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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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**September 12, 2021**  
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

“To know God’s love is indeed heaven on earth.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Peace be with you!

PEOPLE: *And also with you!*

LEADER: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: *Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

PEOPLE: *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

LEADER: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

ALL: *My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his name forever and ever!*

Psalm 145

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

## SONG

“Mighty To Save”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**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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We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7

## SONG

"Your Love, Oh Lord"

We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, brokenness, idolatry, and need for Him.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

## SONG

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SONG

"The Love of God"

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*  
Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.  
Prayer Needs (in pew pockets) may also be placed in box.

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# Worship Service

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

1 John 4:7-21  
"God Is Love"

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

## LORD'S SUPPER

*Traditional and pre-packaged elements are available at each table (forward and back).*

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

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



### 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-6th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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## Sermon Notes

What Is God's Love?

His \_\_\_\_\_ to give \_\_\_\_\_ in relationship

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's heart (4:8, 16)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's heart (4:7, 11, 19-21)

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# Announcements

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## Welcome to Southwood!

We are so glad you are here this morning to celebrate with us. If you are new to Southwood, please scan the QR code below on your phone and let us know how you would like us to get in touch with you so we can get to know you and serve you better. If you are unable to scan, please send info to [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org).



## Adult Connect Communities TODAY!

Adult Connect Communities resume today at 11am in the rooms on the hallway across from the Nursery. Come get equipped from God's Word for relationships with God, one another, and our neighbors. Attend with your Grace Group, in your age group, or whichever community you would like.

## Welcome to Southwood Class

Starts following this service! ... Would you like to learn more about the heart of Southwood? Are you interested in pursuing church membership? Join us Sundays at 11am during the Connect Hour, beginning TODAY in Room C.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, September 12

11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
11:00am – Welcome Class, Room C  
7:00pm – Sr. High Life

### Tuesday, September 14

6:30pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, September 15

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

### Thursday, September 16

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

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

### Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

### Last Week's Giving

\$66,520

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,276,951

## Church Workday - September 25

The Deacons are organizing a church workday here on Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:00am - Noon. Mark your calendars to join us as there will be jobs for all ages to help!

**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 recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.**

Pray that Holy Spirit would work in our hearts an increasing delight in talking with our Father.

Ask for deeper humility and willingness to embrace our need in a culture that encourages us to be self-sufficient.

Pray that we would grow in our faith to trust God's faithful work in and for us even when we can't see how He is answering our prayers.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Dan Simmons as he awaits test results and works to get back to walking on his own after recent health struggles.

Pray for our Connect Communities, as they begin, to be rich contexts of connecting and equipping.

Pray for our hearts to be engaged deeply with God as we begin a new sermon series on his heart of love.

Pray for Al Eller as he undergoes tests on his heart and awaits treatment.

Pray for Tiffany McElhane and her children, who have been battling Covid and challenges with school due to quarantine.

Pray for our elders and other leaders as they gather Tuesday to pray for and guide our church.

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## Mission Partner

**Mack and Leeann Stiles - Messenger Ministries**

*The Stiles are better known as "Jonah in Nineveh." Mack and Leeann retired from the field earlier this year and settled in Louisville, Kentucky, where they are developing a new missions agency focusing on the Middle East. Join them in praying for the plight of Christians in Afghanistan.*

Pray that more Afghani Christians are able to flee, and that other countries will accept them with open arms.

Continue to pray for Afghani Christians who remain behind and will doubtlessly suffer under Taliban rule - that their faith would sustain them.

Pray that the Christians in Afghanistan will encourage others to hope in Christ, even in these dangerous times.

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## Senior Member

**Sharon Howard**

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## Expectant Mothers

**Kari Rigney** — September 2021

**Katie Andress** — October 2021

**Haley Clendinen** — December 2021

**Maggie Majors** — January 2022

**Anna Babin** — February 2022

**Jessica Smith** — February 2022

**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*