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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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**February 7, 2021**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Connect Hour/Cong Mtg

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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

“Gospel doctrine creates gospel cultures called churches, where wonderful things happen to unworthy people for the glory of Christ alone. It is a model home of the new neighborhood Christ is building for eternity.”

Ray Ortlund, The Gospel

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind...and day and night they never cease to say,

PEOPLE: *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!*

LEADER: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

PEOPLE: *Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

PEOPLE: *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

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

We affirm together what we believe.

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

LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

ALL: *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*

Revelation 4-5

## PRAYER

## SONGS

“Revelation Song”

“The Love of Christ”

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:20-23

## SONG

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:11-18

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# Worship Service

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20-22

**SONG** "How Firm a Foundation"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY SONG** "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory. 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

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

Colossians 3:15-17

"Our Christ-Centered Family"

**SONG OF RESPONSE** "The Love of Christ"

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 and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Normal Connect Hour resumes next Sunday, Feb 14. Today, annual meeting ...

**Adults:** Annual Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High join meeting in Sanctuary

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

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## Sermon Notes

The Story of God's Family is all about Christ.

So, our lives and life together must feature ...

### 1. The Peace of Christ (3:15)

- It's our story that binds us together even when we differ

### 2. The Word of Christ (3:16)

- It's our story that we regularly share with each other
  
- It's our story that we submit ourselves to follow
  
- It's our story that produces joyful celebration

### 3. The Name of Christ (3:17)

- It's our story that must shape our entire lives
  
- It's our story that causes constant thanksgiving

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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 send your contact information to [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org), we will reach out to you this week.

## Annual Congregational Mtg Today

All are invited to join us following the service as we pray, share updates on ministries, elect officers, and receive the budget reports.

## Small Groups

Our goal is to have everyone connected in a small group, where we share life together around the Word of God. You can sign up at [southwood.org/joingroup](http://southwood.org/joingroup).

## Men's and Women's Groups

Our women have just begun a study of Luke 1-8. It's not too late to join us in person or on Zoom; four different groups and times are open! Visit [southwood.org/springstudy](http://southwood.org/springstudy) to sign up! Our men will begin studying I Peter this Tuesday, February 9, 7:00am at Another Broken Egg downtown. For more info, contact [shannon.clark@southwood.org](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.org).

## 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 started Feb. 4, but volunteers are still needed. For details, email [shannon.clark@southwood.org](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.org).

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, February 7

11:00am – Congregational Meeting  
11:00am – Kids Connect  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, February 9

7:00am – Men's Bible Study/Breakfast  
6:30pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, February 10

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

### Thursday, February 11

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

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Last Week's Giving

\$27,591

### Year to Date Giving

\$120,268

## Serve with Lincoln Village Ministry

Southwood's local mission partner, Lincoln Village Ministry, recently purchased 33 homes north of Oakwood Avenue and needs help with demolition this Saturday, Feb 13. For details on how you can help, email [shannon.clark@southwood.org](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.org).

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

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# Prayer Guide

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## Vision/Mission

**We are committed to being Christ-centered.**

Ask that God would increasingly unite our hearts in our common commitment to the glory of King Jesus above all else.

Pray for our exposure to God's Word in groups and on our own to show us the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus in fresh ways.

Ask that our relationships with each other, particularly in our small groups, would point each other to bigger thoughts of and greater faith in Jesus.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Rahonda Everett in the death of her father this week.

Pray for Phillip Wright as he recovers from injuries in the past couple years and wrestles with sharing with others the emotions from this difficult journey.

Pray for our men's and women's groups beginning to study Luke and I Peter while deepening relationships with each other.

Pray for our Congregational Meeting Sunday to be a time of encouragement, gratitude, and prayer that binds us together in Christ's love and on Christ's mission.

Pray for our elders as they meet this week and seek to lead our church in the ways God would direct us.

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## Mission Partner

### The Cornerstone Initiative

*The Cornerstone Initiative serves low income neighbors in Huntsville's Westside communities. Some specific programs they provide focus on job training and money management. Please support them by praying for these requests.*

The mentor training for our upcoming Jobs for Life class will be held over Zoom. Please pray that we will still be able to have clear communication and good discussion with the trainees.

Pray that God would guide us as we continue to recruit students for the class. We would love to have a full class of twelve students to train and support.

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## Senior Member

### Margaret Tyler

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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](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*