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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 18, 2022**  
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

“O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.”

Psalm 104:1-2

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather today to offer praises to our Maker.

PEOPLE: *Let us praise him together!*

LEADER: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

PEOPLE: *Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*

LEADER: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

ALL: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Psalm 19

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

## SONGS

“How Great Thou Art”  
“Indescribable”

## 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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We affirm together what we believe about God and this world.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

*PEOPLE: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!*

LEADER: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

*ALL: By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Psalm 33:6, 8-9; Hebrews 11:3

## SONG

"This Is My Father's World"

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### SILENT CONFESSION

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:43

## SONG

"Love of God"

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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

"God of Wonders"

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

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

### PREACHING OF THE WORD

Genesis 1:1-25

"Creator and Creation"

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Great Thou Art"

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-6th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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# Sermon Notes

Introduction: Polytheistic, Naturalistic, and Biblical Origin Stories

Foundational Question: Where did this all come from?

1. God created everything from nothing.

- We see his awesome power.

2. God created everything good.

- We see his orderly control (UNITY).

- We see his generous creativity (DIVERSITY).

Conclusion: The End of the Story: Re-Creation

Resource for Further Study: PCA Creation Paper  
[pcahistory.org/pca/digest/studies/creation/report.pdf](http://pcahistory.org/pca/digest/studies/creation/report.pdf)

## Helping Lead Today's Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Derrick Harris** Associate Pastor
- **Jeremy McCoy** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Tim Adcock** Keys
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Nina Cash** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Josh Cash** Slides
- **Lance Cooper** Livestream

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# Announcements

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## Welcome to Southwood Class Today

Would you like to know more about Christianity, Southwood, and church membership? Join us for our Welcome to Southwood class, which meets Sundays at 11am including today. Classes will end before Thanksgiving.

## Worship Night

Join us for another Worship Night gathering on Sunday, September 25, at 5pm. All ages are welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise.

## Connect Hour for Adults

Join us for Connect Hour classes for adults on Sundays following the worship service. Together, we'll continue with our study of Ecclesiastes for 45-60 & 60+ in Room A and Stewardship for Under 30 & 30-45 in Room D. Groups connect on the hallway across from the nursery rooms.

## Prayer Gathering on Sundays

All are encouraged to join our pastors and prayer team Sunday mornings at 8:45am in the Prayer Room. We pray for one another and for God's direction of the upcoming Sunday and our time together. Can't join us but want us to pray for you? Leave a Prayer Card in the Prayer Room to tell us how we can be praying for you.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, September 18

6:00am – Men's Fellowship  
8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Wednesday, September 21

3:30pm – Bible Study/Fleming Farms  
6:00pm – Leadership Training  
6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, September 22

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### 2022 Budget

\$2,655,701

### Weekly Budget Need

\$51,071

### Last Week's Giving

\$20,813

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,288,858

**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.**

Ask that prayer would become a vital part of our lives as it was even for Jesus himself.

Pray that we would learn a childlike faith from our kids more than they learn from our often self-reliant perspective.

Ask for a renewed awareness of our weakness and dependence alongside Jesus' resurrection power in our lives and church.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Marilyn Butler and her family in the recent death of her mother.

Pray for the family of longtime Southwood member Clarence Marshall, 96, who died this week.

Pray for our newly forming Grace Groups to nurture relationships where people feel safe to struggle and hopeful in Jesus.

Pray for local church plant Southside Presbyterian Church as they are starting public worship services.

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## Missions Requests

**Reaching Indians Ministries International (RIMI)**

*RIMI was founded by Dr. Saji Lukos, who is passionate about establishing churches in every state of India. RIMI supports this goal through education, church-based mercy ministry, and community micro-enterprise opportunities. You can learn more at [RIMI.org](http://RIMI.org). Please join them in praying for these requests:*

Pray that RIMI's annual banquet, taking place next week in Illinois, will be a great celebration of all that God is doing through this organization.

Ask God to strengthen and bless all those who are preparing for ministry through RIMI's schools and leadership programs.

Pray that we would remain focused on our vision to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commission to help transform India, South Asia, and beyond.

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## Senior Member

**Clayton and Nanette Morgan**

2719 Barcodey Rd SE  
Huntsville, AL 35801-2209

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## Expectant Mothers

**Cappy Heyward** — October 2022

**EA Gonzalez** — October 2022

**Holly Spruiell** — December 2022

**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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