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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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**October 11, 2020**  
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 measure the worth of a hidden treasure by what we will gladly sell to buy it. If we will sell all, then we measure the worth as supreme. If we will not, what we have is treasured more.

John Piper, Let The Nations Be Glad

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

LEADER: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

PEOPLE: *The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.*

LEADER: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

PEOPLE: *We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.*

LEADER: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

ALL: *Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.*

Psalm 27; John 4:23

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

## SONGS

"Those Who Trust"  
"The Love of Christ"

## 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 God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

The Apostles' Creed

## SONG

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance.

Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalms 32:1-2

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# Worship Service

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## SONG

"All Must Be Well"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SONG

"Beautiful Things"

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

Colossians 1:24-29

"The Purpose-Driven Death"

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

## LORD'S SUPPER

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



### 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:** Meet in the Connecting Spaces

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

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

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## Sermon Notes

Intro: Christianity is at the same time both the most pessimistic of religions and the most optimistic of religions. It is the most pessimistic in that we are guaranteed suffering and maybe death simply because of our identity with Christ. It is also the most optimistic in that we not only get eternal life, but we get an eternal union to Christ Himself and all that is His.

I. IDENTIFYING WITH JESUS IN HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH.

II. IDENTIFYING WITH JESUS IN HIS GLORY.

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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.

## HeyDay! at Tate Farms

All are invited to join our Southwood Family this Monday, Oct. 12, from 4:30-8:30pm at Tate Farms. Invite friends and neighbors! Register at southwood.org/heyday.

## Outdoor Worship Service

Our regular 9:30 worship service will be outdoors again Sunday, October 18. Children and youth activities as well as a Congregational Meeting will follow the service, and all portions will be live streamed. Bring some food and join us for a picnic lunch after the meeting!

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 18, following the outdoor worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation to call Derrick Harris as an associate pastor, to receive financial updates, and to hear other ministry updates. This meeting will be live streamed so that those at home can join us. You must be physically present in order to vote, but the only vote taken in the meeting will be regarding the associate pastor call.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, October 11

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

### Monday, October 12

4:30pm — HeyDay! at Tate Farms

### Tuesday, October 13

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

### Wednesday, October 14

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

### Thursday, October 15

9:30am — Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm — Women's Bible Study

### Saturday, October 17

10:00am — Jr. High-Life Fall Retreat

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

### Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

### Last Week's Giving

\$48,920

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,450,047

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

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

**We are driven by relationships.**

Pray for the small group communities to be a source of encouragement and hope for Southwood, Huntsville and beyond.

Pray for all those struggling with this time of separation, isolation and lack of normal life rhythms. May they feel the love and companionship of God through His Holy Spirit, body of believers at Southwood, and friends and family.

Pray for authentic relationships to develop throughout our congregation that are multi-generational, life-changing, and Christ-centered.

Pray for your neighbors and co-workers. May the Lord open a door for you to develop relationships for his glory during this season.

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## Specific Needs

Please continue to pray for Ron Clegg as he heals from recent hip surgery.

Pray for Caleb Adcock (newborn son of Tim and Veronica Adcock) during his current stay in the NICU.

Pray for Mona Cummings in the death of her father last week.

Pray for Phillip Wright as he cares for his aunt and uncle diagnosed with COVID-19.

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## Mission Partner

**The Village Church**

*The Village Church is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic congregation located in northwest Huntsville. This PCA church is pastored by Alex Shipman. Please join them in praying for these requests.*

Pray for Pastor Alex Shipman and the leadership and congregation of The Village Church as they deal with the ways current racial tensions in our country are affecting their multi-cultural church.

Pray that God would work through a series of talks they have planned to discuss the impact of these issues on the church members, the church body as a whole, and the community.

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## Senior Member

**Eileen Sessions**

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## Expectant Mothers

**Alaine Moss** — November 2020

**Anna Brooks** — November 2020

**Elizabeth Fancher** — December 2020

**Hannah Atkins** — December 2020

**Jordan Razook** — December 2020

**Libby Potts** — December 2020

**Catherine Barrett** — February 2021

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 2021

**Cole Wasdin** — May 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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*Grace*