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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 25, 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

“Christ did not die to enable you to produce a holy nature by yourself. Christ died so you might receive a holy nature prepared and created in him for you, through your union and fellowship with him.”

Walter Marshall,  
*The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-23

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

## PRAYER

## SONGS

“How Firm a Foundation”  
“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

**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

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:3-5

## SONG

“Rock of Ages”

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

## SONG

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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# Worship Service

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

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 2:6-7

"Union with Christ"

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Rock of Ages"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



## Following the Worship Service

Pastor Will 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:** No Connect Hour; ReGroup held in 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

Introduction: Walking away from Jesus to live for Jesus

Union with Christ: "You are in Christ, and Christ is in you." – Rankin Wilbourne

## 1. Understanding our Union with Christ

- Occurs by faith

- Brings us all other blessings

- Produces Christian living

## 2. Living in Union with Christ

- Rooted and built up in Him

- Established in the faith

- Abounding in thanksgiving

Conclusion: Walking with Jesus to live for Jesus

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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.

## ReGroup - TODAY

Small group leader training meets after worship in the Connecting Spaces as Pastor Will discusses opportunities for service and offers tips on leading groups.

## Tinsel Trail Tree

Southwood is sponsoring a tree on Tinsel Trail, and there are several fun ways to get involved. Visit [southwood.org/tinseltrail](http://southwood.org/tinseltrail) to select how you and your family would like to participate. Contact [robert.blevins@southwood.org](mailto:robert.blevins@southwood.org) with questions.

## Santa's Secret Shop

Second Mile Development, one of our local missions partners, has created contactless ways for you to contribute toys and other items to Santa's Secret Shop this year. Go to [southwood.org/santa](http://southwood.org/santa) to view an Amazon gift list. Purchase items online, and they will be shipped directly to Second Mile. To shop local, call The Toy Place Downtown at 256-213-7069. You can shop over the phone or in person. Second Mile will pick up the items at the store. For more options and info, contact [shannon.clark@southwood.org](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, October 25

11:00am — Kids/Youth Connect  
11:00am — Small Group Ldr Training  
7:00pm — Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, October 27

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

### Wednesday, October 28

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

### Thursday, October 29

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

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

### Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

### Last Week's Giving

\$21,297

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,512,436

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**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.**

Ask that God would help our young people build healthy relationships during a time when that is even more difficult than normal.

Pray for the marriages in our church family to be marked by sacrificial love, forgiveness, and delight.

Ask for sensitive hearts to sympathize with and care for the lonely in our community, especially as a tough holiday season approaches.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle in the death of his wife, Eula, this week.

Pray for Joey Powers as he travels to Virginia and cares for his father who is facing serious health challenges.

Pray for our small group leaders as they meet Sunday, share together about how God is working in their groups, and prepare for the season ahead.

Pray for our city and nation as we head into a heated election season, and pray that we as the Church would live in light of our dual citizenship in heaven and Huntsville/America.

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## Mission Partner

**Parakaleo**

*Parakaleo is a global nonprofit ministry that comes alongside women in church planting, helping them lead and love out of their gospel identity. Denine Blevins has served as Executive Director since March 2020. Please join them in praying for these requests:*

Pray for women who are leading and serving in church plants around the world, for their healing and resilience.

Pray for 50 participants who are completing two virtual trainings, that they would experience renewal and refreshing.

Pray for Christ-dependence, courage and wisdom as Denine leads the staff into a new season and ministry model.

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## Senior Member

**Julie Miller**

14016 Camden Cir.  
Huntsville, AL 35803

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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*