



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.

September 19, 2021
8:45 AM Prayer Gathering
9:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Connect Hour

Worship Service

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

MEDITATION

“There existed no love but the love of Jesus equal to the work of salvation. Love less divine, less strong, less gentle, could never have won your heart, uprooted your enmity, torn you from your idols; enthroning Christ, all of Christ, Christ only, Christ supremely, Christ forever! Beloved, nothing shall take the love of Christ from you, or separate you from it. It does not ebb with the ebbing of your feelings; it does not chill with the chill of your affections; it does not change with the changing scenes and circumstances of your life.”

Octavius Winslow

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Harritt
Assistant Pastor

LEADER: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

PEOPLE: *So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*

LEADER: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

ALL: *So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.*

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

SONGS

“He Will Rejoice”

“Father, Long Before Creation”

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.

Worship Service

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

1 John 4:7-13

SONG

“Come, Ye Sinners”

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

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalms 103:8-13

SONG

“Jesus Loves Me”

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG

"God So Loved"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary. Prayer Needs (in pew pockets) may also be placed in box.

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

John 3:16

"God So Loved the World"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Come, Ye Sinners"

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

Sermon Notes

1. The Background: A "World" facing a _____ sentence

2. The Problem: The thing you most need is the thing you _____ do

3. The Heart of God: _____

4. The Solution: God does for us what we _____ do for ourselves

5. The Offer: _____ in Jesus and receive the gift of _____

Announcements

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.



Welcome to Southwood Class

It's not too late to participate! Come today to learn more about the heart of Southwood and the process of church membership. Sundays at 11am during the Connect Hour, in Room C.

Hey Day at Tate Farms

All are invited to join our Southwood Family on Wednesday, October 20 from 5-8pm at Tate Farms in Meridianville. Together we will enjoy a bonfire, petting zoo, music and hayrides, plus everyone goes home with a pumpkin! Cost is \$10/person or \$35/family. Tickets available at southwood.org/tatefarms.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of the wedding of Mary Morgan Plott and Andy Newman here yesterday.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20

1:30pm – Church Office Opens

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 25

9:00am – Church Workday

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$20,683

Year to Date Giving

\$1,297,512

Church Workday - September 25

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

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that God would burden our hearts to pray for those we know who don't know Him.

Pray for our pastors and other elders to be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word as first-order priorities.

Ask for each of us to be marked by a confident humility that comes from being dependent children of an extravagantly gracious Father.

Specific Needs

Pray for Cynthia Mann, who has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer and has surgery scheduled Tuesday.

Praise God for a good report for Al Eller and that no further heart surgery is needed.

Pray for Angie Knight as she continues to care for her husband, Sam, who has been moved to hospital in Athens but still on a ventilator.

Pray for our church workday next weekend to be a productive and enjoyable time together.

Mission Partner

Mack and Leeann Stiles - Messenger Ministries

The Stiles are better known at Southwood 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.

Senior Member

Sharron Hunter

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Brownsboro, AL 35741

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
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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Grace