



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.

April 7, 2024
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

“What have we to do
But stand with empty hands and palms turned upwards
In an age which advances progressively backwards?”

T. S. Eliot

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise the Lord, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

PEOPLE: *Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

LEADER: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. He satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: *Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

from Psalm 103

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

SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Rejoice”

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Nash Equipping Evangelist
- Jeremy McCoy Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

God speaks to us through the Bible as we have our hurting hearts pointed to hope in Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

PRAYER

SONG

"I Surrender All"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, forgive us for preferring power to surrender, control to trust, ourselves to our Savior. We rejoice in your resurrection, Jesus, but often act as though you are not alive with us today. We live frantically and fearfully instead of faithfully by your Spirit within us. Give us the eyes of faith to see you and live with you each day.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"As the Deer"

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

Ecclesiastes 3:9-13
"Into the Wild"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"As the Deer"

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 Bill Nash 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. ITW of The Hearts of People Who Are Following The Way of Jesus.

2. ITW of The Hearts of People Following The Way of The Wild.

3. ITW With A Heart of Love.

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

1. The invitation was offered to give renewed attention to making your home in Jesus (Abide - John 15) through the power of Holy Spirit (John 14) starting with the practice of silence and solitude. What do you think about this? How do you feel about it? What makes this easy or hard for you to do?

2. What are ways our culture (The Wild) distracts from thinking about eternity? Death? What are the distractions in your life that interfere with thinking more deeply on eternity?

3. Silently read and re-read Psalm 23 slowly 3-5 times as a group. What is one word or phrase that stood out to you from verse 6? Why? How does knowing that you will eat and drink with Jesus forever prepare you to be present and not distracted in the lives of the people you love? Neighbors?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities - NEW

We begin new Connect Community classes today following the worship service. If you've never connected with others around God's Word, join us as we are equipped in our relationships with God, one another, and our neighbors. Beginning this morning, Tripp Pearson, Kevin Jones, and John Foreman will lead discussion surrounding life with God and his promises (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). Pastor Will discusses the sacraments today in Welcome to Southwood (Room B).

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Ready to make a splash? At Scuba VBS (June 10-13, 9am to noon), we'll dive into friendship with God and help kids discover evidence of him in everyday life. Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We would love to have you partner with us in one of the most exciting weeks of the year at Southwood! Get more details and register via the Kids page at southwood.org.

Stories of Grace - Share Yours!

One of our favorite things to do as a church family is to share stories of God's gracious work in our hearts and lives. If you would like to share such a story (in any format), please email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org. A pastor will contact you to listen and help discern best ways to share.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 7

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
10:30am – Women's Retreat Ends
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm – Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 11

10:00am – Women's Bible 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.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$42,621

Year to Date Giving

\$484,374



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Ask that our Grace Groups would increasingly be havens of refuge for those who are hurting and lonely to find life-giving community.

Pray for relationships to grow across generations so that we would grow together as the family God has called us to be.

Ask that God would give us friendships with people of different backgrounds and perspectives so that we can learn to value Jesus more together.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Elizabeth "Betsy" Jane Taylor to Jonathan and Lauren on Wednesday.

Pray for Robert and Cheryl Wright as they travel to Florida to care for Robert's mom, who's on hospice care.

Pray for the women on our Women's Retreat this weekend to be refreshed and encouraged in their relationships with Jesus and one another.

Pray for Kelli Johnson and the other women who will share some of their stories during this weekend's retreat.

Pray all our lives would be tangibly impacted by the presence of a living Savior with us beyond Easter Sunday.

Pray for our elders as they meet Tuesday to pray and plan for us.

Missions Partner Requests

Macklann and Rose Basse

Togo, West Africa

Macklann is the director of Africa Missions with Nations (AMN) where he trains future missionaries to plant churches and to care for the poor.

Rose is the principal of a thriving Christian elementary school called New Beginnings. Macklann has shared the following requests.

Pray for courage and boldness as we plant a church in Somieda, a remote village where witchcraft is prevalent.

Ask that God would provide the funding to start a farming program as a way to connect with the people in that area.

There are many orphans in Somieda. Pray that we would be able to distribute food and other necessities to them.

Senior Member

Elaine Looney

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Expectant Mothers

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Abigail Hess Tredal — 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
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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