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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.

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**January 10, 2021**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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

## MEDITATION

“The more Jack saw his helplessness and inability, the more he prayed; the more he prayed, the more open he became to God’s promises and the more he relied on the Holy Spirit’s wisdom and strength to enable him to stand and move forward on the sure foundation that he had in Christ.”

Michael A. Graham  
*Cheer Up!: The Life and Ministry of Jack Miller*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings.

PEOPLE: *Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

LEADER: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

ALL: *Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

Psalm 29:1-2

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

## SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

## PRAYER

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

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

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

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# Worship Service

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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

*Nicene Creed (325 AD)*

## SONG

“God of My Life, to Thee I Call”

We talk honestly with God about our weakness, brokenness, and idolatry.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, we confess that we think naturally of ourselves, pursue passionately our own comfort, and live normally for our own glory. Forgive us for neglecting your greatness in pursuit of our own and renew our hearts to worship, trust, and follow you in all things.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Jeremiah 31:3

## SONG

“You Are So Good to Me”

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# Worship Service

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

God speaks to us through the Bible as it is explained and applied to us.

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

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory. Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

Acts 1:1-11

"An Often Forgotten Promise"

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

### 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.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

### BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Ron will greet people and pray with them at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

**Adults:** Gather in the Connecting Spaces

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

**Kids Connect:** Birth-6th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

**Intro:** The promise of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood and forgotten. We might be Trinitarians theologically, but not many of us are Trinitarians functionally.

## Acts 1:1-11 – Four Observations

1. Waiting
2. Baptism
3. Power
4. Witnesses

## So What? – Three Takeaways

1. Through the Holy Spirit we are empowered.
2. Through the Holy Spirit we are sent to the nations.
3. Through faith we are filled and empowered in the Spirit.

## Conclusion

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# Announcements

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## Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning and love the chance to get to know new people. If you would send any contact information you would like us to use to worship@southwood.org, we will reach out to you this week.

## Welcome to Southwood Class

Do you want to learn more about the heart of Southwood? Are you interested in connecting with the mission and people of our church family or pursuing church membership? Join us starting Sunday, January 17, during the Connect Hour (11:00am) in Classroom D, where we have room to spread out. Contact wyketa.shipman@southwood.org to sign up so we have materials prepared for you. Nursery is available, and the class will be finished by Spring Break.

## Join a Small Group

January is a great time to join a small group at Southwood. We have in-person and online options available. Go to southwood.org/joingroup to reach the sign-up form.

## Blood Drive

Southwood will host a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 11-5 in the Lodge. Your donation will help ease the current blood shortage in our area. Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment at Southwood's drive. If you would like to help with the drive, contact shannon.clark@southwood.org.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 10

11:00am — Connect Hour (All Ages)  
7:00pm — Sr. High-Life

## Tuesday, January 12

6:30pm — Session Meeting

## Wednesday, January 13

6:00pm — Jr. High-Life

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Last Week's Giving

\$25,185

### Year to Date Giving

\$25,185

Final year-end results for 2020 and the 2021 budget will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

**Download the Southwood App for more calendar info  
and to give electronically.**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Vision/Mission

### Advance the Kingdom of God/ Experience and Express Grace

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in us God-centered rather than self-focused hearts.

Ask that our renewed sense of our constant need for God's grace would remain and even deepen in the days ahead.

Pray with Paul that God would open our eyes to know more of Him, the hope to which He has called us, and our glorious inheritance (Eph 1).

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## Specific Needs

Pray for the family of Southwood member Dorothy Horner, who died this week.

Pray for Judy Covington as she prepares for hip replacement surgery next week.

Pray for Ray Holton, who has been hospitalized with blood pressure issues this week.

Praise God that Elaine Hill is recovering well from her fall and surgery and is now at home with her daughter.

Praise God that Paul Chang's father is recovering and may be discharged from the hospital in Taiwan next week.

Pray for our country and particularly for the people of God in our land as we navigate through a challenging transition in leadership.

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## Mission Partner

### Macklann and Rose Basse - Togo, West Africa

*Macklann Basse is the director of Africa Missions with Nations (AMN), where he trains future missionaries to plant churches and care for the poor. Rose is the principal of New Beginnings Elementary School. You can support them by praying for these requests.*

Pray for a transportation need, as Macklann's car died several months ago. He needs to go from village to village to train pastors and preach the gospel.

Also pray for them as they have started a second site of New Beginnings school in their house. The Basses see so many kids who need to be in school, yet many parents can't afford school fees or even food.

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## Senior Member

### Clayton and Nanette Morgan

443 Jasmine Dr.  
Madison, AL 35757

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## Expectant Mothers

**Catherine Barrett** — February 2021

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 2021

**Amber Colvard** — April 2021

**Cole Wasdin** — May 2021

**Lou Ellen Schweers** — May 2021

**Brett Stanfield** — June 2021

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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**Southwood's Vision and Mission**

Southwood exists to advance the kingdom of God as we experience and express grace.

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**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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Experience & Express  
*Grace*