



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.

June 13, 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 are two features of real friendship—constancy and transparency. Real friends always let you in, and they never let you down.”

Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

PEOPLE: *to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,*

ALL: *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

Psalm 92

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

SONGS

“The Love of Christ”

“Your Love, Oh Lord”

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 18:2

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God.

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

SONG

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG "Brother"

Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory. Giving boxes are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Worship Service

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

Proverbs Selected
"Wise Friends"

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body of blood of Jesus for us.

LORD'S SUPPER

Traditional and pre-packaged elements are available.

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as members themselves or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after service.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Love of Christ"

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 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

Sermon Notes

NAME _____ NAME _____ NAME _____

Why Is Friendship Important? (12:26, 13:20, 27:17)

What Does a Friend Do?

1. _____ up (Loyalty) – 17:17, 18:24, 27:10, 25:19

2. _____ up (Sensitivity) – 11:12, 18:2, 25:20

3. _____ up (Counsel) – 27:5-6, 27:9, 28:23

Special Note: Receiving Counsel (5:7-14, 9:8, 11:14, 12:1, 13:18, 15:10, 15:22, 15:31-32, 18:2, 19:20, 19:27, 23:12, 24:6, 27:9, 28:13)

4. _____ up (Grace) – 16:28, 17:9

How Does Jesus Exemplify and Empower Friendship?

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. 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.



Adult Connect Hour

Pastor Ron leads discussion on today's sermon in Rm A, and John Foreman leads discussion about our sinfulness in the "Theology for Everyday Life" series in Rm D.

Food Truck...FRIDAY!

Gather with your Southwood family at the Big Spring Park gazebo at 5:30pm this Friday, June 18, for a time of food and fellowship. Bring your lawn chair and a few bucks and we'll relax together and support local businesses. For more information, go to downtownhuntsville.org/events.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, June 13

11:00am – Connect Hour (All Ages)

Tuesday, June 15

10:00am – Discover Sprinkler Day

Wednesday, June 16

10:00am – Water Wars (K - 1st grade)
1:00pm – Water Wars (2nd - 5th grade)
2:00pm – Youth Water Day

Thursday, June 17

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Friday, June 18

5:30pm – Food Truck Friday

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$42,849

Year to Date Giving

\$810,310

VBS Registration - Now Open

VBS registration for children who have completed any grade between K-5 by May 2021 is now open! Visit southwood.org/vbs to sign your kids up ... and while you're there, sign up to be a part of the VBS Team, so we can share the good news of Jesus with more kids!

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

Prayer Guide

Core Commitment

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

Ask for wisdom for business leaders to be committed to caring for the least of these while economic growth continues to come in our region.

Pray that the good news of Jesus would unite the churches of Huntsville across political, denominational, and racial lines.

Ask for the Holy Spirit to use us to foster a healthy community of life-giving friendships in our

Specific Needs

Praise God for good progress in recovery for Sandy Newby and Ron Brady. Continue to pray for them and their families.

Pray for Southwood church administrator Janice Crowson, who suffered a mild concussion in a fall this week and is recovering at home.

Pray for our Community Development Team as they work to prepare for our Express Grace Conference in August.

Pray for our Food Truck Friday gathering this Friday to be a valuable time of connecting with friends and neighbors.

Mission Partner

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

CEF strives to reach boys and girls with the Gospel, disciple them in God's Word, and connect them to a local church. The local director is Southwood attendee Jim Simoneau. You can support them by praying for their summer ministry program.

Pray that the training for our teenage volunteers would be encouraging and fruitful.

Pray that God would draw many children to our Bible Clubs this summer.

Pray for financial provision for the training and clubs.

Senior Member

Margaret Tyler

2815 Carl T. Jones Dr. #244
Huntsville, AL 35802

Expectant Mothers

Brett Stanfield — June 2021

Cayce McAlister — July 2021

Kari Rigney — September 2021

Katie Andress — October 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.

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Experience & Express
Grace