



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 20, 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.

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

MEDITATION

When Christians come from the poor parts of the world where the church is growing like wildfire, and they come into our American churches, they're usually too polite to say it, but if you press them, here are the things they're going to tell you. They're appalled by our lukewarmness, and they know it's directly linked to how comfortable and safe and brilliant and affluent we are. Here are the things that appall them. First, they're appalled by the fact we hardly pray. We pray so little compared to them. Secondly, they're appalled by how much of the money we make we spend on ourselves instead of giving away. Thirdly, they're appalled by the fact we're afraid to even let people at the office know we're Christians, while they're going to jail and being put to death by identifying with Jesus Christ.

Tim Keller

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,
PEOPLE: *and bless your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Every day I will bless you
PEOPLE: *and praise your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
PEOPLE: *and his greatness is unsearchable.*

LEADER: One generation shall commend your works to another,
PEOPLE: *and shall declare your mighty acts.*

LEADER: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
PEOPLE: *and I will declare your greatness.*

LEADER: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
ALL: *and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

from Psalm 145

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Abraham Lee Slides

Worship Service

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

We affirm together what we believe.

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

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

SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”
“How Great Is Our God”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

“In Christ Alone”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Based on Psalm 51:1-4

PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:7-12

SONG

“Amazing Grace”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

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

Revelation 3:14-22

“When Truth Becomes Real”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

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 & 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 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

1. Jesus tells them _____
before he tells them _____ (v.14).

2. Jesus tells them _____ and _____ (v.16-18).

3. Jesus reminds them of his _____ for them (v.19-20).

Why It Matters:

Sometimes the danger isn't that we stop believing what's _____.

It's that everything else starts feeling more _____.

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

1. What feels most "real" in your life right now—your circumstances, responsibilities, fears, success, relationships, or the presence and love of Jesus? Why do you think that is?
2. Where are you most tempted to rely on yourself instead of Jesus? What does self-reliance look like for you in everyday life?
3. Where has your life with Jesus felt stagnant, lukewarm, or overly familiar lately? What might Jesus be inviting you to notice there?
4. Which area needs the most attention right now: fellowship with God, fellowship with other believers, outward love, or wonder? What would one small step toward Jesus look like in that area?
5. The sermon described repentance as "agreeing with Jesus about what is real and turning toward Him again." What might it look like for you to do that this week?

Announcements

Welcome to Southwood Class

Interested in learning more about the heart of Christianity, Southwood's mission, or church membership? Join Pastor Will today at 11:00am in Rm B.

Next Step Today (3rd Sunday)

New to Southwood? Next Step is a casual time to connect with pastors and staff and learn about getting connected at Southwood. After the service, meet by the fireplace in the Connecting Space. Come say hi; we'd love to help you take your next step!

Leadership Training Class - Theology

Everyone (men & women, members & visitors) is invited to join Pastor Derrick and others for a 4-week module, "Theology," starting this Wednesday, Sept 23, 6-8pm, Rm B.

Flourish Women's Gathering

Ladies, join us today at 2:30pm in the Connecting Spaces to connect with other women across generations. Holly Welch will teach us how to care for our bodies with movement.

Lunch, Life, & Scripture Wednesday

Bring lunch and join Pastor Derrick for informal conversation about how the Bible speaks into everyday life. We meet Wednesday in the Connecting Spaces 11:45am-1:00pm.

Seminary at Southwood Saturday

Southwood members can audit for FREE a Birmingham Seminary class on reading the Bible hosted here at Southwood Saturdays Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 21. To sign up or get info, wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, September 20

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
10:50am – Next Step
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
11:00am – Welcome to Southwood
2:30pm – Flourish
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, September 23

11:45am – Lunch, Life, and Scripture
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:00pm – Leadership Training Class
6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, September 24

10:00am – Women's Grace Groups

Saturday, September 26

9:00am – BTS Class on the Bible

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: \$588,456

Last Week's Giving: \$100,084



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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 God would help us to slow down and take time to listen to Him each day.

Ask for Holy Spirit to grow our delight in prayer as we see God meet us there and meet our deepest needs.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our children more than they learn from our self-reliant or even at times cynical perspective.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Evangeline Frances Chambers to Wesley and Emma last week.

Pray for Lisa Henson in the death of her mother this week.

Pray for our nursery families to connect and grow relationships with one another at Saturday's Baby Bowl.

Pray for Sunday's Flourish gathering to be a time of encouragement and deepening relationships for our women.

Pray that as God's Word is opened in new Bible studies, leadership classes, and seminary classes here this week, it will bear great fruit in our lives.

Mission Partner Focus

Robert Blevins serves with MNA Mercy, helping churches respond to needs within their congregations and communities with clarity, compassion, and dignity. Robert also works with New City Network, supporting many of Southwood's domestic church plant partners as they seek to recognize local needs and develop healthy, gospel centered practices of care.

Pray for the October 2-3 conference in Annapolis, Maryland, themed "Compassion in Action: Gospel Renewal that Lasts." Pray that the worship, teaching, and workshops would equip churches to serve tangible needs with biblical wisdom and compassion.

Pray for Robert's work with New City Network as he supports domestic church plants and helps them pursue faithful, sustainable ministry.

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Expectant Mothers

Katie Atkins — September 2026

Alyshia Martin — September 2026

Amy Dobrowsky — 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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