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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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**March 7, 2021**

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
11:00 AM Connect Hour  
5:00 PM Prayer Gathering

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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

“Coming events cast their shadows before them, and when God is about to bless his people his coming favour casts the shadow of prayer over the church. When he is about to favour an individual he casts the shadow of hopeful expectation over his soul. Our prayers, let men laugh at them as they will, and say there is no power in them, are the indicators of the movement of the wheels of Providence. Believing supplications are forecasts of the future, He who prayeth in faith is like the seer of old, he sees that which is to be: his holy expectancy, like a telescope, brings distant objects near to him.”

C.H. Spurgeon

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg  
Associate Pastor

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

PEOPLE: *that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

PEOPLE: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

PEOPLE: *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

ALL: *God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

Psalm 67

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

## SONGS

“You Are Good”  
“Lord, I Need You”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND LORD’S PRAYER

We affirm together what we believe.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

## SONG

“Jesus Saves”

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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 1:21-23

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 3:23-25

## SONG

“Jesus, Cast a Look on Me”

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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

"Gravity of Love"

Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

Colossians 4:2-4

"The Priority of Prayer"

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"You Are Good"

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 the Connecting Spaces

**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

## 1. Prayer and My Heart

- The struggle is real.
- The invitation is sincere (again and always).
- The struggle is good.

## 2. Prayer and God's Kingdom

- Pray for God's kingdom mission.
- Pray for things only God can do.
- Pray for confident living in God's power.

Conclusion: When the King is your Father ...

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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. If you send your contact information to [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org), we will reach out to you this week.

## Prayer Gathering - Today

Join us today at 5pm in the Connecting Spaces or via Zoom for a prayer gathering to pray specifically for our global missions partners. Look for a Zoom link this afternoon via email if you prefer that gathering.

## Men's Retreat

Southwood Men are having a day retreat March 20 at the Lodge from 9am-3pm for fellowship, worship, and teaching by Ron Clegg on Biblical Manhood. We will reconvene at the Pearson farm at 5:30pm for dinner and fellowship. The cost for the day, including meals, is \$25. Register today at [southwood.org/mensretreat](http://southwood.org/mensretreat).

## Easter Sunday - Outdoors

Celebrate Easter with us outdoors! Sunrise service at 6:30am and worship service at 10am, followed by Easter Celebration (and Egg Hunt).

## Children's Ministry Summer Volunteers

The Children's Ministry is currently seeking a team of gifted believers who love kids to serve in our 7-week summer KidsConnect program from June 6 to July 25. Contact [angela.sierk@southwood.org](mailto:angela.sierk@southwood.org) if you have questions or want to sign-up.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, March 7

11:00am – Connect Hour (All Ages)  
11:00am – Ushers Mtg (in sanctuary)  
5:00pm – Prayer Gathering  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00am – Men's Bible Study  
6:30pm – Session Meeting

### Wednesday, March 10

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

### Thursday, March 11

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

\$46,187

### Year to Date Giving

\$281,187

**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 God would renew and deepen our belief in our desperate need for prayer to see kingdom progress in our day.

Pray that our small groups would be full of prayer for each other, our church, and our neighbors.

Ask that God would strengthen our faith in his grace and power so that we would pray big prayers with expectancy and hope.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Betty Bates as she continues to battle dementia and is thankful that visitors are now permitted outdoors at her residence.

Pray for our senior high youth and volunteers as they enjoy a day retreat Saturday - for rest, refreshment, and relationship growth.

Pray for the students and champions in the Jobs for Life class beginning this week to develop mutually life-giving relationships.

Pray for both young people and adults who can quickly seek their self-worth from screens and other people rather than from Christ, as we discussed at the Parent CAFE this week.

Pray for God's provision and direction as we seek staff for both youth ministry and worship.

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## Mission Partner

**Paul and Marty Clark - Peru**

*The Clarks have been missionaries in Peru for over 50 years. The main focus of their ministry is developing and maintaining orphanages for abandoned street boys. You can support them by praying for these requests.*

Pray for the Clarks as they travel back to Peru and adjust to life under strict Covid restrictions.

Ask God to send the additional support that is needed for the boys' home in Kusi, Peru.

Pray for the development of supportive relationships and a hunger for God's word as Marty resumes women's Bible studies next month.

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## Senior Member

**Marie Hill**

31 Cobbs Cove Way  
Huntsville, AL 35803

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## Expectant Mothers

**Shawnda McKinney** — April 2021

**Amber Colvard** — April 2021

**Grace Guin** — April 2021

**Cole Wasdin** — May 2021

**Lou Ellen Schweers** — May 2021

**Brett Stanfield** — June 2021

**Cayce McAlister** — July 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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