonds in our Southwood Family. To do that best, we need you there!

Women's Grace Groups This Week!

Women's groups begin Sept. 9-10 (Wednesdays 6:30pm, Thursdays 10am). We'll explore the New Testament with *Finding Your Way*. Meals Wednesdays; childcare Thursdays. New participants welcome! Register at southwood.org.

Worship Night Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday, Sept. 13, for a Worship Night full of the great hymn of the faith. Nursery available for ages 0-3. Invite your friends!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, September 6

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
10:45am – Congregational Meeting
11:00am – No Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

5:30pm – Church Family Dinner
6:30pm – Kids Club
6:30pm – Leadership Training Class
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups
6:30pm – Jr. High-Life

Thursday, September 10

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 through the week. Sign up to get connected at southwood.org/gracegroups.

Deacon/Finance Update

Quarterly Budget Need is based on Southwood's historical giving patterns.

July-Sept Budget Goal: \$864,693
July-Sept Giving to Date: \$431,345

Last Week's Giving: \$29,774



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 each of our Grace Groups would be marked by prayer for one another even outside of formal meetings.

Ask for growing boldness in praying with and for people God places in our path each day and for his work in their lives.

Pray that we would confess our pride and self-reliance so that we would come humbly and boldly to the throne of grace.

Specific Needs

Pray for Tommy McMurtrie as he continues to make slow but encouraging progress in recovering from a stroke a few weeks ago.

Pray for Sunday's Congregational Meeting and for Bill Nash as he awaits this call to be an associate pastor of Southwood.

Praise God for the birth of Seth David Colvard to Evan and Amber last week.

Pray for our new Grace Groups to connect in deep relationship as several are starting this week.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they meet Tuesday night to pray for and plan for our church.

Pray for Wednesday's Church Family Dinner to be a great time of connecting and caring for one another.

Mission Partner Focus

Lincoln Village Ministry seeks to bring restoration and hope to families and the surrounding neighborhood through the transforming power of Christ. Through Lincoln Academy, Little Linc, and safe, affordable housing, the ministry comes alongside families and seeks to see the Lincoln community flourish.

Pray that as new families move into the neighborhood, there are new opportunities to build relationships, foster community, and share the love and hope of Christ.

Pray for the children, teachers, and staff as they settle into the rhythms of a new school year and that Lincoln Academy and Little Linc would be places of growth, encouragement, and grace.

Pray for continued restoration and flourishing throughout the Lincoln neighborhood.

Senior Member

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Expectant Mothers

Katie Atkins — September 2026
Emma Chambers — September 2026
Alyshia Martin — September 2026
Amy Dobrowansky — October 2026
Brantley Evans — October 2026
Ashlyn Everett — October 2026
Katelyn Welch — November 2026
Riley Brechin — December 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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