



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.

May 12, 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

“I am well satisfied it will not be a burden to me at the hour of death, nor be laid to my charge at the day of judgment, that I have thought too highly of the Lord Jesus Christ or labored too much in commending and setting Him forth to others, as the Alpha and Omega, the Lord our righteousness, the sufficient atonement for sin, the only Mediator between God and men, the true God and eternal life.”

John Newton

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

PEOPLE: *And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

LEADER: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

ALL: *My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered.*

Galatians 2, Romans 12, Psalm 71

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

SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

“O, How I Love Jesus”

PRAYER

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Kelli Johnson** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Tim Adcock** Organ
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Michael Babin** Acoustic Guitar
- **Newt Johnson** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream
- **Abraham Lee** Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles' Creed

SONG

"The Solid Rock"

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

We place the sign of God's promises on those who place their hope in Jesus.

BAPTISM

Nathan Cruze
Carter Cruze
Joseph Pillsbury
Serena Pillsbury

SONG

"Doxology"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

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 12:1-11
“Extravagant Love”

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

“I'd Rather Have Jesus”

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

Sermon Notes

Introduction: What makes a star witness for Jesus? (12:9-11)

Shocking Statement:

Sometimes, especially in love, _____ makes more sense than _____ (12:1-8).

WHY might extravagant love make sense?

- What Jesus has done
- What Jesus will do
- Who Jesus is

WHAT might extravagant love cost?

- Resources
- Reputation
- Reasonableness

Conclusion: God's extravagant love

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

1. What aspect of who Jesus is or what He has done for you most prompts gratitude and love in your heart?
2. In what ways do the inefficiencies of extravagant love most bother you? Do you find yourself arguing with the Father of the Prodigal Son? Where might you need to repent?
3. What is one area of life where you pray God grows extravagant expressions of love for Him in you or your family?

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).

Leadership Training

All men and women are invited to join Pastor Will for our Leadership Class (Module 1 - Leadership Essentials), which takes place during Connect Hour in Room B.

Nursery & PreK Dads Night Out

Nursery & Preschool Dads are invited to a casual evening of fun and fellowship in Stuart Spooner's backyard at 7pm this Friday, May 17. Email kids@southwood.org to RSVP.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We really need volunteers "on board" sooner this year since our VBS is earlier in the summer than usual! Get more details and register via the Kids page at southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, May 12

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)

Tuesday, May 14

6:30pm – Session Meeting

Friday, May 17

7:00pm – Nurs/PreK Dads Night Out

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

\$58,970

Year to Date Giving

\$738,857



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out. Pray that those rejected by others would find a gracious welcome in our church family.

Ask for a renewed sense of our own desperate need that would make us more grateful for and eager to extend grace.

Pray for our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are in danger each day for the sake of the Gospel.

Specific Needs

Pray for Bettie Murray as she returned home from rehab and continues to regain strength and mobility.

Pray for Tony Collins in the death of his father last weekend.

Praise God for the birth of Victoria Susan Compton to Pete and Sarah-Nell on Monday.

Praise God for the birth of Julia Tillett Holliday to Henry and Shealy on Tuesday.

Pray for our new members to be connected quickly and deeply in our church family and to become a part of God's mission here.

Pray for the biological, adoptive, and spiritual mothers in our congregation who have such a significant impact in shaping so many lives.

Missions Partner Requests

Southside Presbyterian Church - Adam and Lisa Venable

Southside is a relatively new church plant in south Huntsville. The core group is committed to engaging the 35803 area with the Gospel of Jesus. For more details, go to southsidepres.com. You can support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for Adam's wife Lisa, who is due with their fourth child on June 5.

Pray that the Lord would provide a worship leader for our congregation.

Ask for the Lord's guidance in connecting us with more people who want to help plant a new Gospel Church in the 35803 area.

Senior Member

Nell Skidmore

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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

**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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