



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.

July 11, 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

“We worship because God is worthy, not necessarily because we ‘feel’ like it. In the midst of a crisis, if we only do what we feel like doing, we could remain stuck in a cycle of self-pity. But when we worship, we get our eyes off ourselves and our sorrow or problems. We focus them on God, and this puts our difficulties into proper perspective.”

Nancy Guthrie, *Holding on to Hope*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Derrick Harris
Associate Pastor

LEADER: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

PEOPLE: *From him comes my salvation.*

LEADER: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

PEOPLE: *I shall not be greatly shaken.*

LEADER: Power belongs to God.

PEOPLE: *And to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.*

LEADER: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

PEOPLE: *My mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

LEADER: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

ALL: *God is a refuge for us.*

Psalm 62

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

SONG “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYERS OF LAMENT

LEADER: O God, your people have always had struggles. So, we come to you in humility and honesty, naming our own. Lord, we struggle to trust you with the future. What is coming next? Will we be safe? What about our family? We have friends and family we deeply love but who don't know you. We struggle to trust you with their salvation.

ALL: O God, hear us now, as we bring these struggles to you! (*Silent Prayer*)

LEADER: Lord, we struggle with pain from illness, broken bones, and aging. Some of us wonder how we're going to make it through more treatment and medication. Some of us wonder how we can face chronic illness. Some of us wonder if prayers for healing reach your throne.

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, our struggles, our fears, and our need for Him.

ALL: O God, hear us now, as we bring these struggles to you! *(Silent Prayer)*

LEADER: Lord, we struggle to build relationships with people different from us: those more powerful, those poorer, those of a different color or creed, those smarter, those with different personalities. How do we engage in relationships with others for the sake of eternity, O God?

ALL: O God, hear us now, as we bring these struggles to you! *(Silent Prayer)*

LEADER: We admit, O God, that we struggle to make time for you. It seems that, in the busyness of countless invitations to parties and activities, we struggle to say no. Help us not to shy away from making time to be with you through times of silence, prayer, Scripture, and rest. And for all those struggles we cannot name, because they're either unknown or unspeakable, we come to you, O God.

ALL: O God, hear us now, as we bring these struggles to you! *(Silent Prayer)*

LEADER: We thank you, God, for your love and promise of nearness, forgiveness, and hope, which are our strength and riches through Jesus. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SONG "Surely God is Good"

God reminds us of the basis of our hope in the midst of life's difficulties and struggles.

PROFESSING OUR HOPE IN CHRIST

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Worship Service

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

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

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

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

SONG "Rock of Ages, When the Day Seems Long"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SONG "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Job
"Wisdom for Our Suffering"

Will Spink
Senior Pastor

LORD'S SUPPER

Traditional and pre-packaged elements are available.

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Rock of Ages, When the Day Seems Long"

BENEDICTION

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 5:10-11



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

Introduction

Suffering in Light of God

1. God is so _____ that He controls even the evil intentions of Satan.
2. God is so _____ that He can receive our deepest groans.
3. God is not only the just _____ but also the faithful _____.
4. God is the _____ and _____ of all things.
5. God is so _____ that we don't have wisdom to comprehend.
6. God is so _____ that we should despair of our might.

Conclusion

God enters our suffering (even if we can't enter his sovereign wisdom).

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. If you are unable to scan, please send info to worship@southwood.org.



Adult Connect Hour

Skeets Simonis leads discussion on today's sermon in Rm A, and Anna Kent leads discussion about the Church in the "Theology for Everyday Life" series in Rm D.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, July 18, immediately following the worship service to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Associate Pastor Ron Clegg.

Tacos & Trivia 'Til Twilight

Grab your lawn chair and your thinking cap and join us for tacos and trivia on the Southwood lawn at 5pm next Sunday, July 18. Team up with your friends, small group, and neighbors for dinner, games, prizes, and more! The cost for dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

This Week @ Southwood

Sunday, July 11

11:00am – Connect Hour (All Ages)

Monday, July 12

9:00am – VBS

Tuesday, July 13

9:00am – VBS

6:00pm – Joint Officers Meeting

Wednesday, July 14

9:00am – VBS

Thursday, July 15

11:00am – Blood Drive

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$45,828

Year to Date Giving

\$944,764

Blood Drive - July 15

On Thursday, July 15, Southwood will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Lodge 11:00am-4:00pm. Visit southwood.org/blooddrive to schedule an appointment. If you have questions or to volunteer, email shannon.clark@southwood.org.

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

Prayer Guide

Mission

Experience and Express Grace

Ask for Spirit-led revival in our church and then in our community as a result of God's grace overwhelming us.

Pray that our church would be a place where deep repentance and full forgiveness mark our relationships.

Ask that God would give us grace to show his heart to those who are suffering in any way.

Specific Needs

Pray for Andrew and Christine Betts as they complete fundraising and prepare to head to Germany.

Pray for Pastor Ron as he preaches at a sister church in Cullman this weekend.

Pray for the 150+ children of our church and community who will be at VBS this week - that they will grow in their trust of their good Guide.

Pray for Angie Knight as she cares for her husband, Sam, who is facing surgery for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Pray for energy, patience, and love for our team of 100+ VBS volunteers who will love and serve the kids this week.

Mission Partner

Derek and Laura Dougherty - Cusco, Peru

The Dougherty family serves with Mission to the World and is working to establish PCA churches in Cusco. They focus on leadership training, discipleship, and education. Please join them in praying for these requests.

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

Marie Hill

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Expectant Mothers

Kari Rigney — September 2021

Katie Andress — October 2021

Haley Clendinen — December 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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