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.
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

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

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.
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”

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.

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.

Psalm 32:1-2
We celebrate how God’s grace flows through us in our 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.

We worship daily through biblically based songs, teachings, and prayer.

Worship Service

SONG
“All Must Be Well”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
“Beautiful Things”

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

PREACHING OF THE WORD
Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

Colossians 1:24-29
“The Purpose-Driven Death”

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
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.
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 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.

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

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.
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.

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.

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.

Senior Member
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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 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.