



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.

August 24, 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

If you don't have God, you have no security, no foundations of any sort ... Therefore, what does it mean to be a Christian? To hear the call of God, that there are no foundations here without God. What does it mean to grow as a Christian? To continually rehear and grasp that call by offering up and making him first.

Tim Keller

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: By a single offering Jesus has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

PEOPLE: Therefore, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

LEADER: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

ALL: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Hebrews 10

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

SONGS

"There Is Power in the Blood"
"God So Loved"

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Angela Baptiste Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Amanda Tatum Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible as we hear about walking by faith.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we are busy. We are self-centered. We are easily distracted. Forgive us for being so consumed with our lives here that we forget our eternal home, our faithful Father, and our divine calling. Have mercy on us and give us eyes and hearts of faith to live with you every day in every situation.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God.

I Peter 3:18

SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Voice of Truth"

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

Genesis 22:1-14

“The Compass and the Cross”

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

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

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 Derrick 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's call can seem _____.

2. This call seems _____.

3. The destination is the _____.

Why It Matters: Jesus is the difference, because Jesus is the resurrection—and the resurrection is the destination.

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

1. Where in your life are you asking God for GPS clarity—but He's given you a compass instead?
2. What makes the story of Genesis 22 feel so disturbing—and yet so hopeful?
3. How have you tried to build your own version of "paradise" here on earth?
4. What does it mean to live with "resurrection faith"?
5. How could the image of the net—God's promises holding you—change how you view your present struggles?

Announcements

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.

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 Sunday, Sept 7, at 11am. To sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Tacos and Trivia TONIGHT!

Join us tonight at 5pm for a fun evening for the whole church family—filled with tacos, trivia, and a few unexpected twists! Please join us even if you didn't sign up, but you may want to bring your own food.

Women's Grace Groups This Fall

Starting September 3-4, journey with us through the Bible via the Finding Your Way study! Groups meet Wed. evenings (dinner) & Thurs. mornings (childcare). Books cost \$20. Register at southwood.org.

Opportunities to Serve on Sundays

We have some quick and easy ways to serve our church on our Host Team on some upcoming Sunday mornings, such as preparing coffee or welcoming guests. Email stephanie.pearson@southwood.org for more information.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 24

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

11:00am – Grace Group Leaders Mtg

1:00pm – Korean Worship Service

2:30pm – All Saints Worship Service

5:00pm – Tacos and Trivia

Tuesday, August 26

6:00pm – Young Life Capernaum

Wednesday, August 27

7:15pm – Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, August 28

5:00pm – Finance Ministry Team Mtg

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: \$316,096

Last Week's Giving

\$44,613



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask for eyes to see the wonder of the Gospel of Jesus on every page of the Bible that we read.

Pray that our kids would see the beauty and worth of Jesus beyond anything this world has to offer.

Ask that the humble leadership of Jesus would be reflected in the way we serve our neighbors each day.

Specific Needs

Pray for Sunday night's Tacos and Trivia gathering to be a meaningfully relational time for new and old friendships.

Pray for the new Faith and Finances class several of our members are serving in with our partners at The Cornerstone Initiative, which started this week.

Pray for our sister church, All Saints PCA, as building issues are causing them to worship at Southwood this Sunday afternoon.

Missions Partner Requests

Cornerstone Initiative

Cornerstone Initiative supports and equips individuals navigating through the unique challenges of poverty to a place of lasting transformation. Cornerstone Initiative seeks to build relationships among people in the low income neighborhoods in Huntsville's Westside, many of whom have lost hope, and encourages these neighbors to solve problems using gifts God has given them.

Pray for neighbors attending our Faith and Finance class. Pray for openness and trust as the course lays the foundation for good financial literacy by discussing money in the context of relationships, attitudes, values and obstacles.

Pray for the allies that walk alongside each participant. Pray they are able to offer empathy, understanding and support. Pray both the participants and the allies look towards the Lord for answers to all questions and learn to trust in Him for all things.

Senior Member

Clayton and Nannette Morgan

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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
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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