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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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**May 5, 2024**

**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

“O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.”

Charles Wesley

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

*PEOPLE: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

**LEADER:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

*ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues to all generations.*

Psalms 100

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

## SONGS

“Come, Thou Fount”  
“House of the Lord”

### Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Andrea Balogun** Vocals
- **Kristin Symon** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Jonathan Ellis** Slides

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:1-5

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:7-8

## SONG

"Jesus Paid It All"

We celebrate how God has been faithful to his covenant promises in our seniors' lives.

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

## PRAYER

## SONG

"God So Loved"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"My Tribute"

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

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 11:38-57

“The Glory of God in the Face of Death”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“My Tribute”

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

In the face of death, we have the Presence of God, the Tears of God, and ...

### The Glory of God

Glory Glimpse 1: Lazarus' \_\_\_\_\_ Life (11:38-44)

Impact:

Glory Glimpse 2: Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ Death (11:45-57)

Impact:

Glory Glimpse 3: Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ Death (11:52)

Impact:

#### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](http://southwood.org))*

1. Where do you long to see God's power at work in your world but struggle to believe He will show up?
2. If the glorious God who raised Lazarus from the dead was active in your life, what would you ask Him to do?
3. What might Jesus' death in your place and in the place of people from every tribe, tongue, and nation inspire you to attempt, believe, or risk?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Communities

Following the worship service, we have gatherings for all ages to go deeper in relationship with God and one another through his Word. This morning for our adults, Tripp Pearson, Kevin Jones, and John Foreman will lead discussion surrounding life with God from Isaiah (Room D, Under 45), while Alan Judge and Skeets Simonis help us consider why God has us here and what it looks like to walk with Him (Room A, Over 45).

## Leadership Training - Begins Today!

All men and women are invited to join Pastor Will for our Leadership Class (Module 1 - Leadership Essentials), which takes place during Connect Hour, starting this Sunday at 11am in Room B. There is no sign up.

## Nursery & PreK Moms Night Out

Nursery & Preschool Moms are invited to a casual evening of fun and fellowship in Rosemary Spooner's backyard at 7pm this Friday, May 10. Email [rosemary.spooner@southwood.org](mailto:rosemary.spooner@southwood.org) to RSVP. Note that Dads Night Out will be Friday, May 17, at the same location.

## Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We really need volunteers “on board” sooner this year since our VBS is earlier in the summer than usual! Get more details and register via the Kids page at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, May 5

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
12:00pm – Senior Banquet  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

## Friday, May 10

7:00pm – Nurs/PreK Moms Night Out

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$29,289

### Year to Date Giving

\$679,887



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. Pray that we would increasingly love those who feel unloveable, even when it costs us to extend the welcome God has shown to us.

Ask for boldness to share the hope of Jesus with an increasingly hopeless world around us.

Pray that God would make us a community where the materially poor feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for our graduates and their families as they prepare for this significant life transition and depend on God's direction for the days ahead.

Pray for our members who labor regularly in healthcare, counseling, and other fields to bring the hope of life and the comfort of God in the face of death.

As we join with Christians across our nation this week, pray for America to experience an outpouring of repentance, peace, and wisdom for our leaders.

Praise God for Clay McCann's time on our youth staff and pray for him and Jill as he finishes his last couple months on staff and prepares for the Police Academy.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Southside Presbyterian Church - Adam and Lisa Venable**

*Southside is a relatively new church plant in south Huntsville. The core group is committed to engaging the 35803 area with the Gospel of Jesus. For more details, go to southsidepres.com. You can support them by praying for these requests.*

Pray for Adam's wife Lisa, who is due with their fourth child on June 5.

Pray that the Lord would provide a worship leader for our congregation.

Ask for the Lord's guidance in connecting us with more people who want to help plant a new Gospel Church in the 35803 area.

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## Senior Member

**Mark Wolfson**

138 Sarah Jane Dr.  
Madison, AL 35757

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## Expectant Mothers

**Sarah-Nell Compton** — May 2024

**Shealy Holliday** — May 2024

**Sarah Collins** — June 2024

**Elizabeth Fancher** — June 2024

**Haley Clendinen** — July 2024

**Rachel Johnson** — August 2024

**Haley Bynum** — August 2024

**Cayce McAlister** — August 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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