



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.

June 2, 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 matters supremely is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it – the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands. I am never out of his mind. ... He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is not a moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters. This is momentous knowledge. There is unspeakable comfort ... in knowing that God is constantly taking knowledge of me in love and watching over me for my good. There is tremendous relief in knowing that his love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench his determination to bless me.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ALL: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.

1 Peter 1:3-4

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

SONGS

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”
“In Christ Alone”

PRAYER

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Wesley Chambers Violin
- Sam Johnson Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Joey Kibble Vocals
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Jonathan Ellis Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe about the hope we are promised in the Bible.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

SONG

“Lord, I Need You”

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

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

SONG

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“In the Garden”

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Revelation 2-3
"Why Relationship?"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

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

Sermon Notes

Relationship with God: A Delight? A Difficulty?

Scriptural Warnings

1. Heart Check (2:1-7)
2. Alarm (3:1-6)
3. Invitation (3:14-22)

A Practical Question: What's the one time that directs all your time?

A Vital Encouragement: The One who warns us is with us!

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

1. How would you describe what it means for you to have a relationship with God? In what ways does that terminology make you rejoice and/or recoil?
2. Which challenge to a church in Revelation is most convicting to you personally or as a member of a church community? Why?
3. What is your one time that directs all your time? In other words, whether you're prioritizing it now or not, when do you think you can most regularly connect with Jesus?

Announcements

New Adult Connect Hour Classes

Beginning today, all college students are invited to participate in a new class designed specifically for them on Sundays this summer (June 2 - July 14) in the Lodge Conference Room. Elder Lance Cooper will lead a study on gospel and work as students connect and reconnect with one another.

In our other adult communities, Kevin Ellis will lead discussion on the Book of Romans (Room A), and Christine Betts and Julie Blauwkamp will unpack the story of Jonah with us (Room D). Leadership Training will continue as well.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

VBS is a great week to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an exciting adventure in learning of God's love. We still have both room for kids and need for volunteers! Register either at southwood.org. Come any morning this week to help transform the church building into an under-sea experience!

Women's Summer Study - Thursday!

It's not too late to join us for our Women's Summer Study on Thursdays at 2pm in Room E, as Stephanie Newberry leads us through *Becoming a Woman of Excellence* by Cynthia Heald. Questions? Email women@southwood.org.

Worship Night – July 7

Save the date for Worship Night: *Summer Songs and Sweets* (Jesus, Music, Ice Cream) on Sunday, July 7, at 6pm.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, June 2

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
6:30pm – Sr. High-Life Summer Kick-off

Thursday, June 6

1:00pm – Sr. Hi Departs for Mt. Wknd
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.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$34,753

Year to Date Giving

\$844,301



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

Ask God to give wisdom to the leaders of Huntsville - that the plans made for the future of our growing city would reflect the compassion of God and provide Gospel opportunities that we don't even see yet.

Pray for those living and working among many battling loneliness to be tangible reminders of the God who is with us always.

Ask God to bless our local and global partners as they seek to minister to the "least of these" in their communities.

Specific Needs

Pray for our VBS prep sessions next week to be productive in the building transformations and in the building of new relationships as we serve the next generation together.

Pray for our eyes and hearts to be open to opportunities for the Gospel in different relationships and new contexts this summer.

Pray for our summer sermon series focusing on our daily relationships with God to be used by the Spirit to renew our hearts and reorient our lives.

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.

Robert will be teaching a course on evangelism and apologetics at the Liebenzeller School of Missions in Germany from June 10-21. Pray for the class as they discuss how to reach out with the gospel in a secular post-Christian Germany.

Pray for Csenge as she travels to Kenya and seeks the Lord's leading on where to serve after completing her studies at Covenant College.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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Expectant Mothers

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024

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
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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