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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 17, 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

“We do not know yet, beloved, of what happiness we are capable ... O, may I be there! ... If I may but see the King in his beauty, in the fullness of his joy, when he shall take by the right hand her for whom he shed his precious blood, and shall know the joy which was set before him, for which he endured the cross, despising the shame, I shall be blest indeed! O what a day that will be when every member of Christ shall be crowned in him, and with him, and every member of the mystical body shall be glorified in the glory of the Bridegroom! A day will come, the day of the days, time’s crown and glory, when ... the saints arrayed in the righteousness of Christ, shall be eternally one with him in living, loving, lasting union, partaking together of the same glory of the Most High. What must it be to be there!”

C.H. Spurgeon

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Peace be with you!

PEOPLE: *And also with you!*

LEADER: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

PEOPLE: *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.*

LEADER: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

PEOPLE: *Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*

LEADER: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

ALL: *Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

1 Chronicles 29

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

We affirm together what we believe.

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

## SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Pass Me Not”

## PRAYER

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

## SONG

“We Will Feast”

### CONFESSION OF SIN

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen!

*The Valley of Vision*

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# Worship Service

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:5-9

## SONG

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"All Must Be Well"

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

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

Colossians 3:1-4

"Living Today in Light of Eternity"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

LEADER: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

PEOPLE: *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21



## 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 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**

The Review: Supremacy, Sufficiency, Preeminence, and Union

The Meaning: Constantly focus your attention on these eternal, spiritual realities because they are where our true life is found today and forever.

The Illustration: The Rope of Your Existence: Does your focus fit your reality?

The Application: Living Today in Light of Eternity

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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.

## Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

The Committee on Emotional Health leads a discussion of sympathy and empathy as we love each other and our neighbors today following the worship service.

## Prayer Gathering - TONIGHT

We will gather on Zoom this evening at 7pm to pray together, in particular for our country. Check your email this afternoon for the Zoom link.

## Blood Drive this Thursday

Southwood will host a Red Cross blood drive Thursday, Jan 21, from 11a-5p in the Lodge. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment. If you would like to help with the drive, contact [shannon.clark@southwood.org](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.org).

## Small Groups for Men and Women

Our goal is to have everyone connected in a small group. You can sign up at [southwood.org/joingroup](http://southwood.org/joingroup). Our women are also beginning a study of Luke 1-8 on February 4. Visit [southwood.org/springstudy](http://southwood.org/springstudy) to sign up as the book order will be placed soon. Check the Southwood Women Facebook page for more details.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 17

11:00am – Connect Hour (All ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

7:00pm – Zoom Prayer Gathering

## Monday, January 18

6:30pm – Deacons Meet

## Wednesday, January 20

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

## Thursday, January 21

11:00am – Blood Drive

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Last Week's Giving

\$17,102

### Year to Date Giving

\$42,287

Final year-end results 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 hearts and minds that remain focused on the kingdom of God when the kingdom of this world is so constantly before us.

Ask God to send revival to our church and community by the work of Holy Spirit to awaken us to the grace of Christ in fresh ways.

Pray for new opportunities to share the goodness of God with our neighbors during this changing season.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for patience and peace for Judy Covington as her hip replacement surgery has been cancelled again.

Pray for the participants in our Welcome to Southwood class starting this weekend to feel a part of the family and mission of Southwood even in a strange season.

Pray for our nation and our leaders as we continue to face unrest and threats of violence surrounding the upcoming inauguration.

Pray for our blood drive this Thursday and the ongoing health of our community as we seek to support our local hospitals and neighbors.

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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.*

Praise God for opportunities to serve children and families through our school, especially during the pandemic.

Pray that God will provide resources to purchase playground equipment for the school.

Pray that our teachers could continue to receive excellent training and provide quality education to the students.

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## Senior Member

### Elaine Looney

4670 Bellewood Dr., Apt 229  
Huntsville, AL 35802

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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*