



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 24, 2021

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

“Let us suppose ... that a king was betrothed to a beautiful wife, whose picture was sent to him before he himself saw her. But when she set out on her journey to him, she fell sick of some loathsome disease, such as the smallpox or leprosy. But suppose that he knew before she came to him that she should be restored to her first primitive beauty, and that even though he knew he would be troubled by her disaster, distemper, or disease, he easily quieted himself for that little space of time in which her infirmity, though greatly disfiguring her, was to continue. For he himself would be her physician, the only one who could cure her and restore her to her first perfect beauty, which he knew he could and should do. Thus he would show all love and peace toward her, even though her disease was loathsome, in full hope of her recovery. This is the case between Christ and the church.”

Thomas Goodwin

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: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

PEOPLE: *I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

LEADER: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

PEOPLE: *And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

ALL: *Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!*

Psalm 9

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.

Worship Service

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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

PRAYER

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

LEADER: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

LEADER: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Apostles' Creed

SONG

“Your Love, Oh Lord”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Compassionate God, whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite, hear your children's prayer, and grant us your mercy. For unholy thoughts and words, for impure motives, for any scorn of goodness and indifference to beauty, for trifling with the truth and being petty when we could be gracious, forgive us. For the wrong we have done our neighbors, for silence in the face of violence, for neglect of generosity, for ingratitude, for failure in pursuing justice, for ignoring others' pain, forgive us. For lack of love toward you, for doubt in your goodness, for slowness of faith to follow Jesus, forgive us.

Worship Service

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103

SONG

“Thy Mercy”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Nobody’s Got It All Together”

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 3:5-11

“What Not to Wear”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6



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

Sermon Notes

Bottom Line: Because we have a new life with Christ in glory, we must aggressively do away with every desire, word, or action that no longer fits who we are.

Our new life:

Our natural tendency:

What are some sins that no longer fit?

1. Sins of the flesh (3:5)
 2. Sins of the tongue (3:8)
- * Sins loved in our hearts

How do we aggressively do away with them?

1. Name it, Hate it, Share it, Starve it ...
2. Delight in Jesus ...

Announcements

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 send your contact information to worship@southwood.org, we will reach out to you this week. You are also invited to join our Welcome to Southwood class after the service.

Adult Connect Hour - TODAY

Have you ever felt that God has let you down, and, if yes, how have you struggled with this emotionally? The Committee on Emotional Health wrestles with this question during today's Adult Connect Hour following the worship service.

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. Our women are also beginning a study of Luke 1-8 on February 4. Visit southwood.org/springstudy to sign up as the book order will be placed soon. Check the Southwood Women Facebook page for more details.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting for Southwood Church and Corporation is Sunday, Feb. 7, immediately following the worship service. We will elect officers, hear reports on budget and ministries, and pray together. If you are able to attend in person, please do so - in order to vote and so that we have a quorum present! The meeting can also be viewed via the Livestream.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, January 24

11:00am – Connect Hour (All ages)

7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

Monday, January 25

6:30pm – Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life

Deacon/Finance Update

Last Week's Giving

\$34,872

Year to Date Giving

\$77,159

Final year-end results and the 2021 budget will be presented at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2021. Please attend in person if you are able!

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

Prayer Guide

Vision/Mission

Advance the Kingdom of God/ Experience and Express Grace

Ask that Jesus would help each of us share his heart that breaks for those who don't know him and longs for everyone to trust our Savior.

Pray that the Spirit would create humble hearts in each of us that are desperate for the grace of God to sustain us and guide us day by day.

Ask for open eyes and willing hearts to see and pursue opportunities to bring God's kingdom here on earth in word and deed in our everyday lives.

Specific Needs

Pray for Dana Branum as she has been battling COVID-19 for the past couple weeks.

Pray for Aida Moultrie and her family in the death of her mother this week.

Pray for Christy Spink as she struggles with headaches and vision issues resulting from optic neuritis.

Pray for President Biden and our nation's leaders to lead humbly and wisely in the days ahead.

Pray for our small groups to be places of deep connection with each other and purposeful mission to others.

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 God's protection of our family in the midst of spiritual opposition due to the preaching of the gospel as we are experiencing some verbal and physical intimidation.

Pray for the continued blessing of our online ministry as we have consistently connected with more than 1,000 followers every day for devotions and prayer since the pandemic started. This is really beyond our imagination.

Senior Member

Sandy Newby

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Expectant Mothers

Catherine Barrett — February 2021

Shawnda McKinney — April 2021

Amber Colvard — April 2021

Grace Guin — April 2021

Cole Wasdin — May 2021

Lou Ellen Schweers — May 2021

Brett Stanfield — June 2021

**Email prayer@southwood.org
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

Southwood's Vision and Mission

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

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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Grace