



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 26, 2024

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

"To be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son - it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is."

C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

PEOPLE: *He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.*

ALL: *It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

from Isaiah 25

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

SONGS

"Our God Is Greater"
"Mighty to Save"

PRAYER

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- Will Spink Senior Pastor
- Derrick Harris Associate Pastor
- DJ Baptiste Director, Music Ministry
- Newt Johnson Piano
- Michael Babin Acoustic Guitar
- Nick Walker Bass Guitar
- Sam Johnson Electric Guitar
- Julian Newsome Drums
- Lyndsay Abel Vocals
- Jarrett Kaempfer Audio
- Lance Cooper Livestream
- Josh Cash Slides

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe about the hope we are promised in the Bible.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

PEOPLE: For one who has died has been set free from sin.

LEADER: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

ALL: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:5-11

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

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

SONGS

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
“Near the Cross”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“I Surrender All”

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

Worship Service

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

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 12:27-50
"The Quest for Glory"

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 communing members 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 next week for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

Adults: Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

College Connect: College students in the Lodge across the street

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: Seeking Glory

1. What is Glory, and Who has it?
2. How do I engage with this True Glory?
 - Causes of Unbelief
 - Urgency of Belief
3. Where do I look to see God's Glory?

Conclusion: Finding Glory

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

1. Where in your life can you recognize the quest for glory (consider each of life's seasons up to the present)?
2. What things or people do you have a tendency to give more weight to than you do to God himself?
3. Explain how you see the glory of God at the cross. How would you describe to someone who doesn't know Jesus how that can be the end of their search for glory?

Announcements

Connect Hour Updates

There is no Connect Hour today due to the holiday weekend.

Next Sunday, college students are invited to participate in our new Connect Community designed specifically for them on Sundays this summer (June 2 - July 14) in the Lodge. Elder Lance Cooper will lead a study on gospel and work as students connect and reconnect with one another. All college-aged young people are welcome! Questions? Email worship@southwood.org.

Also starting next Sunday are new adult Connect Community classes. Kevin Ellis will lead discussion on the Book of Romans, and Christine Betts and Julie Blauwkamp will unpack the story of Jonah with us. Leadership Training will continue as well.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-13

VBS is a great week to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an exciting adventure in learning of God's love. We still have both room for kids and need for volunteers! Register either at southwood.org.

Women's Summer Study - Thursday!

Join us for our Women's Summer Study on Thursdays at 2pm beginning May 30 in Room E, as Stephanie Newberry leads us through *Becoming a Woman of Excellence* by Cynthia Heald. Books (\$10) may be purchased in person on May 30. Email women@southwood.org if you have any questions.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, May 26

7:00am – Men's Fellowship (P.L.Eggs)

8:45am – Prayer Gathering

9:30am – Worship Service

Monday, May 27

Office Closed

Thursday, May 30

2:00pm – Women's Summer Study

Friday, May 31

5:00pm – Jr. High Scavenger Hunt

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

\$29,245

Year to Date Giving

\$809,547



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Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

Ask that God would give the children in our church and community opportunities to develop their faith during the upcoming summer months.

Pray that God would make us a community where the materially poor and spiritually searching feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

Ask for boldness to share the hope of Jesus with an increasingly hopeless world around us.

Specific Needs

Pray for our youth interns, Katherine Jones and Sam Johnson, as they begin connecting with our students and planning for this summer.

Pray that this weekend we would remember the soldiers who have given their lives for our country's freedom and especially the Savior who gave his life for our eternal freedom.

Pray for God to bring even more kids from our church and our neighbors to join us for VBS this summer, as well as even more volunteers to love them and point them to Jesus.

Pray for our sister churches across Huntsville as they navigate a variety of different challenges and seek to advance Jesus' kingdom here.

Missions Partner Requests

Hope City Church

Amos and Jessica Williams

The Williams lead a church plant on the south side of Madison. This is a fast-growing and diverse area, home to tens of thousands of people from all over the world. Hope City's mission is to "Proclaim the hope of the gospel and live it out with our deeds." Learn more at hopecityal.com.

Pray for God's guidance and blessing as Hope City holds "Interest Parties" in their community, looking forward to an official launch date of September 8, 2024.

Ask that God would continue to bless the spiritual development of the Williams family as they follow Him.

Praise God for his grace in providing strong financial support for Hope City, and pray that this will continue until the time that the congregation can become self-supporting.

Senior Member

Nancy Unks

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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

Rachel Hess Hajek — Sept 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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