



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.

February 4, 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

“Our natural love for human glory makes it impossible to know and follow a person whose whole life is bent on emptying himself to glorify his Father and save sinners. It is impossible to know him for who he really is when his whole coming, living, dying contradicts your deepest love – namely the love of human praise.”

John Piper

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.

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

ALL: “You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

Nehemiah 9:5–6

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

SONGS

“Our God Is Greater”

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Kristin Symon** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream
- **Padyn Pearson** Slides

Worship Service

We talk honestly with our Father about our need for Him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

SONG

"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

God places the sign of his promises on the children of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISMS

Margaret Ann Everett
Daughter of Bob and Ashlyn Everett

Joel Ryan Compton
Son of Pete and Sarah-Nell Compton

SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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

John 7:1-24

“Struggles with Following Jesus”

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

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 the Sanctuary for our annual Congregational Meeting.

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

Bottom Line: At their root, our struggles with following Jesus are heart issues: We can't live FOR someone whose life works AGAINST what we love most.

1. Love of _____ - may feel like PRIDE (7:1-9)

2. Love of _____ - may feel like FEAR (7:10-13)

3. Love of _____ - may feel like ANGER (7:14-24)

Conclusion: Heart Treatment and the Love of Jesus

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

1. What other loves (like success, comfort, control) compete with love for Jesus in your heart?
2. What is the cost of wholeheartedly following Jesus in your life? Is this something you often think about?
3. How are you praying for the love of Jesus to displace other loves in your heart/life?

Announcements

Annual Meeting TODAY!

Our annual Congregational Meeting is today during the Connect Hour (11-12). Don't miss this time of prayer and updates, exciting budget reports, trustee elections, and more!

Adult Connect Hour - Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, Feb. 11, our Connect Hour for adults will include a training class on leading Grace Groups (led by Skeets Simonis), the Parables of Jesus (Julie Blauwkamp and Laura Davison), the Book of Exodus (John Foreman), and the Welcome to Southwood Class (Will Spink).

Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, we invite you to our Welcome to Southwood class starting next Sunday, February 11. To sign up, email wyketa.shipman@southwood.org.

Women's Retreat - Save the Date!

Ladies of Southwood, it's time to get ready for our upcoming Women's Retreat! From April 5-7, we'll enjoy a wonderful weekend at Joe Wheeler State Park as we focus on "Being Disciples Who Make Disciples." Be on the lookout for more details in the weeks to come.

Worship Night - Save the Date!

Invite friends and join us for our next Worship Night at 6pm on Thursday, February 29.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, February 4

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour/Cong Mtg
11:00am – Communicants Class
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Tuesday, February 6

9:00am – Presbytery at Southwood

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

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, please visit southwood.org/grace-groups.

Deacon/Finance Update Budget and Congregational Meeting

Final year-end income and expenses, as well as the 2024 budget, will be presented at the annual congregational meeting TODAY after worship.



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at southwood.org.

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that we would live sacrificially before a watching world, so others will witness the value of knowing Jesus in our lives.

Pray that God would protect us from self-promotion and pride that would seek to build our own kingdoms rather than Christ's.

Ask for Spirit-given insight to see and love Jesus more as we encounter Him in every part of his Word.

Specific Needs

Pray for our church family to have a renewed passion to pray for, listen to, and serve with the Next Generation following last week's conference.

Pray for God's Spirit to strengthen our campus ministry partners and multiply their relationships with students for Christ's kingdom.

Pray for Laura Wolfson as she continues to battle multiple issues in the ICU, and pray for Mark as he cares for her and waits on God's healing.

Pray for Daniel Patton in the death of his grandfather last weekend.

Pray for Greg Ray, who is hospitalized while being treated for an infection.

Missions Partner Requests

Justin and Alanna Huston - Ireland

Justin and Alanna lead the Ireland Serge Apprenticeship team, a program where post-college age men and women come to serve for two years to learn cross-cultural ministry. Justin and Alanna also oversee the summer internship program, Encounter. You can reach them at jhuston@serge.org. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Praise God with us for working through recent events at our church, including the Come to the Table leaders retreat and the One Youth Conference.

Pray for us as we plan for another year of Encounter, our summer internship program, that God would prepare our hearts and those of the students who will participate.

Pray that we will hold on to hope as we desire to see God breathe new life into the hearts and spirits of the people of Ireland.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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Expectant Mothers

Beth Patton — February 2024

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 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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