



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 31, 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

“I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for thou dost always justify the ungodly; I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and thou art always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day’s work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun.”

The Valley of Vision

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

PEOPLE: *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.*

LEADER: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

ALL: *Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

Psalms 24:3-6

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

PRAYER

SONGS

“Come, Thou Fount”
“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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 affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

But [we] are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once [we] were not a people, but now [we] are God's people; once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy."

Peter 2:9-10

SONG

"By His Wounds"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:16-21

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:22-24

SONG

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Worship Service

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 sends us on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To access the global missions update electronically, visit southwood.org/globalpartners.

OFFERTORY SONG

"Beautiful Things"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Colossians 3:12-14

"Wearing Love"

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25



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

Why do God's People Love?

- NOT so God will love us BUT because God so loved us first

What does Love look like in Community?

How do God's People Love?

- Wearing Christ's Clothes: The Closet is Full!

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.

Connect Hour Today

Our adult Connect Hour today features an opportunity to learn more about the heart of small groups if you would like to join our leaders for some equipping in the Connecting Spaces. All are also welcome in Welcome to Southwood (Room D) or in fellowship with each other.

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 this week. Visit southwood.org/springstudy to sign up! Our men will begin studying I Peter on February 9. Contact shannon.clark@southwood.org for more information.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting for Southwood Church and Corporation is next 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 - to vote and so that we have a quorum present! The meeting can also be viewed via the Livestream.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 2

9:00am – Providence Presbytery Mtg

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

10:00am – Women's Bible Study
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

Last Week's Giving

\$15,517

Year to Date Giving

\$92,677

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

Serve with Jobs for Life

Southwood's mission partner, The CornerStone Initiative, is recruiting students and mentors for an eight-week Jobs for Life class teaching soft skills that can help people succeed in finding better employment. Mentor training begins Feb. 4. Email shannon.clark@southwood.org for more information.

**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

Pray that we would lead with grace in our relationships with each other in our families and church family.

Ask that God would burden us to live for his kingdom in our daily lives rather than focus on building our own.

Pray that we would speak and act boldly in relationships with unbelievers because of the power of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Specific Needs

Praise God for Dana Branum's recovery from COVID-19, and pray for daughter Stephanie, who has been sick this week.

Praise God for the birth of Hayes Henry Barrett to Phillip and Catherine this week.

Pray for our pastors as they minister God's Word to us in a variety of different contexts during this unusual season.

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

Jim Smith

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Expectant Mothers

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

Cayce McAlister — July 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