



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 18, 2021

8:45 AM Prayer Gathering

9:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Connect Hr/Cong Meeting

Worship Service

We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

MEDITATION

“Life in this fallen world is hard. That’s why you need a community of love. Your walk with God is designed by God to be a community project.”

Paul Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Clegg
Associate Pastor

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

LEADER: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

PEOPLE: *God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.*

LEADER: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

ALL: *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Psalm 46:1-7

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

INVOCATION

SONGS

“You Are Good”
“Pass Me Not”

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 affirm together where we find hope in our struggles.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

SONG

"Jesus, I Come"

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Psalms 107:17-22

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

ALL: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

SONG

"Help My Unbelief"

Worship Service

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS VIDEO

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

Job

"Wisdom for Others' Suffering"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, I Come"

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: Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

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

The Flow of Gospel Comfort: Comforting Others with the Comfort with which God has Comforted You (II Corinthians 1:4)

1. A Good Start: Comfort Through Suffering With Others

2. A Bad Turn: The Danger of Formulaic Comfort

* Functional Formula of Job's Friends:
Bad Living = Suffering ... Good Living = Success

3. From Bad to Worse: Pointing Fingers rather than Pointing to God

Conclusion

Comfort Even for Miserable Comforters

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.



Congregational Meeting - TODAY

There will be a congregational meeting today, immediately following the worship service, to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Associate Pastor Ron Clegg. A time of fellowship will follow in the Connecting Spaces.

Tacos and Trivia - TONIGHT

Grab your lawn chair and your thinking cap and join us for tacos and trivia on the Southwood lawn today at 5pm. 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 18

11:00am – Cong Mtg & Reception
11:00am – Connect Hour (Kids/Youth)

Wednesday, July 21

11:00am – Jr. High Devotional

Thursday, July 22

11:00am – Sr. High Devotional
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

Deacon/Finance Update

2021 Budget

\$2,671,555

Weekly Budget Need

\$51,376

Last Week's Giving

\$27,582

Year to Date Giving

\$977,739

Express Grace Conference

Save the date for Southwood's annual Express Grace Conference to be held August 14-15. More details to come.

Serving Opportunity: Faith & Finances Class Volunteers

The Cornerstone Initiative needs volunteers to partner with class members as they learn to improve their money management skills. Training begins July 20; Class starts Aug 17. Questions? Email shannon.clark@southwood.org

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

Prayer Guide

Mission

Experience and Express Grace

Pray for God's grace to be increasingly amazing to each of us so that it marks our conversations and relationships.

Ask for eyes to see the hurting and lonely around us the way that God sees them and for a willingness to enter into their pain with them.

Pray for revival at Southwood, in Huntsville, and in every place where one of our mission partners is serving today.

Specific Needs

Pray for Ron Brady as he continues to recuperate at home and undergoes further testing as well.

Pray for ongoing fruit in the lives of kids here at VBS this past week as they continue to process with parents and others their questions about God and what they learned from God's Word.

Pray that our Tacos and Trivia gathering tonight would serve to deepen our relationships with one another and with our neighbors.

Mission Partner

Express Grace Conference

For the next few weeks we will be praying for our upcoming conference. The theme this year is "Be the Church: Think Biblically, Live Justly," and we will discuss scriptural, Christ-centered ways that believers as individuals and the church as a whole can engage with racial justice issues and extend the welcome of Christ to many other people. This week, we are focusing on our view of others.

Please pray that God would open our eyes, enabling us to see all people as his image bearers. Ask him to help us view each individual, regardless of their race, culture, or background, as being fearfully and wonderfully made.

Senior Member

Sue Urban

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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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