



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.

August 2, 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

“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, “Thy will be done,” and those to whom God says, in the end, “Thy will be done.” All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Assistant Pastor

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

PEOPLE: *Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

LEADER: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

ALL: *O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

1 Chronicles 16:8-13

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

SONGS

“He Will Rejoice”
“Pass Me Not”

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.

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9

SONG

"Jesus, I Am Restng, Resting"

We talk honestly with God about the brokenness of our world and the pain of our hearts.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. For we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.

Jeremiah 3:25

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

SONG

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Worship Service

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

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

God sends us, one of our pastors, and his family on his mission with his blessing.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"Desperate Man"

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Ephesians 1:3-10

"The Abyss of Personal Choice"

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25



Following the Worship Service

Pastors 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

Intro: Freedom of choice is not only not a biblical virtue, but it might be closer to the very rebellion Adam and Eve orchestrated at the beginning.

I. The Downside of Freedom of Choice

II. The Glory of God's Free Choice

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Ministry Survey. Continue to pray that God will give us great wisdom and understanding as to the work he would have us do in the fall and beyond.

This Week @ Southwood Sunday, August 2

10:45am — Jr/Sr High Connects

Monday, August 3

6:00pm — Com Dev Meeting

Thursday, August 6

6:30pm — Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update 2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$27,067

Year to Date Giving

\$1,120,976

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

Pray that we will take advantage of our time at home, “work” (many at home), and play as intentional open doors for building Christ-centered community.

Pray for the Lord to help you identify at least one person in your neighborhood or life that you can specifically pray for this week. Then take the time to let them know that you’re praying for them.

Pray for deepening spiritual relationships with Jesus to grow throughout our congregation during these times of separation from our normal routines of life.

Specific Needs

Praise God for the birth of Cyrus Emmanuel Lewis, born to Cameron and Kelly.

Praise God for the birth of Justice Clearwater Crawford, born to Will and Grace.

Pray for our church leadership and staff as they plan for ministry this Fall in light of the logistical hurdles presented by the current pandemic.

Pray for our homebound members that they may find connection, hope and comfort during these uncertain times.

Pray for our college students who prepare to return to campus in these next few weeks.

Mission Partner

Chase Daws

Chase Daws is the leader of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) on the campus of UC Berkeley. He and his wife Holly have two young sons. Please support them and their ministry by praying for these requests.

Pray for the continued health of our family and staff. We will begin meeting with students soon, and this will increase our exposure.

Please pray for creativity in reaching and equipping students with the Gospel as we navigate the current meeting restrictions.

Senior Member

Elaine Hill

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Expectant Mothers

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