



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.

August 20, 2023
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

“We believe ... in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.”

from the Nicene Creed (325 AD)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

PEOPLE: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

LEADER: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

ALL: and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Marcus Nobles Story of Grace
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Sarah Compton Flute
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kristin Symon Vocals
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Padya Pearson Slides
- Andrew Foreman Livestream

Worship Service

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

SONGS

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

“Come, Ye Sinners”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:8-13

SONG

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

We encourage one another by sharing of God’s gracious work in our lives.

STORY OF GRACE

SONG

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 1:1-18
What Is the Meaning of Life?

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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

Sermon Notes

1. The Meaning of Life is ... (1:1-9)

- Eternal Self-existence
- Creative Power
- Unique Light Source
- Essential Deity (“The Word was God”)

2. The Meaning of Life is ... a _____ (1:14-18)

3. That You May _____ ... and have _____! (1:10-13)

Grace Group Questions

1. Would you describe your life as abundant, fulfilling, free, and eternal? How does your answer reflect your active definition of the meaning of life?
2. What aspect of who Jesus (the Word of God) is in this prologue is most amazing or encouraging to you?
3. How would your actions, attitudes, words, responses to this life be impacted this week if you really believed the meaning of life was found in Jesus?

Announcements

Leadership Training Class

All are invited to join us for Leadership Training on Wednesday nights starting THIS WEEK from 6-8pm. We'll study Module 1: "Leadership Essentials," which is required for those interested in serving as officers, Grace Group leaders, teachers, or advisory team members. Email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to let us know you're coming.

Southwood members may submit nominations for Elder or Deacon by visiting southwood.org (see navigation bar) through August 27.

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.

Tacos and Trivia - TONIGHT!

Join us for Tacos and Trivia tonight at 5pm. Compete with your Grace Group, recruit your own team, or play with the people you're eating with. Food has been ordered, but there's plenty of room to participate!

Parents Meeting

Join us for a Parents Meeting (grades 6-12) and learn about your student's involvement in Jr./Sr. High ministry. Sunday, Aug 27 at 6pm in the Lodge. Desserts served. To RSVP, email kim.delchamps@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, August 20

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
5:00pm – Tacos and Trivia

Wednesday, August 23

6:00pm – Leadership Training Class

Thursday, August 24

2:30pm – Women's Bible Study

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$28,621

Year to Date Giving

\$1,254,777



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that we would be willing to suffer for the sake of our Savior as He has done for us.

Pray for fervent love for our neighbors that springs from the pursuing love Christ has shown to us.

Ask Holy Spirit to bind us together in deep unity because we share in common the thing that matters most and forever.

Specific Needs

Pray for longtime nursery staff member Mary Mitchell, who has been battling shingles in recent weeks.

Pray for Greg Ray who is in the hospital facing possible surgery and recovering from a serious toe infection.

Pray for our Grace Groups as we begin another year, launch some new groups, and gather for Tacos and Trivia Sunday night.

Pray for our leadership training classes that begin Wednesday night and for God to continue raising up leaders who love Him, his people, and his mission.

Pray for God's work in our hearts during our new sermon series in the Gospel of John and then through us in relationships with our neighbors.

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 wonderfully specific and objective good news of 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.

Senior Member

Cynthia Mann

8051-B Lenox Lane
Huntsville, AL 35802

Expectant Mothers

Amber Colvard — September 2023

Jessica Stroud — September 2023

Ashleigh Lewis — October 2023

Ashlyn Everett — November 2023

Libby Potts — December 2023

**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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