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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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**June 23, 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

“Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeble child can pray, yet it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise. It is fellowship with the Unseen and Most Holy One. The powers of the eternal world have been placed at its disposal. It is the very essence of true religion, the channel of all blessings, the secret of power and life.”

Andrew Murray

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 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

“God of My Life, to Thee I Call”  
“How Great Thou Art”

## 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
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Chandler McCoy Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Steve Long Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

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We talk to God about his worth and our needs, as Jesus taught us to pray.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## **SONG**

"Great Are You, Lord"

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**

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 4:14-16  
"God Listens to Us"

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

"God of My Life, to Thee I Call"

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

**College Connect:** College students 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 Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## The Foundational Reality

The Prayer-Hearing, Answering God

## Prayer as a Pathway of Grace

1. The Grace of Seeing \_\_\_\_\_ Nature: Dependent, Needy Children

2. The Grace of Seeing \_\_\_\_\_ Nature: Gracious, Caring Father

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

1. Have you ever had a frustrating experience with prayer? How has that impacted the way you pray or don't pray to this day?
2. How does spending time with God in prayer impact your idols of control, self-image, and pride?
3. What is one step you feel God calling you to take in renewing the conversation between you and your Father who listens to you?

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Hour Classes

We encourage people of all ages to stay with us following the worship service to connect with God and one another around God's Word. Opportunities include ...

- College (Lodge): Gospel and Work with Lance Cooper
- Under 45 (Rm D): Book of Jonah with Julie Blauwkamp and Christine Betts
- Over 45 (Rm A): Book of Romans with Kevin Ellis
- Leader Training (Rm B): Leadership Foundations with Will Spink

## Worship Night: Summer Songs Sweets!

Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, July 7, at 6pm for our next Worship Night. This gathering is for all ages! We will fellowship together with ice cream and other treats after a wonderful time of singing.

## Sermon Resource File

Get recommended resources for all ages to help you in your relationship with God (new resources on prayer this week!) along the lines of today's sermon are available by scanning the QR code below.



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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, June 23

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
6:30pm – NO Summer High-Life

### Tuesday, June 25

6:00pm – Ron Poteat Concert @ Lodge

### Wednesday, June 26

1:00pm – EDGE Students return

### Thursday, June 27

2:00pm – Women's Summer Study

*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

\$57,695

### Year to Date Giving

\$996,670



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 seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

Ask that God's promises of renewal and restoration would give us hope for the future and strength to live for his kingdom today.

Pray for those in our congregation and community struggling with dissatisfaction at work, job transition, and job loss.

Ask for God's fresh blessing on the city of Huntsville, our leaders and our neighbors, spiritually, economically, and relationally.

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## Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Trenor Brock Fancher to Reeves and Elizabeth last weekend.

Pray for 9-month-old Lauren Lewis who has been in the hospital as she receives oxygen and battles a virus.

Pray for Bettie Murray, who is hospitalized again as she battles vertigo and an infection.

Praise God that Sophia Corbin has healed up and returned home from the hospital.

Pray for our students and leaders at the EDGE Conference this Saturday through Wednesday.

Pray for Sandy Newby as she recovers from injuries sustained in a fall this week.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Robert and Tünde Fúto, Budapest, Hungary**

*The Fútos lead Cornerstone Evangelical Protestant Church, which has a growing congregation that is built on a solid foundation of the Gospel of grace. Robert and Tunde have two adult daughters, Hajni and Csenge, who have also been very active in their ministry. You can support the family by praying for these requests.*

Pray for our upcoming summer church camp where adults and children will gather and focus on living life based on God's love for us. Ask God for a wonderful time of fellowship and a fresh, unified vision.

Pray for our church leadership as Robert Cheong and his wife from Restore Ministries lead us in a 10-week course on discipleship and counseling. They will arrive for a weekend conference July 4-7 and then we will continue over Zoom.

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## Senior Member

**Julie Miller**

14016 Camden Cir.  
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## Expectant Mothers

**Haley Clendinen** — July 2024

**Rachel Johnson** — August 2024

**Haley Bynum** — August 2024

**Cayce McAlister** — August 2024

**Rachel Hess Hajek** — Sept 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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