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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.

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**August 27, 2023**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

## MEDITATION

“Wanderers in the wilderness,  
O hear a voice is crying:  
Prepare the way, make straight the path,  
Your King has come to die.

Behold, the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away our sin.  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
The life and light of men.  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who died and rose again.  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who comes to take away our sin.”

Andrew Peterson, Laura Story

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting.

*ALL: Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.*

Nehemiah 9:5

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

## SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”  
“How Great”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Ben Niemitz** Drums
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Kaitlyn Young** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

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

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:10-11

## SONG

"There Is Power in the Blood"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Lamb of God"

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

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 1:19-34

“Behold the Lamb of God”

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 members themselves 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.*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE

“Behold the Lamb”

“Doxology”

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 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

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## Sermon Notes

### 1. The Star in the Spotlight

A. The Lamb of God ... for imperfect people who need access to God

B. The Giver of Holy Spirit ... for weak people who need power from God

C. The Son of God ... for confused people who need a revelation of God

### 2. Freedom for Spotlight Operators

A. We are freed to find our identity in relation to Jesus, not on our own.

B. We are freed to live with humility that is neither false nor weak.

C. We are freed to stop pretending and confess our sins honestly.

#### **Grace Group Questions**

1. Read Psalm 51:4. What is David teaching us about our sin? How has our society domesticated sin so it doesn't sound so bad? How do you do that in your own life?

2. In what area of your life are you prone to stop seeing Jesus clearly for who He is? How can you see Him more clearly as the Lamb of God, the Giver of the Spirit, or the Chosen Son of God?

3. A neighbor says, "You seem like a really great guy/gal" or "You go to a really great church." What are some ways you can respond to shine the spotlight on Jesus? (BONUS: What gives you most joy in being a "spotlight operator"?)

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# Announcements

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## Welcome to Southwood Class

Do you want to learn more about the heart of Southwood? Are you interested in connecting with the mission and people of our church family or pursuing membership? Join us during the Connect Hour (11:00am) starting Sunday, September 10. To sign up, email [wyketa.shipman@southwood.org](mailto:wyketa.shipman@southwood.org).

## Adult Connect Hour

Adults 45 & under meet in Room D to discuss "Navigating Culture from Jerusalem to Today: Biblical and Historical Perspectives on Current Culture" with Pastor Will, Kevin Ellis, and David Clark, while adults over 45 meet in Room A to consider "Practices for Apprenticeship to Jesus" with Jeremy McCoy.

## Worship at Fleming Farms - TODAY!

Join us today at 2:15pm as Southwood leads worship at Fleming Farms Senior Living.

## Youth Parents Meeting - TONIGHT!

Join us in the Lodge tonight at 6pm for a Parents Meeting (grades 6-12) and learn about your student's involvement in Jr./Sr. High ministry. Desserts served. To RSVP, email [kim.delchamps@southwood.org](mailto:kim.delchamps@southwood.org).

## Serving the Next Generation

We have opportunities to serve our kids this fall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact [kim.delchamps@southwood.org](mailto:kim.delchamps@southwood.org) if you are interested in getting more details on how you can join the team!

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, August 27

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
2:15pm – Worship at Fleming Farms  
6:00pm – Youth Parents Meeting

### Wednesday, August 30

6:00pm – Leadership Training Class

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Sign up anytime at [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$41,640

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,296,417



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# Prayer Guide

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## **Core Commitment**

**We are committed to being Christ-centered.**

Pray that God would give us a renewed sense of our desperate need for Jesus every day.

Ask Holy Spirit to make the eternal Word of God increasingly glorious to us as we study his Word.

Pray that our conversations with one another and with our neighbors would be filled with reflection on the wonder of Jesus and his grace.

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## **Specific Needs**

Pray for Amanda Tatum in the death of her father last weekend.

Pray for Taylor Bozeman as she had her port installed this week and prepares to begin chemotherapy treatments.

Pray for Greg Ray as he recovers from having his great toe amputated last week.

Pray for Sunday's worship service at Fleming Farms and for our neighbors there to find hope in Jesus.

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## **Missions Partner Requests**

**Seth and Jessica Lewis - Carrigtwohill, Ireland**

*The Lewises lead a church-planting effort in Carrigtwohill, County Cork. They also provide support for a local refugee center, help organize and run eight regional youth camps each year, and serve on the board of Munster Bible College. You can support the Lewis family and their ministry by praying for these requests.*

Pray that the young people who attended Munster Christian Camps this summer would be encouraged to follow Jesus more closely as they begin a new school year.

Pray that God would provide more opportunities for us to share the gospel with our community.

Ask God to continue to strengthen our relationship with the refugee center, where we plan to hold a basketball clinic as a means of outreach.

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## **Senior Member**

**Clayton and Nanette Morgan**

443 Jasmine Dr.  
Madison, AL 35757

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## **Expectant Mothers**

**Amber Colvard** — September 2023

**Jessica Stroud** — September 2023

**Ashleigh Lewis** — October 2023

**Ashlyn Everett** — November 2023

**Libby Potts** — December 2023

**Beth Patton** — February 2024

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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