



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 25, 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.

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

MEDITATION

“But Jesus could see inside people. And inside, in their hearts, Jesus saw that they did not love God or other people. They were running away from God, and they thought they didn’t need a rescuer. They thought they were good enough because they kept the rules. But sin had stopped their hearts from working properly. And their hearts were hard and cold.”

Sally Lloyd-Jones
The Jesus Storybook Bible

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The four living creatures and 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, and they sang a new song, saying,

PEOPLE: “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

PEOPLE: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

LEADER: And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Revelation 5:8-14

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Bill Harritt Associate Pastor
- Elisabeth Enchelmayer Announcements
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Ron Poteat Electric Guitar
- Travis Buchanan Drums
- Kim Watkins Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Leslie Ellis Livestream
- Wesley Chambers Slides

Worship Service

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“Nothing But the Blood”

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRIVATE CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

“Jesus, I Come”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:6

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

BAPTISM

Levi Reed Craig
Son of Tony and Megan Craig

SONG

“Jesus Loves Me”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Amazing Grace”

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 8:31-38
"True Freedom"

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

"Amazing Grace"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5b-6



Following the Worship Service

Pastor Bill 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

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

1. How have you seen or experienced slavery to sin in your own life? What "other" truths have you held onto instead of "THE" Truth?
2. How might you share with others how you became aware of the power of sin to enslave us? How might you then tell them about true freedom in "The One who sets you free?"
3. Knowing that you have freedom in Christ, how does that change how you embrace honesty and the truth about yourself and your own shortcomings, struggles and sins? How might you let that permeate into every are of life?

Announcements

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Join us following the worship service as we gather to discuss the Parables of Jesus (Room D), the Book of Exodus (Room A), and the Welcome to Southwood class (Room B).

Worship Night - Thursday!

Invite friends and join us for Worship Night at 6pm this Thursday, Feb. 29. Josh Price, worship pastor at River-tree, will join our team as we have our hearts pointed to Jesus together.

Southwood Voices Rehearsal

Southwood Voices choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary from 6pm to 6:45pm on Wednesdays, March 6, 20, and 27 to prepare to sing two songs on Easter Sunday. Adults and high school students are welcome to join us! If you are new to the group, please sign up at southwood.org.

Plan Ahead for Easter

We will celebrate special Easter Week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise on Easter Sunday. We love welcoming many friends and neighbors on Easter and always need help in the nursery during the 9:30 service. If you would like to volunteer, tell kim.delchamps@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, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

10:00am – Women's Bible Study
6:00pm – Worship Night

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

\$31,204

Year to Date Giving

\$241,138



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Pray that we would have soft hearts to the Word of God correcting our idols and self-centered thinking and pointing us to Jesus.

Ask God to use the “foolishness” of the message of the cross to bring life to dead hearts around the world.

Pray for relationships within our church family to be relentlessly centered on Jesus, especially in conflict, painful situations, and discouraging seasons of life.

Specific Needs

Pray for Suzette Barker as she recovers from shoulder surgery this week.

Praise God for the birth of Nora Jane Patton to Beth and Daniel last week.

Pray for rest, refreshment, and renewed zeal for God’s direction of Southwood to be the fruit of our Officers Retreat this weekend.

Pray for next Thursday’s Worship Night to reorient our hearts to the joy, hope, and treasure of Jesus.

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.

Pray for Encounter, our summer program for university students. We have eight Americans signed up already and hope to have an equal number of Irish students. Pray that we find suitable housing for these students.

Pray for our local church Saint Catherine’s, where Justin leads the sound team and Alanna serves with the children’s ministry. We are hoping to plant a new church in the coming year, which is a huge undertaking and also a very exciting prospect.

Senior Member

Alma Huston

2800 Day Circle SW
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Expectant Mothers

Lauren Taylor — May 2024

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024

Shealy Holliday — May 2024

Sarah Collins — June 2024

Elizabeth Fancher — June 2024

Haley Clendinen — July 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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