



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 8, 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

“Who would, after seeking the King’s palace, be content to stand in the door, when he is invited to dwell in the King’s presence, and share with Him in all the glory of His royal life? Oh, let us enter in and abide, and enjoy to the full all the rich supply His wondrous love hath prepared for us!”

Andrew Murray
Abide in Christ

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

PEOPLE: *I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.*

LEADER: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

ALL: *I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.*

Psalms 63:1-4

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

SONGS

“Revelation Song”
“Come, Thou Fount”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

SONG

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

"You shall not murder."

Genesis 20:13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

SONG

"Nothing But the Blood"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Abide"

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 15:1-8
"At Home with Jesus"

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

"Doxology"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

II Corinthians 13:14



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: "I AM the true vine."

1. The Promise: _____ and _____

2. The Warning: _____ and _____

3. Our Prime Directive: _____, _____, _____, _____ ... in Christ.

Conclusion: Nothing helps weak branches abide like delighting in the glorious strength of the Vine.

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

1. In what seasons of life or in what ways in your life do you see a pattern of "coming and going" with Jesus rather than abiding in Jesus?

2. What specific fruit do you long to see more of in your life? How might that fruit particularly grow from your being more at home with Jesus?

3. What verb would you use to describe how you most relate to Jesus (e.g. serve, follow, abide, etc.)? What difference does this make in how we live?

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 starting today at 11am.

Connect Hour

New adult gatherings begin today following the 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).

Mission Partners Update: Robert and Denine Blevins

We're excited to have former members and current mission partners Robert and Denine Blevins back with us today! Join us in the Connecting Spaces following the worship service to connect with them about MNA Mercy Ministries and Parakaleo.

Young Adult Connections

Southwood's "Yo-Pro" group desires to connect young adults (both married and single) to one another and to the life of the church. For more information about the group or next Sunday's lunch gathering, contact yp@southwood.org.

Worship Night

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

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 10

6:30pm – Elders & Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

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

\$56,477

Year to Date Giving

\$1,457,754



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that Holy Spirit would stir in our hearts a growing desperation for God's work of revival in us and in our community.

Pray for our Grace Groups to be marked by prayer for one another and for God's kingdom.

Ask that God would strengthen our faith in his grace and power so that we would pray big prayers with expectancy and hope

Specific Needs

Pray for longtime Southwood nursery staff member Mary Mitchell in the death of her husband this week.

Pray for Geneva Cooper and family in the death of her father this week.

Pray for the Welcome to Southwood class beginning Sunday to help guests become family.

Praise God for the birth of Caroline Amelia Hajek to Jeff and Rachel (Hess) Hajek this week.

Pray for our senior high students, staff, and volunteers as they kick off a new year of High-Life gatherings Sunday night.

Pray for our women's Grace Groups as they get connected and deepen relationships around the study of I and II Kings.

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 for our kids and teens as they begin the school year.

Ask that God would sustain many of our vulnerable families.

Pray that our Parenting Seminar, taking place September 13 and 14, would be helpful and effective.

Senior Member

Mark Wolfson

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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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