



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.

April 21, 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

“Christ’s death changes death for all his people. When you die, you will not carry your sin and guilt into your death because he carried it into his death for you. If you are in Christ, you will never know what it is like to die a sin-bearing death. ... When our sin reached its full horror, God’s love was displayed in all its glory. If you doubt God’s love for you, look at the cross. No other love can match this. Nothing else in our experience can come close. God’s love for us in Christ is greater than we ever dared to dream.”

Colin Smith, *The Plan*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures ... and day and night they never cease to say,

PEOPLE: *“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”*

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

ALL: *“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*

Revelation 4:5-11

Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Michael Athey Drums
- Kathryn Jones Vocals
- Nina Cash Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Andrew Foreman Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

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

SONGS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
“Revelation Song”

We affirm together what we believe about the worth of Jesus.

PROFESSION OF RESURRECTION AND HOPE

LEADER: For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

PEOPLE: For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

LEADER: For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

ALL: Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SONG

“For All the Saints”

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

SONG

“Christ is Mine Forevermore”

Worship Service

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

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

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"What A Beautiful Name"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 11:1-27

"The Presence of God in the Face of Death"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

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: Facing Death

1. _____ about Jesus' Presence

- LESSON: Our greatest longing should be to see God's greatest glory.

- LESSON: God's delays do not disprove his love.

2. _____ in Jesus' Presence

- LESSON: Walking anywhere with Jesus is safer than walking on our own.

- LESSON: Trusting Jesus makes sense even when it doesn't make sense.

3. _____ of Jesus' Presence

- MAIN LESSON: Jesus brings resurrection life from the future into our present.

Conclusion: Facing Death With Jesus

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

1. What events or experiences have shaped your perspective on death? Are you more avoidant or anxious about death?

2. Which character(s) in this story do you most relate to (Martha, Mary, Thomas, Disciples)? Why?

3. Have you embraced the reality of Jesus' presence transforming death? How can we embrace his presence in the midst of tears and fears (preview of next week!)?

Announcements

Adult Connect Communities – NEW

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 and his promises (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).

Worship at Fleming Farms – Today!

Join us at 2:30pm as Southwood leads a worship service for the residents of Fleming Farms Senior Living.

Hymn Sing and Prayer Gathering

Join us next Wednesday, May 1, as God shapes our hearts through our singing to Him and talking with Him together. We will gather at 6pm in the Sanctuary and finish in time to pick up kids from Kids Club/Jr. High-Life.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

Ready to make a splash? At Scuba VBS (June 10-13, 9am to noon), we'll dive into friendship with God and help kids discover evidence of him in everyday life. Registration is now open for both kids and volunteers. We would love to have you partner with us in one of the most exciting weeks of the year at Southwood! Get more details and register via the Kids page at southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, April 21

8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
2:30pm – Worship at Fleming Farms
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Wednesday, April 24

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

Thursday, April 25

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.

Deacon/Finance Update

Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

Last Week's Giving

\$48,522

Year to Date Giving

\$591,488



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are driven by relationships.

Ask that God would expand our relational networks beyond our normal and comfortable circles for the sake of his kingdom.

Pray for trust to grow in our marriages as we share struggles honestly and respond with patience and forgiveness.

Ask that God would increase our sensitivity to our oldest members and others who may be experiencing loneliness - that we might show them the love of Christ well.

Specific Needs

Praise God for Bettie Murray's recovery from her sickness and pray for her continued strengthening as she has moved to rehab.

Pray for our college students as they prepare for exams and end-of-year projects.

Pray for Sunday's worship service at Fleming Farms to be an encouraging time with our beloved neighbors there.

Missions Partner Requests

**Macklann and Rose Basse
Togo, West Africa**

Macklann is the director of Africa Missions with Nations (AMN) where he trains future missionaries to plant churches and to care for the poor. Rose is the principal of a thriving Christian elementary school called New Beginnings. Macklann has shared the following requests.

Pray for courage and boldness as we plant a church in Somieda, a remote village where witchcraft is prevalent.

Ask that God would provide the funding to start a farming program as a way to connect with the people in that area.

There are many orphans in Somieda. Pray that we would be able to distribute food and other necessities to them.

Senior Member

Clayton and Nanette Morgan
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Expectant Mothers

Sarah-Nell Compton — May 2024
Shealy Holliday — May 2024
Abigail Hess Tredal — May 2024
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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