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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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**March 12, 2023**  
**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

“God didn’t give us his grace to make our kingdoms work; he gave us his grace to invite us to a much, much better kingdom.”

*What Did You Expect?*  
Paul Tripp

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

LEADER: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

ALL: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Psalm 95:1-7

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

## SONGS

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

“House of the Lord”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**We consider it a joy to have multiple generations worship together.**

A Nursing Mothers’ Room is located 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 our confidence in God's greatness, power, and care for us.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 103:19

*ALL: Thank you, God for your sovereignty over all creation, and for establishing your throne in heaven. Thank you for ruling over all things with wisdom and justice.*

LEADER: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:17-18

*ALL: Thank you, God, for your guidance, direction, truth and nearness to us.*

LEADER: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Psalm 147:5

*ALL: Thank you, God, for your infinite understanding and wisdom, even when we may not fully understand your plans.*

LEADER: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalm 145:8-9

*ALL: Thank you for your governance over our lives and all of creation. Thank you for your compassion, love and mercy. We join with the psalmist in declaring, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"*

Psalm 150:6

We admit our need for God.

## SONG

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

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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

"Tabernacle"

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

God speaks to us through the Bible explained and applied to our lives.

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 2:13-17

"Distinctive Citizens"

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

### LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as members themselves or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"We Will Feast"

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.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

**Adults:** Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

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

**Kids Connect:** Birth-5th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

## Underlying Questions

HOW do we live as pastors who pursue God's glory from everyone?

HOW do we live as citizens of earth AND representatives of heaven?

1. Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13-15)

2. Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16)

3. Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17)

### **Helping Lead Today's Worship Service**

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Tim Adcock** Keys
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Kathryn Jones** Vocals
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Josh Cash** Slides
- **Andrew Foreman** Livestream

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# Announcements

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## Adult Connect Community Classes

Immediately following the service, Adults age 45 and over will meet in Room A to study the book of Jonah, while adults under 45 will meet in Room D to study Ecclesiastes.

## Jobs for Life - Serving Opportunity

Southwood mission partner The CornerStone Initiative will begin a new Jobs for Life class later this month. Providing meals for each meeting is a great way for your Grace Group or family to serve together. Go to [southwood.org/jfl](http://southwood.org/jfl) to sign up for a date.

## Church Work Day

Join us for a church work day on Saturday, March 25, from 9am-noon. All ages and skill levels are welcome; indoor and outdoor work available. We plan to have work at Southwood as well as with some local partners - details to come! Breakfast, coffee, and hot cocoa provided. Bring gloves. Questions? Contact Deacon Ben Niemitz at (256) 701-1332 or [benniemitz@gmail.com](mailto:benniemitz@gmail.com).

## Easter Week Services

Mark your calendars for our special Easter Week worship services:

- Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm
- Good Friday, 6:00pm
- Easter Sunrise, 6:30am (outdoor)
- Easter Service, 9:30am (indoor)

The Easter service will be followed by an Easter Celebration with a kids' egg hunt, family photo booth, and light snacks for everyone.

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, March 12

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
7:00pm – No Sr. High-Life

## Wednesday, March 15

6:00pm – No Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – No Women's Bible Study

## Thursday, March 16

10:00am – No Women's Bible Study

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups. To get connected, please visit [southwood.org/gg](http://southwood.org/gg).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update 2023 Budget

\$2,555,912

## Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

## Last Week's Giving

\$70,051

## Year to Date Giving

\$356,401



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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitment

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

Pray that Holy Spirit will work in us hearts of compassion and care that pray regularly for the needs of others.

Ask for growing humility in our church that sees dependence on God as a virtue rather than a weakness.

Pray that a renewed zeal for prayer would mark revival in our city in the days ahead.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for the wedding of Southwood members Caroline Brown and Cody Hanners this Sunday and for God's blessing on their new life together.

Pray for Geneva Cooper in the death of her mother Wednesday (also grandmother of Lance Cooper).

Pray for Cheryl Walker in the recent death of her mother.

Pray for God to give us bold confidence in the power of his Spirit and deep compassion for the people God has placed in each of our "parishes" for us to "pastor."

Pray for the refreshment and renewal of family relationships during Spring Break, including safety for those traveling.

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## Missions Partner Requests

**Child Evangelism Fellowship – Jim Simoneau, Local Director**

*CEF is a Bible-centered organization whose purpose is to share the Gospel with boys and girls and disciple them in the Word of God. They accomplish this through Good News Clubs, which meet in schools, along with summer programs. You can support CEF by praying for these requests.*

Pray for an increase in the number of Good News Clubs and for more volunteers to run them.

For our current clubs, please pray for the health and safety of our volunteers and that children would come to faith in Christ.

Ask that God would continue to provide financial support for our ministry.

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## Senior Member

**Ivy Barber**

3027 Morgan St.  
Huntsville, AL 35805

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## Expectant Mothers

**Elisabeth Ferguson** — March 2023

**Kathryn Jones** — April 2023

**Maddie Searcy** — April 2023

**Brett Stanfield** — May 2023

**Sarah Putman** — May 2023

**Megan Craig** — June 2023

**Alaine Moss** — July 2023

**Stephanie Tomes** — July 2023

**Amanda Tatum** — July 2023

**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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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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