



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.

January 15, 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

“The things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

PEOPLE: *We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.*

LEADER: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

ALL: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

from John 11 and 1 Corinthians 15

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

SONGS

“God So Loved”

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

John 14:1-3

SONGS

“Revelation Song”

“When We All Get to Heaven”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Hymn of Heaven”

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

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

I Peter 1:3-5
The End of the Story

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE

“When We All Get to Heaven”

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 the sanctuary for ongoing training with Bill Nash

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

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

Sermon Notes

Great Mercy

Born Again

Living Hope

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Inheritance

Imperishable

Undefiled

Unfading

Kept ... Being Guarded

Faith

The End of the Story: John 14:2-3, Hebrews 4:9, Hebrews 11:10-16, Revelation 21:2-23, Revelation 22:1-5, Hebrews 12:22-24, Isaiah 25:6-8, I Corinthians 15:51-53, Revelation 7:14-17

Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Sarah Niemitz** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Keys
- **Ben Niemitz** Acoustic Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kristin Symon** Vocals
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Josh Cash** Slides
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream

Announcements

Express Grace Conference 2023

Our annual Express Grace Conference is January 28-29. This year's focus will be evangelism and church planting. We will hear from many of our church planters:

Saturday, Jan 28

9am — 11am: Evangelism training with Bill Nash.

6pm — 8pm: Attendees rotate through classrooms with mission partners; concludes with desserts.

Sunday, Jan 29

9:30am — 10:45am: Worship service with guest preacher, Josh Charette, Great Plains Gathering of Billings, MT.

11am — 12pm: Connect Hour classes led by mission partners.

Adult Connect Communities

Today all adults will gather in the sanctuary as Pastor Bill Nash leads us in thinking about our relationships with our neighbors in preparation for our Express Grace Conference.

Grace Groups

We want everyone at Southwood to be a part of a Grace Group. To sign up or get more info about these groups, visit southwood.org/gg.

Several of our women's Grace Groups meet to enjoy Bible Study on Acts at different times throughout the week. Childcare is provided Thursday mornings at 10am. For all schedules, email shannon.clark@southwood.org.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, January 15

6:00am – Men's Fellowship
8:45am – Prayer Gathering
9:30am – Worship Service
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Monday, January 16

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 18

3:30pm – Bible Study/Fleming Farms
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 19

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update Budget and Congregational Meeting

Final year-end income and expenses, as well as the 2023 budget, will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 5.



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Prayer Guide

Mission

Experience and Express Grace

Ask that God's grace would overwhelm us with joy so that we can't contain our desire to share it with others.

Pray for a humility that leads us to listen well to friends and neighbors who need grace just as we do.

Ask that the good news of Jesus would be transformative in the lives of our youth and children and the entire next generation.

Specific Needs

Pray for Pastor Bill Nash as he continues to lead our training times and help equip us to share the hope of Christ with people around us every day.

Pray for Tony and Megan Craig as Megan has been handling a high-risk pregnancy (due in June), along with recent bouts of flu and COVID.

Pray for our sister churches and church plants here in Huntsville - that the good news of Jesus would spread throughout our community.

Pray for our Missions Team as they complete preparations for our Express Grace Conference at the end of the month.

Missions Requests

Express Grace Conference – Jan 28 - 29

This year, Southwood's annual missions conference will focus on evangelism and church planting. Use the following requests to join the staff and Missions Team in praying for this event.

Continue to pray for Bill Nash as leads a class on evangelism with our adult Connect Communities.

Ask that God would strengthen all of our church planters as they seek to share the Gospel with people who may not know about Jesus and his great love for us.

Pray that we as a church would also recognize the call to evangelism in our own daily lives.

Senior Member

Jim Smith

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Expectant Mothers

Elisabeth Ferguson — March 2023

Kathryn Jones — April 2023

Maddie Searcy — April 2023

Brett Stanfield — May 2023

Sarah Putman — May 2023

Megan Craig — June 2023

Alaine Moss — July 2023

Stephanie Tomes — July 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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