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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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**August 30, 2020**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

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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

“When Christ is my hope, he becomes the one thing in which I have confidence. I act on his wisdom and bank on his grace. I trust his promises and I rely on his presence. And I pursue all the good things that he has promised me simply because I trust him. So, I am not manipulating, controlling, or threatening my way through life to get what I want, because I have found what I want in Christ. He is my hope.”

Paul Tripp

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

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

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

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

From Revelation 4-5

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

## INVOCATION

### SONGS

“How Great”  
“Revelation Song”

**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 affirm  
together what  
we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

A Prayer of St. Patrick

## SONG

"In Christ Alone"

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:18-23

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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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**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:21-25

## **SONG**

“Jesus Paid It All”

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

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SONG**

“Your Love Is Strong”

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 us.

## **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

Colossians 1:1-8

“A Messy Church Gets Graced”

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

“In Christ Alone”

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](mailto:prayer@southwood.org).

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# **Sermon Notes**

## **Introduction**

The Story of the Bible

The Story of Colossians

1. Gracious Greeting: Location, Location, Location (1:1-2)

2. Gracious Thanksgiving: Gospel Hope for the Church (1:3-8)

## **Conclusion**

Our Story in Christ

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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. 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.

## Small Group Preferences

We are excited to be connecting everyone in our church family to a small group this fall as we experience and explore together what it means to "Be the Church." If you are not already in a small group, please fill out your preferences (virtual or in person, best times to meet, etc.) at southwood.org/bethechurch TODAY.

## Youth Parents Meeting TONIGHT

Parents of all youth are invited to an in-person meeting tonight at 6pm in the Lodge. Email kim.delchamps@southwood.org for the Zoom link if online attendance is best for you.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, August 30

10:45am — Kids Connect (Outside)

10:45am — High-Life Connects

6:00pm — Youth Parents Meeting

### Tuesday, September 1

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

### Wednesday, September 2

7:00pm — Small Grp Ldr Training

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

### Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

### Last Week's Giving

\$33,609

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,239,913

**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 committed to being Christ-centered.

Ask that God would make us more confident in his power and control than our own.

Pray for an increased passion for the Word of God in each of our hearts so that it will point us together to Jesus over and over.

Ask that Holy Spirit will show us more of our sin so that we will run desperately back to Jesus and see our daily need for Him.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for our junior high and high school students as they have started this school year to connect in meaningful relationships with God and each other.

Pray for the formation of many new small groups this fall as we connect with each other and talk about what it means to "Be the Church." Pray also for our small group leaders as they meet this week and prepare to facilitate these groups.

Pray for our country as we deal with anger, fear, division, devastating storms, and ongoing effects of the pandemic. Pray for God's kingdom of justice, peace, and righteousness to come here as it is in heaven.

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## Mission Partner

### Child Evangelism Fellowship

*This Bible-centered organization establishes clubs in public schools to reach children with the Gospel, disciple them in the Word of God, and connect them with a local church. Please support them by praying for these requests.*

Please pray that God would provide opportunities to establish additional Bible clubs.

We are switching to Zoom clubs during this time. Pray that God would make them effective.

Ask God to provide new financial partners for this ministry.

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## Senior Member

### Margaret Tyler

Brookdale Asst. Living, RM 244  
2815 Carl T. Jones Dr SE  
Huntsville, AL 35802

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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

**Jordan Razook** — December 2020

**Libby Potts** — December 2020

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 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*