



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.

May 31, 2026
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 we are in fellowship and oneness with God and recognize that He is taking us into His purposes, then we will no longer strive to find out what His purposes are. As we grow in the Christian life, it becomes simpler to us, because we are less inclined to say, "I wonder why God allowed this or that?" And we begin to see that the compelling purpose of God lies behind everything in life, and that God is divinely shaping us into oneness with that purpose. A Christian is someone who trusts in the knowledge and the wisdom of God, not in his own abilities. If we have a purpose of our own, it destroys the simplicity and the calm, relaxed pace which should be characteristic of the children of God."

Oswald Chambers
My Utmost For His Highest

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

PEOPLE: *Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

ALL: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!*

from Psalm 150

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

SONGS

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"

"This Is the Day"

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Bill Nash** Spiritual Formation Consultant
- **Amos Williams** Guest Preacher
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **John Viers** Bass Guitar
- **Chandler McCoy** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Michael Babin** Vocals
- **Kristin Symon** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Steve Long** Livestream
- **Abraham Lee** Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: If I speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have no love, I become no more than sounding brass or crashing cymbal. If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge, but the very secrets of God, and if I also have the absolute faith which can move mountains, but have not love, I amount to nothing at all.

PEOPLE: If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have not love, I achieve precisely nothing.

LEADER: This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience; it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive; it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

PEOPLE: Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good people when truth prevails.

ALL: Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

from Psalm 130:1-3

PRIVATE CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:7-8

Worship Service

SONG

"Lord, I Need You"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Love of God"

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

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

James 4:11-12

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Lord, I Need You"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17



Following the Worship Service

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

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God & each other around his Word.

Adults: Gather in Connecting Spaces (exit sanctuary; turn right)

College: Gather in conference room in the Lodge across the street

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

Introduction: Words Have Power

1. Usurping the Judge's Power

2. The Judge Does Not Share Power

Conclusion: The Judgment—Not Guilty

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

1. James warns Christians against speaking evil or judging one another. What are some ways people do this today, even subtly or unintentionally?
2. Verse 12 says that God is the only Lawgiver and Judge. How can remembering this change the way we talk about and treat others?
3. What is the difference between lovingly confronting someone about sin and wrongly judging or slandering them? What standards from Scripture can we use to tell the difference?

Announcements

Joint Adult Connect Hour Today

Following the service, adults will gather in the Connecting Spaces for a message from Pastor Will and preparation from Bill Nash for this summer's sermon and discussion series.

Summer Series Information

Our summer sermon and discussion series, "Thanks for Asking," begins next Sunday, June 7, and focuses on questions many ask about God and faith. Cards sharing the schedule of questions are available in the Narthex and Guest Center to help you invite your friends and neighbors.

Flourish Women's Gathering

Join for our next Flourish gathering, 2:30pm, Sunday, June 7, in the Connecting Spaces as Dr. Kayla Smith discusses the complexities of navigating menopause.

Summer Women's Grace Groups

Come join one or both women's Grace Groups this summer: *Lamb of God* (Thursdays, 2:00-3:30pm, Room E) or *Respectable Sins* (Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Connecting Spaces).

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just 2 weeks away, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable week for our kids! Sign up today at southwood.org/kids to serve and be part of what God is going to do through this exciting adventure.

Worship Night: Summer Songs & Sweets

Save the date: June 28, 6pm.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 31

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

3:00pm – Sr. High Trip Students Return

Wednesday, June 3

6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

Thursday, June 4

2:00pm – Women's Grace Group

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

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.

Apr-Jun Budget Goal: \$784,136

Apr-Jun Giving to Date: \$472,889

Last Week's Giving: \$70,193



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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

Ask for a renewed sense of our own desperate need that would make us more grateful for and eager to extend grace.

Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are in danger each day for the sake of the Gospel.

Ask God to change your heart to see weakness as the doorway to his unfathomable strength.

Specific Needs

Pray for Pastor Derrick and the Harris family to be refreshed and renewed through this summer sabbatical season.

Pray that Holy Spirit would grow our awe of Jesus and help us draw near to God more boldly through our study of Hebrews the past few months.

Pray for Lance Cooper as he begins radiation treatments for a skin lymphoma this week.

Pray that our youth trip to Sevierville this weekend would be a time of deepening relationships and developing new ones.

Mission Partner Focus

New City Fellowship West-End (Pastoral Residency Program) in

St. Louis exists to love God, love neighbors, and serve its community. As a multicultural church, they are committed to raising up the next generation of pastors, with a focus on developing minority leaders for lifelong ministry. Their Pastoral Residency Program provides hands-on training, mentorship, and real-world experience to equip leaders for faithful service. Through efforts like Restore St. Louis, they also care for vulnerable neighbors, including widows, orphans, and refugees.

Pray for financial resources and for wisdom and guidance during their church particularization process.

Pray that God would raise up leaders and pastors in the residency program to serve His Church.

Senior Member

Mary Vaughn

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Expectant Mothers

Claire Cox — July 2026

Rachel Johnson — July 2026

Kathryn Propst — July 2026

Emma Chambers — September 2026

Amber Colvard — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 2026

Hannah Platko — September 2026

Amy Dobrowsky — October 2026

Brantley Evans — October 2026

Ashlyn Everett — October 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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