



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.

July 26, 2020

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

“Depend upon it, you will either serve Satan or Christ, either self or the Saviour. You will find sin, self, Satan, and the world to be hard masters; but if you wear the livery (uniform) of Christ, you will find him so meek and lowly of heart that you will find rest unto your souls.”

Charles Spurgeon, in his final sermon

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

Derrick Harris
Assistant Pastor

LEADER: We have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

PEOPLE: *We have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.*

LEADER: We have come to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

ALL: *Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.*

Hebrews 12:18-25

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

SONGS

“Those Who Trust”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

PRAYER

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

A Nursing Mothers' Room is at the back of the sanctuary.

Ushers can provide you a hearing assistance device if helpful.

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

PEOPLE: *For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.*

LEADER: For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

ALL: *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

SONG

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O Lord. For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame for we take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Amen.

Psalms 25

Worship Service

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

Hebrews 10:19-22

SONG

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

“Vapor”

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary and are available before and after service.

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

Joshua 24

“The God You Can Count On”

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 outside after worship.

Please go outside through the Narthex doors and take trash with you.

In lieu of prayer cards, email prayer needs to prayer@southwood.org.

Sermon Notes

Introduction

Gotta Serve Somebody

Bottom Line: Choose to serve YHWH because He is greater than anything else.

1. God Requires NO Merit (Amazing Grace)

2. God Tolerates NO Rivals (Holy Jealousy)

3. God Fails NO Follower (Constant Faithfulness)

Conclusion

Gotta Serve Jesus

Announcements

Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning and love the chance to get to know new people. We would love to answer any questions you may have and welcome you to Huntsville and/or Southwood. 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.

Southwood Fall Ministry Survey

Your input is needed to help Southwood plan for the fall. Check your email for the link to the survey and complete it today if you haven't done so already.

Officer Nominations

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the offices of ruling elder and deacon at Southwood, which are open during the month of July. Forms are available by the offering boxes in the back of the Sanctuary as well as online at southwood.org/officernominations.

Blood Drive This Wednesday

In an effort to support our community during this difficult season, Southwood will be hosting a blood drive in the Lodge this Wednesday, July 29, from 11:00am-5:00pm. Mayfair Church of Christ is joining with us in an effort to reach our goal of 130 donations. Covid-19 antibody testing available for all eligible donors! To sign up for a time slot, go to www.redcrossblood.org/. The Sponsor Code is Faith+Works.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, July 26

10:45am — Jr/Sr High-Life Connects
11:30am — Explore/Journey on Zoom

Tuesday, July 28

7:00pm — Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

11:00am — Blood Drive

Thursday, July 30

2:00pm — Jr/Sr High Yogurt Mtn
6:30pm — Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$31,239

Year to Date Giving

\$1,093,909

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

Prayer Guide

Mission/Vision

Southwood exists to advance the kingdom of God as we experience and express grace.

Pray for God to show us new ways that we as the body of Christ can tangibly demonstrate his grace to our community in this season.

Ask for renewed zeal for God and his greatness, that we might live for Him wherever He calls us.

Pray that our delight in the good news of Jesus would motivate us to share of Him with others around us each day.

Specific Needs

Pray for Mick Smith and his family in the death of his mother this week.

Pray for students, families, and teachers preparing to go back to school and adjusting to new expectations.

Pray for the Blood Drive this Wednesday to be a blessing to our community.

Pray for our Southwood Staff as they meet Monday and our Session as they meet Tuesday to work on plans for this fall.

Mission Partner

"Jonah" in Nineveh

Jonah and his wife serve in a country that often experiences religious and political turmoil. As with our other global partners, their work has been made more difficult by the current pandemic. Please join with them in praying for these requests.

Pray that God would continue to sustain our church members, leadership, and staff during the ongoing pandemic.

Pray for accurate and grace-filled preaching of the Word at our church.

We praise God for our diverse, multi-national congregation, and we pray that he would give us unity in the gospel.

Senior Member

Vivian Tozer

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Expectant Mothers

Grace Crawford — July 2020

Kelly Lewis — July 2020

Nina Cash — August 2020

Taylor Bozeman — September 2020

Veronica Adcock — November 2020

Alaine Moss — November 2020

Anna Brooks — November 2020

Elizabeth Fancher — December 2020

Hannah Atkins — December 2020

**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.

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Experience & Express
Grace