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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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**May 2, 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

“Solitude well practiced will break the power of busyness, haste, isolation, and loneliness. You will see that the world is not on your shoulders after all. You will find yourself, and God will find you in new ways. Silence also brings Sabbath to you. It completes solitude, for without it you cannot be alone. Far from being a mere absence, silence allows the reality of God to stand in the midst of your life.”

Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Spink  
Senior Pastor

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

PEOPLE: *Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

PEOPLE: *And his greatness is unsearchable.*

LEADER: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

PEOPLE: *On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

LEADER: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

ALL: *They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

Psalm 145:1-7

**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

“He Will Rejoice”

“Mighty to Save”

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

God speaks to us in the bible as we have our hearts shaped by his promises.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1:1-4

## SONG

“Beautiful Scandalous Night”

## PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Christine Betts  
Assistant Director, Youth/Families

## SONG

“10,000 Reasons”

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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**  
"Cling to the Crucified"

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

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Jeremy McCoy  
Ruling Elder

1 Samuel 3:1-11  
"Hearing God"

**SONG OF RESPONSE**  
"10,000 Reasons"

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

RE Jeremy McCoy 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 Room A or D (across the hallway 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

Intro: A fun game to play

Big Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Observation: God spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to Samuel

Assertion: God might speak personally to \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. Regular attenders, please scan the QR code and let us know you were here! If you are unable to scan the QR code, please send info to [worship@southwood.org](mailto:worship@southwood.org).



## Adult Connect Hour TODAY

Two new post-service gatherings begin today. In Room A, various elders will lead sermon discussion on applying the week's message to our lives. In Room D, a team of teachers will lead us in discussing "Theology for Everyday Life." There will also be coffee provided in the Connecting Spaces for those who prefer to connect with each other out there. We hope you will join us for one of these groups over the summer.

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## This Week @ Southwood

### Sunday, May 2

11:00am – Connect Hour (All Ages)  
12:00pm – Graduation Banquet  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

### Tuesday, May 4

7:00am – Men's Breakfast  
9:00am – Presbytery Meeting

### Wednesday, May 5

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
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

\$31,009

### Year to Date Giving

\$548,754

## Serve With Our Partners at LVM

Volunteer workdays at Lincoln Village are Saturdays 8:15-11:15am. Sign up at [lincolnvillageministry.com/volunteer](http://lincolnvillageministry.com/volunteer) to serve alongside our brothers and sisters. All skill levels can 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 strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.**

Pray for those in Huntsville who struggle with loneliness and isolation, may they know the love of Christ and find genuine relationships in our church family and beyond. Pray that we would be known as those who treat our friends and neighbors with such love, dignity, and respect that God may be glorified.

Pray that we would embody the truth that because we are all weak, and God's power is made perfect in weakness, we should give special care and attention to the weak and the poor. May God open our eyes to our personal weakness and may that drive us to love others in theirs.

Pray for God to open our eyes to his ongoing work through the regular tasks that he calls us to do every day in the places where he calls us. May we experience the truth and joy of knowing that he is working through the ordinary in extraordinary ways.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Vanny Holton as she grieves the recent death of her husband, Ray.

Praise God for our graduates and their families. May they experience the joy of the Lord as they celebrate and plan for what's ahead.

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## Mission Partner

**Rob and Tünde Futo - Hungary**

The Futos are church planters in Budapest, Hungary. They are currently living in the midst of a new wave of Covid infections that is devastating Hungary. A recent update tells us that "Hungary is suffering.... Pregnant mothers, babies, little children are on ventilators."

In response, the Futos began a 24 hour-a-day prayer chain on March 29, and they have decided to continue through May 23. If you feel led to sign up for a 30-minute slot, email [shannon.clark@southwood.com](mailto:shannon.clark@southwood.com) to get more information.

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## Senior Member

**Sharon Howard**

4101 Devon St SE  
Huntsville, AL 35802-1053

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## Expectant Mothers

**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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*Grace*