



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 6, 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

“Knowing God is a relationship calculated to thrill a man’s heart. ... One day he wakes up to the fact that God is actually speaking to him through the biblical message.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Assistant Pastor

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

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

PEOPLE: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.*

LEADER: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

PEOPLE: *Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

ALL: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

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

Psalms 96:1-9

SONGS

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“Friend of God”

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

PRAYER

We affirm together what we believe.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 9:23-24

SONG

"Lord, Dissolve My Frozen Heart"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our soul is like a house, small for You to enter, but we pray that You will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask You to remake it. It contains much that You will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to You? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what You are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation' ". Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love You and hasten to your side. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. God's grace is greater than our sin.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

SONG

"Satisfied"

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG
"All You'll Ever Need"

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 1:9-14
"What God Wants For You"

SONG OF RESPONSE
"Satisfied"

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.

Sermon Notes

Introduction: The Importance of Prayer (1:9)

Bottom Line: What God wants for you is a growing relationship with Him.

1. A relationship both personal and practical (1:9-10)

2. A relationship that lasts (1:11)

3. A relationship filled with joy and gratitude (1:12-14)

Conclusion: How do I get what God wants for me?

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.

Fall "Be the Church" Small Groups

We are excited to have connected everyone into a small group for this fall. You should hear from a leader this week inviting you to join them in a group for this 7-lesson series. If you don't hear from someone by the end of this week or have other questions, please contact the church office.

Outdoor Worship Next Sunday

Join us outdoors next Sunday, Sept. 13, for our regular 9:30 worship service. The service will also be live streamed. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper, and Connect Hour for children and youth will take place outdoors after the service.

High-Life Meetings Resume

Our large-group gathering for our youth ministry resume outdoors this week. Junior High-Life meets Wednesday from 6-7:30, and Senior High-Life meets next Sunday, Sept. 13, from 7-8:30, both on the Lodge Back Porch.

This Week @ Southwood

Monday, September 7

Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

7:00am — Men's Breakfast

6:30pm — Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

6:00pm — Jr High Life

Deacon/Finance Update

2020 Budget

\$2,448,739

Weekly Budget Need

\$47,091

Last Week's Giving

\$34,026

Year to Date Giving

\$1,273,939

**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 Holy Spirit would increase our faith in the power of prayer and our awareness of our need for God's help each day.

Pray that this season would create a renewed sense of our utter dependence upon God rather than our own resources or strength.

Ask that our small groups would be full of prayer with and for one another, the Church, and the kingdom.

Specific Needs

Pray for Alma Huston as she has been diagnosed with Covid-19 while continuing to recover from cancer.

Pray for our junior high students, staff, and volunteers as their large-group meetings resume outdoors Wednesday night.

Pray for the formation of our fall small groups and that God would graciously work out logistics so that many of us can join in connecting and discussing what it means to be the Church.

Pray for our Session as they meet Tuesday night to pray and plan for the leadership of our church.

Mission Partner

Justin and Alanna Huston

The Hustons serve with Serge in Dublin, Ireland. They mentor missionary apprentices, work with summer interns, and support church revitalization efforts. Please join them in praying for these requests.

Pray that God would continue to bring fruit from a recent retreat we had with our missions team.

We praise God for providing a restful and much needed vacation for us.

Please pray that God would bring healing for Justin's mother Alma, who has contracted Covid.

Senior Member

Clayton and Nanette Morgan

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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
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