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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 4, 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 didn’t earn or deserve our reconciliation, and we didn’t meet God in the middle. We contributed nothing except pouting indifference. God was the one who accomplished our reconciliation for us at the cross, and God was the one who offered our reconciliation to us in the gospel. All we ever did was receive it with the empty hands of faith.”

Ray Ortlund

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris  
Assistant Pastor

LEADER: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

PEOPLE: *Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

LEADER: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

PEOPLE: *Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.*

LEADER: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

ALL: *Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

Psalms 103:1-2, 20-22

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

## SONGS

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
“Your Love, Oh Lord”

## 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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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:6-11

## SONG

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me"

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

PEOPLE: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

LEADER: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

PEOPLE: *Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.*

LEADER: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

PEOPLE: *Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

ALL: *Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.*

Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

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# Worship Service

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:3-8

## SONG

“By His Wounds”

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

“Cling to the Crucified”

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

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

Colossians 1:21-23

“Reunited in the Hope of the Gospel”

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



## 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: Our polarized society reflects a very central core problem with the human race: our inability to exist at peace with one another, with ourselves, and primarily with God.

I. Our Problem of Alienation

II. God's Recipe for Reconciliation

III. God's Purpose of Restoration

IV. Securing Our Reconciliation

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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 Monday, Oct. 12, from 4:30-8:30pm at Tate Farms. Invite friends and neighbors! Cost is \$5/person. Register at southwood.org/heyday.

### Adult Connect Hour TODAY

Join us today after the worship service in the Connecting Spaces for Adult Connect Hour. Pastor Ron will facilitate a discussion on what the Bible says about a current events topic.

### Outdoor Worship Service

Let's worship outdoors October 18.

### 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 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 4

11:00am — Connect Hour (All Ages)  
No Sr. High-Life

#### Tuesday, October 6

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

#### Wednesday, October 7

6:30pm — Women's Bible Study  
No Jr. High-Life

#### Thursday, October 8

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

\$21,098

#### Year to Date Giving

\$1,401,833

**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 that our small groups would be places of growing connection and fellowship through this season of challenging distance.

Ask that God would give us friendships with people of different backgrounds and perspectives so that we can learn to value Jesus more.

Pray for those in our congregation and community struggling with loneliness and isolation to experience the love of God from us tangibly.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Leonard Robinson as he recovers from hand surgery on Thursday.

Pray for Ray Holton as he continues to rehabilitate broken ribs from his heart attack.

Pray for Pastor Will as he preaches at a sister church in Chattanooga this week.

Pray for the upcoming week of break from school for many teachers, students, and parents to be refreshing and renewing in this exhausting season.

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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

### Jennie Doss (turned 90 this week!)

Woodland Village, RM 204B  
1900 Olive Street  
Cullman, AL 35955

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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*