



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 27, 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

“He parted with the greatest glory, he underwent the greatest misery, he doth the greatest works that ever were, because he loves his spouse, — because he values believers. What can more, what can farther be spoken? How little is the depth of that which is spoken fathomed! How unable are we to look into the mysterious recesses of it! He so loves, so values his saints, as that, having from eternity undertaken to bring them to God, he rejoices his soul in the thoughts of it; and pursues his design through heaven and hell, life and death, by suffering and doing, in mercy and with power; and ceaseth not until he bring it to perfection.”

John Owen, *Communion With God*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

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

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“God So Loved”

PRAYER

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Kelvin Wooten Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Marcus Pope Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Padyn Pearson Slides

Worship Service

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:18-19

SONG

"Doxology"

God places
the sign of his
promises on the
child of parents
who place their
trust in Him.

BAPTISM
Olivia Ann Lewis
Daughter of Trey and Ashleigh Lewis

Charlotte Lorraine Tatum
Daughter of Mark and Amanda Tatum

SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
"He Leadeth Me"

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
Revelation 3:1-6
“A Church in Name Only”

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
“He Leadeth Me”

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 & 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. Death-Exposing _____

Key Question 1: Where do we need to be alert for reputation without reality?

2. Death-Defying _____

Key Question 2: Where do we look for renewed spiritual life?

3. Death-Conquering _____

Key Question 3: What gives us the hope of being a Church in more than name only?

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

1. How would you help an individual or a church assess the difference between spiritual reputation and spiritual reality?
2. What places do we tend to look to comfort us about our spiritual life? Where does Jesus direct the Church in Sardis to look for renewed vitality?
3. If you wrote a prescription for Southwood to avoid this diagnosis, what would it say (Share: elders@southwood.org)? What part of Jesus' promise gives most hope for us?

Announcements

Adult Connect Community Classes

Today following the service:

- "We Would See Jesus" (Rm E) with Alan Judge, Bill Nash, & Kevin Jones

- The Gospel and Work" (Rm D) with Lance Cooper and Thomas Davison

- "1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude" (Rm A) with Kevin Ellis, Julie Blauwkamp, and Heather Morris.

Welcome to Southwood Class

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

Upcoming Southwood Family Dinner

Save the date and join us Wednesday, Oct 14, at 5:30pm for our next Southwood Family Dinner. Come enjoy good food and even better fellowship!

October Prayer Resource Available

As an aide to us in slowing down to talk with God as we read his Word, Southwood leaders have written daily prayers inspired by Scripture readings for that day. The booklet for October is available in the Narthex or Guest Center as well as on our website on the reading plan PDF.

Nursing Mothers Room Available

We praise God for the many babies He has blessed our church family with recently! There is a nursing mothers room at the back of the sanctuary for mother and baby only.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, September 27

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

11:00am – Welcome to Southwood

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, September 29

6:00pm – YL Capernaum @ Lodge

Wednesday, September 30

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:30pm – Women's Grace Groups

Thursday, October 1

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 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: \$688,522

Last Week's Giving: \$100,066



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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.

Ask that God would make us people who love to talk with Him and find it as natural and needful as breathing.

Pray that we would learn childlike faith from our kids and bring the smallest needs we have to our Father who loves to hear from us.

Ask God to make our leaders faithful in prayer as they remember how Jesus even prays for them day by day.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Liam Thomas Dobrowansky to Stephen and Amy last week.

Praise God for the birth of Mia Frances Mae Martin and Vincent Eric Scott Martin to Logan and Alyshia last week.

Pray for Nannette Morgan and her family in the death of her husband, longtime Southwood member Clayton Morgan, last week.

Pray for the team planning our marriage conference for January as they meet Sunday afternoon to pray and plan.

Pray for our church staff as they enjoy a day of training and retreat on Monday.

Pray for the churches and elders of our Presbytery as they seek to love and lead the people of North Alabama.

Mission Partner Focus

Denine Blevins - Parakaleo
Former Southwood member
Denine Blevins serves with Parakaleo, a ministry that equips and encourages women involved in church planting through training, community, and gospel-centered support. Parakaleo is growing in Europe, Africa, and several U.S. cities, including New York City.

Pray for increased wisdom and strength for Denine as she strives to grow Parakaleo's donor base and cares for her mom.

Pray for Parakaleo's staff and new board members as they guide the ministry's growth, including relationships with church planting partners and global leaders.

Pray for Parakaleo's five new leaders currently in training and hoping to bring Parakaleo to women in London, Ukraine, Ghana, California, and parts of Asia.

Senior Member

Nancy Unks
145 Sam Henley Ln
New Market, AL 35761

Expectant Mothers

Katie Atkins — September 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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