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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.

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**September 7, 2025**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace, nor are your best days ever so good that you are beyond the need of it.”

Jerry Bridges, Discipline of Grace

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my song;

PEOPLE: *He has become my salvation.*

LEADER: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

PEOPLE: *“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”*

LEADER: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

ALL: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalms 118:14-16; 28-29

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

## SONGS

“Forever”

“Holy Is the Lord”

### 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
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Michael Babin Vocals
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Caitlyn Spink Slides

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# Worship Service

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God speaks to us through the Bible as we hear about the cost of bringing us into his family.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:18-21

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### SONG

“Redeemed”

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

### SONG

“And Can It Be”

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

“Passover Us”

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Exodus 14  
"God's Power to Save"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"And Can It Be"

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

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## Sermon Notes

**Bottom Line:** God is \_\_\_\_\_ to rescue and restore (14:1-9).

WHO? Even ...

1. People who have more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ (14:10)

2. People who sometimes choose \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ (14:11-12)

3. People who \_\_\_\_\_ save \_\_\_\_\_ (14:13-14)

HOW? God rescues and restores through a \_\_\_\_\_ (14:15-31)

### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. Does God's miraculous power seem real and personal to you or distant and removed? How would being delivered like the Red Sea account impact your faith?
2. What are reasons you have given up on yourself or someone else ever being rescued and restored in relationship with God?
3. What is one way your life might look different if you more deeply embraced God's power to rescue and restore through Jesus?

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# Announcements

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## 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 starting 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

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.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 7

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

## Tuesday, September 9

6:30pm – Session Meeting

## Wednesday, September 10

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

## Thursday, September 11

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](https://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## 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: \$357,526

## Last Week's Giving

\$20,690



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](https://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## 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.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Josh and Nina Cash as they recover from surgery and seek to heal to return with their family to Alaska.

Pray for Aaliyah Hodges, 8, as she recovers at home after being hospitalized with an illness this week.

Pray for our Welcome to Southwood Class that begins Sunday to be a place of connection with Christ and his church.

Pray for our youth ministry as they begin Junior and Senior High-Life gatherings this week.

Pray for our women's Grace Groups, many of which just started meeting again this week.

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

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## Missions Partner Requests

**The Village Church - Pastor Alex Shipman**  
*Planted in 2011 as a daughter church of Southwood, The Village Church seeks to be a light in their community, building authentic relationships and sharing the hope of Christ. Whether through worship, Bible study, outreach, or discipleship, their heart is for transformation—personally, communally, and city-wide. Join us in praying for TVC in the following ways:*

Pray for our guest speakers, officers, and staff as we prepare for our Marriage Conference, Sept 12-13. May God give us wisdom, unity, and endurance.

Pray for the launch of our Wednesday evening Bible studies this fall—that these gatherings would be rich in the Word and deep in fellowship.

Pray for childcare volunteers that are needed Fri PM & Sat AM for the Marriage Conference. Helpers are also needed to lead kids' Bible studies on Wed evenings. To get connected, email [stephanie.pearson@southwood.org](mailto:stephanie.pearson@southwood.org).

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## Senior Member

**Sharron Hunter**

10 Cedar Holly Lane SE  
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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

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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