



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 20, 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

“Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav’n’s eternal days.”

William Rees

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Associate Pastor

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

LEADER: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

PEOPLE: *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!*

ALL: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

Psalms 96

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

SONGS

“How Great Is Our God”
“10,000 Reasons”

PRAYER

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

SONG

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

God places the sign of his covenant promises on the child of parents who place their trust in Him.

BAPTISMS

Hazel Marian Athey

Daughter of Vinnie and Molly Athey

Mary Brooks Majors

Daughter of Ben and Maggie Majors

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

"Your Love Is Strong"

In light of today's sermon text, parents may choose to escort kids of any age upstairs for Kids Worship during the offertory.

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

Song of Songs
"God Talks About Sex"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"10,000 Reasons"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



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

Understanding Song of Songs

Wisdom from Song of Songs

1. Sex is a gift to be celebrated.
2. Sex is covenantal – intended for a faithful marriage.
3. Sex is designed to focus on the other (a spouse).
4. Sex is a communication of loving affections and commitment.
5. Sex highlights the deep connection between the physical and the emotional.
6. Sex points us to our union with Christ – the love we most long for.

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

Andes Hoyt leads discussion on today's sermon in Room A, and Laura Davison leads discussion about our salvation in the "Theology for Everyday Life" series in Room D.

VBS Sign-up

VBS registration for children who have completed any grade between Kindergarten and 5th is now open! Visit southwood.org/vbs to sign your kids up. Invite friends to join us! ... And while you're at it, sign up to be a part of the VBS Team, so we can share the good news of Jesus with more kids!

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, June 20

11:00am – Connect Hour (All Ages)

Wednesday, June 23

11:00am – Jr. High Devotional

Thursday, June 24

11:00am – Sr. High Devotional

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Saturday, June 26

1:00pm – Depart for The Edge Conf.

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$27,123

Year to Date Giving

\$837,433

**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.

Pray for our local ministry partners and the relationships they are building in their ministries and neighborhoods.

Ask God to give us a renewed zeal for the people and places He has called us to Monday through Saturday.

Pray for wisdom and generosity for our business leaders as they seek to lead and care well for their employees in this new season.

Specific Needs

Pray for Dana Branum and her family in the death of her father last week.

Praise God for the birth of Ellen Elizabeth Stanfield to James and Brett this week.

Pray for deepening relationships with friends and neighbors as a result of our Food Truck Friday event.

Pray for Sandy Newby and her continued recovery as she hopes to return to her home this weekend.

Pray for our denomination's unity and mission as leaders prepare to gather for General Assembly in St. Louis.

Mission Partner

Lincoln Village Ministry

This ministry provides a framework of community and support for families in need. At Lincoln Village, these families can find housing, a private school, and Bible studies, all working together to spread the hope of the gospel. You can support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for our most recent graduates of Lincoln Academy, that they would continue to seek God's will for their lives as they take the next steps in their education.

Pray that our summer programs would be a blessing for the students, staff, and volunteers who are involved.

Ask that God would continue to provide the volunteers and funding needed for the renovations taking place in our new housing area, Lincoln North.

Senior Member

Eileen Sessions

1613 Montdale Rd SE
Huntsville, AL 35801

Expectant Mothers

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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