



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 28, 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

"If I shall look at the world through tears, perhaps I shall see things that, dry-eyed, I could not see."

Nicholas Wolterstorff

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

PEOPLE: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

ALL: *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

SONGS

"There Is Power in the Blood"
"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

We share with one another of God's work in our lives.

PRAYER

STORY OF GRACE

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- Aaron Shaffer Story of Grace
- Cathy Mayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Tim Adcock Organ
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Wesley Chambers Slides

Worship Service

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?

Psalm 56:8

We cry out to the
God who hears
our cries.

PRAYERS OF LAMENTATION

SONG

"It Is Well with My Soul"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Man of Sorrows"

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 11:28-38

“The Tears of God in the Face of Death”

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 members themselves 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.*

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Abide With Me”

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. Tears of _____

"The Creator of all worlds, the Author of all beings, the Upholder of the universe – raining tears of human woe and sympathy upon a grave! Oh, there lives not a being in the universe who can enter into our bereavement with the sympathy, the support, and the soothing of Christ!" - Octavius Winslow

2. Tears of _____

"He burns with rage against the oppressor of men. It is death that is the object of his wrath, and behind death him who has the power of death, and whom he had come into the world to destroy. Tears of sympathy may fill his eyes, but ... his soul is held by rage, and he advances to the tomb as a champion who prepares for conflict." – B.B. Warfield

3. Tears of _____

"There was no flint in his heart. He was love, and only love; and through his love he descended into the depths of grief with the beloved ones whose lot was sorrowful; and he carried out to the full that sacred precept, 'Weep with them that weep.'" – C.H. Spurgeon

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

1. How do the tears of God help you relate more personally to the heart of God? When you picture his face toward you, is He ever weeping with you?
2. In what areas of life are you most encouraged or comforted by Jesus' tears of anger at the results of the curse we face?
3. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. One result of having a sympathetic High Priest should be drawing near to Him, asking grace of Him. What helps you toward or keeps you from doing that?

Announcements

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).

Hymn Sing and Prayer Gathering

Join us this Wednesday, May 1, as God shapes our hearts through our singing to Him and talking with Him together. We will gather at 6pm in the Sanctuary and finish in time to pick up kids from Jr. High-Life. This time will help lead us into the National Day of Prayer on Thursday.

Leadership Training

All are invited to join Pastor Will for our Leadership Class (Module 1 - Leadership Essentials), beginning next Sunday during Connect Hour.

Nursery Parents Night Out!

Nursery moms (infant to pre-k 4's) are invited to a night of fun and fellowship while dads are on duty on Friday, May 10. Likewise, dads have a night out on Friday, May 17. Save the dates ... Details coming soon!

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. Get more details and register via the Kids page at southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, April 28

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, May 1

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

6:00pm – Hymn Sing/Prayer Gathering

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

\$44,110

Year to Date Giving

\$635,598



Scan this QR code to give electronically.

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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Pray for deepening vulnerability in our Grace Groups, that we may truly carry one another's burdens.

Ask Holy Spirit to bring new relationships with our neighbors that would be life-giving friendships and opportunities to share our eternal hope.

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

Specific Needs

Pray for Anna Kent in the death of her father last weekend.

Pray for Grant Moore in the death of his father last weekend.

Pray for our college students as they wrap up the semester and transition to their summer plans.

Pray for our country as we approach the National Day of Prayer on May 2.

Pray for those in our congregation and community who face death on a daily basis in a variety of difficult situations.

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. You can support them by praying for these requests.

Pray that God would give protection, health, and a joy of learning to all the students at New Beginnings Academy.

Ask God to provide lay leaders to support Macklann as he preaches the gospel in Togo.

Pray for peaceful and effective elections in Lome on April 29.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter
10 Cedar Holly Lane
Brownsboro, AL 35741

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
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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