



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.

July 9, 2023

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

“He was the eternal and only begotten Son of God, the brightness of his Father’s glory, and the express image of his person. Yet he must descend from the throne of majesty, divest himself of his robes of insupportable light, take upon him the form of a servant, become a curse, and bleed to death for sin. Did ever sin appear so hateful to God as here? To demonstrate God’s infinite holiness, and hatred of sin, he would have the most glorious and most excellent person in heaven and earth to suffer for it. He would have his own Son to die on a disgraceful cross, and be exposed to the terrible flames of Divine wrath, rather than sin should live, and his holiness remain for ever disparaged by the violations of his law.”

Thomas Boston

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: *My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.*

All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

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

SONGS

“Holy is the Lord”
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.

A Nursing Mothers’ Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

Worship Service

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:1-5

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

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:6-7

SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Redeemed!”

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Psalm 69

“To Imprecate or Not to Imprecate?”

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

“Nothing But the Blood”

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. Beginning the lament by crying to God when overwhelmed (69:1-21)
2. Continuing the lament by asking God to punish enemies (69:22-28)
 - A. How NOT to approach imprecatory psalms
 - B. Why TO sing/pray imprecatory psalms
 1. Shape our hearts to stand against God's enemies
 2. Shape our hearts to hope in God's justice
 3. Shape our hearts to treasure repentance in ourselves and others
3. Concluding the lament by trusting God to redeem and restore (69:29-36)

Questions for our Hearts

1. How's your zeal for God's glory?
2. How's your grasp of God's justice?
3. How's your hope in God's Messiah?

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Cathy Mayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Jacob Dumbacher** Organ
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jeharna Joseph** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Amanda Tatum** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

Announcements

Summer Songs and Sweets!

Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, July 16, 6-8pm for our next Worship Night. This gathering for all ages will include churches from around the city as our guests. We will fellowship together with ice cream and treats after a wonderful time of singing.

Adult Connect Community Classes

Join us for Connect Community classes today immediately following the worship service. Adults ages 45 and under will meet in Room D to discuss "Practices for Apprenticeship to Jesus" with Jeremy McCoy, while adults over 45 will meet in Room A to consider "Navigating Culture from Jerusalem to Today: Biblical and Historical Perspectives on Current Culture" with Pastor Will, Kevin Ellis, and David Clark.

Faith & Finances - Allies Needed

Southwood mission partner The CornerStone Initiative is recruiting Allies and Mentors (only compassionate and caring hearts required) for an upcoming Faith and Finances class. Training begins July 18, and the class begins August 15. You can also support this class by providing a meal or joining the prayer team. Email janna@cornerstone-al.org for more information.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 11

6:00pm – Session/Deacons Meeting

Thursday, July 13

1:00pm – JHL Mystery Meeting
2:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Join us in pursuing God's mission together by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. Visit southwood.org/gg.

Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$58,281

Year to Date Giving

\$1,039,754



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

Prayer Guide

Mission Focus 2023

Evangelism in Daily Relationships

Ask for growing faith in the active power of God in us by his Spirit to do beyond what we ask or imagine.

Pray for revival in Huntsville - that God's kingdom would come here as it is in heaven.

Ask God to show each of us new people we interact with each day whom we could be praying for by name and by need as we develop relationship with them.

Specific Needs

Pray for our ongoing searches for a female assistant director for youth and families as well as a nursery coordinator.

Pray for Bob and Deb Carroll as they leave this weekend for a mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico, with a sister church.

Pray for the preparations for next Sunday's Worship Night and for the brothers and sisters from other churches who will join us to worship together.

Praise God the safe return of Andrew and Christine Betts from their 2-year mission in Germany and pray for their transition back home.

Missions Partner Requests

Amanda Koch - Intersarsity at UAH

Intersarsity is a vibrant campus ministry that establishes and advances witnessing communities of students and faculty. They seek the restoration of God's image in every student and faculty member at UAH. You can learn more at ivalabama.org/uah. Please support these students by praying for the following requests.

Praise God with us for his provision of volunteers, student leaders, and a new student ministry intern this past school year.

One of our ministry goals is reaching out to specific groups of students. Pray for the differently-abled students who are helping us launch a space for students with disabilities next semester.

Ask God to provide funding to help volunteers have funds for their ministries, help our student intern get started on campus, and support our new chapter at Alabama A&M.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

9006 Randall Rd.
Huntsville, AL 35802

Expectant Mothers

Alaine Moss — July 2023

Amanda Tatum — July 2023

Amber Colvard — September 2023

Jessica Stroud — September 2023

Ashleigh Lewis — October 2023

Ashlyn Everett — November 2023

**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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