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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.

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**September 10, 2023**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

## MEDITATION

“There is a difference between having an opinion that God is holy and gracious, and having a sense of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness. A man may have the former, that knows not how honey tastes; but a man can't have the latter unless he has an idea of the taste of honey in his mind.”

Jonathan Edwards

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

*PEOPLE: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;*

*ALL: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

Psalms 28:6-7

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

## SONGS

“Our God Is Greater”  
“House of the Lord”

## PRAYER

### Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Ben Niemitz** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Josh Cash** Slides
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream

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We affirm our hope in a glorious future with our Savior.

## PROFESSION OF HOPE

LEADER: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

*ALL: "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."*

Revelation 19:6-9

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

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

I Thessalonians 5:9-11

## SONG

"Nothing But the Blood"

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.*

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 2:1-12  
"Taste and See"

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.*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"We Will Feast"

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

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# Sermon Notes

Introduction: Tasting Emptiness to Taste Fullness

Bottom Line: Jesus comes to bring a \_\_\_\_\_ of life not found anywhere else.

1. Fullness of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fullness of \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fullness of \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion: The Feast to Fill All Our Emptiness

## Grace Group Questions

1. When in your life have you tasted the emptiness of this world in pain or in success?

2. When in your life have you tasted the fullness of joy, peace, or love that Jesus provides?

3. What area in your heart or life today are you struggling to taste the fullness of Jesus? What difficulty, fear, or obstacle might be keeping that relationship at arm's length?

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# Announcements

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## 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 TODAY during the Connect Hour (11:00am).

## Adult Connect Communities

Today, following the worship service, our adult Connect Communities will begin new classes with Todd and Amy Gandy leading on "The Meaning of Marriage" and Mark Baginski and Kevin Ellis teaching a "Practical Guide for Christian Living."

## Worship Night - September 17

Bring a friend and join us for an evening of music and community Sunday, September 17, 6pm. All ages are welcome!

## Southside Church Worship Service

One of our Presbytery church plants, Southside PCA, is having their first preview service at All Saints Lutheran on Bailey Cove next Sunday, September 17, at 10am. Please pray for this mission to 35803 and, if you'd like, join them next Sunday.

## Serving the Next Generation

We have opportunities to serve our kids this fall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact [kim.delchamps@southwood.org](mailto:kim.delchamps@southwood.org) if you are interested in getting more details on how you can join the team!

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Tuesday, September 12

6:00pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, September 13

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

### Thursday, September 14

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](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$47,984

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,367,743



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that Holy Spirit would develop a deepening desperation within each of us for revival in our hearts and community that can come only from God.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our children more than they learn from our self-reliant or even at times hardened or cynical perspective.

Ask that God would make our dreams so big that we would be driven to ask for his help to see them accomplished.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Barbara Harris as she cares for her sister recently placed on hospice care in Maryland.

Pray for Vanny Holton as she continues to wrestle with grief following the death of her husband, Ray.

Pray for our new Welcome to Southwood class beginning Sunday to be a time of helpful connection and encounter with Jesus.

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## Missions Partner Requests

### RUF at UAH - Vinnie Athey

*Vinnie Athey is the campus pastor for the RUF chapter at UAH. His goal is to develop "a community that reaches students of divergent beliefs and doubts with the message of the gospel and equips them to love and serve Jesus and his church." You can support Vinnie and his team by praying for these requests.*

Pray that our staff and volunteers would build trusting relationships with new students they've already connected with this semester.

Ask God to help our team be more open and hospitable toward "outsiders" this fall, such as non-christian students and those who wouldn't normally attend Christian events.

Pray that we would be able to get a number of "outsiders" to sign up for our fall conference September 22-24.

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## Senior Member

### Jim Smith

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## Expectant Mothers

**Amber Colvard** — September 2023

**Jessica Stroud** — September 2023

**Ashleigh Lewis** — October 2023

**Ashlyn Everett** — November 2023

**Libby Potts** — December 2023

**Beth Patton** — February 2024

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **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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