

# CHRIST

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THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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CHURCH

# Welcome!

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## MISSION

WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

South Park Church exists to help people walk with God, connect as family & love people in Jesus' name.

## VISION

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE?

### WE ARE ONE...

- Being **ONE with God** means living in the awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence & promptings in our lives. Being ONE with God, means we recognize & obey His voice above all the others.
- Being **ONE Body** is about creating loving relationships within the church. God created the Body of Christ to be a diverse group of believers. It is important to maintain our unity IN diversity as a part of our witness to this world. The key to that unity comes when we make our identity as God's children our most important identity.
- Being **ONE Kingdom** is about creating loving relationships outside of the church with other kingdom minded churches/ministries. We recognize that South Park Church is one small part of the global Christian Church and we desire to serve the Kingdom in partnership with those who share our belief in Jesus Christ.

## CORE VALUES

WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS THAT DRIVE OUR BEHAVIOR & MINISTRY?

- **STAY CONNECTED TO GOD** - We want to serve out of the fullness of life and power that comes from God (*Ephesians 3:19*). Staying connected to God is how we learn to yield our will to His.
- **ACCEPT THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE OF UNSURPASSABLE WORTH TO GOD** - Scripture teaches us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners (*Romans 5:8*). Therefore that is the example of love we will follow. We will love and welcome people who are sinners... just like us.
- **LIFT YOUR ENEMIES UP IN PRAYER** - We don't want to respond to the sin & hate of this world with more sin and hate. We want to respond the way Jesus taught us to in His Sermon on the Mount - by lifting our enemies up in prayer (*Matthew 5:44*)
- **TAKE STEWARDSHIP SERIOUSLY** - We want to use all that we are and all that we've been given to give glory to God and grow His Kingdom (*Matthew 25:14-30*).

# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MEN'S GREAT BANQUET IRON MEN MAN CAMP WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 SUMMIT AT 6 PM	2 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	3 CBS 9:15 AM	4 JAM AT 6:30 PM	5 NO THRIVE	6 < WOMEN'S GREAT BANQUET > THROUGH SUNDAY	7 NO IRONMEN
8 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 ARCANT SERVING DAY	9 OFFICE CLOSED CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	10 CBS 9:15 AM	11 MOPS 9:30 AM First Wednesdays at 5:30 JAM AT 6:30 PM	12 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	13 DISCOVERY HYMN SING AT 1PM High School Fall Retreat →	14 IRON MEN 7AM
15 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 High School Fall Retreat	16 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	17 CBS 9:15 AM	18 JAM AT 6:30 PM	19 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	20 DISCOVERY POTLUCK AT NOON 5 PM	21 IRON MEN 7AM
22 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 SUMMIT AT 6 PM	23 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	24 CBS 9:15 AM	25 MOPS 9:30 AM JAM AT 6:30 PM	26 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	27 DISCOVERY FALL PARTY AT 1PM	28 IRON MEN 7AM
29 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 Trunk or Treat at 5pm SUMMIT AT 6 PM	30 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	31 CBS 9:15 AM				



**ON DECEMBER 3RD**

WE'RE GOING TO

# Two Services!

**9 AM & 11 AM**

SOUTH PARK  
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*Fully Committed*

**ONE** WITH GOD  
BODY  
KINGDOM

**FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD ONLINE**

Have you heard the exciting news that we will be going to two services the first Sunday of Advent, December 3? The service times will be 9 & 11 am. Family ministries will take place during the 9 am service. In order to continue building community, we'd love to hear your plans. [Click here to fill out a pledge card online!](#)

Children *SAFE*  
Families *TOGETHER*

**donations  
needed**

Items can be dropped off in the Safe Families bin inside the main lobby on Sunday mornings or Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Safe Family closet welcomes donations of gently used children's clothing, wipes and diapers sizes 3 to 5. Specifically we would appreciate new underwear sizes 3 to 12 boys and girls. Also new socks for shoe sizes children's 6 to youth size 4. Thank you for your generosity!

A colorful banner for 'first WEDNESDAYS'. The word 'FUN' is in a yellow splash on the left. 'first WEDNESDAYS' is in large, bold, black letters with a colorful splash behind it. Below it, 'A Midweek Ministry for 1st-5th Graders' is written in small text. The time '5:00- 6:30pm' is in the center. On the right, 'Don't forget to invite a friend, or 3!' is written in a white speech bubble. The bottom section has a black background with '1st - 5th grade students are invited to FIRST WEDNESDAYS at South Park Church' in white. Below this, 'OCTOBER 11, 2023' is written in black. On the left, 'FELLOWSHIP' is in a blue splash, and on the right, 'FOOD' is in a red splash.

On October 11, all 1st-5th graders are invited to South Park Church from 5-6:30p for fun, fellowship and food! Dinner will be provided, and don't forget to invite a friend-- or three!

*First Wednesdays* \*usually\* falls on the **FIRST** Wednesday of every month from 5-6:30p at South Park Church! Please note that October 11th is technically the \*second\* Wednesday.

## October 13 at 1pm - Hymn Sing

*Join us for this Discovery favorite led by Mary Gemmel.*

## October 20 at 12 pm - Potluck

*Please bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert to share.  
RSVP to Margaret at 847-298-9535 to let her know what you are bringing.*

## October 27 at 1pm - Festive Fall Party

*More Info*

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Discovery Senior Ministry invites you to our October Events



**EQUIP**  
Mental Health

**Sundays**

October 15 - November 19  
9:00 - 9:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Teens - Adults Welcome!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for a series of workshops where we'll learn from professionals in the field of mental health through teaching, encouragement, and support.

The topic on October 15th is *Created for Connection: overcoming disconnection & loneliness in a post pandemic world.* In lots of ways, life has returned to Pre Pandemic levels. So why do so many of us still feel isolated and lonely? Come learn tools we all can use to foster better connection, communication and community.



*S'mores & More*  
*all ages are invited!*

Friday, October 20 at 6 pm

REGISTER AT  
[WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/INFO](http://WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/INFO)

Join us at SPC S'mores and More event on October 20th! All are welcome! Make new friends, say hello to others and spend quality time together as a church family. There is no fee to attend, just [visit the infohub to RSVP](#), so we know how many marshmallows and hotdogs to get for you to roast!



Have you recently begun attending South Park Church join us in Fellowship Hall after service on October 22 for Newcomer's Brunch. We'll share a light lunch, meet others who are beginning their journey here, plus you'll hear from Pastor Bucky and ministry leaders about the mission and core values that drive our ministries. [Email kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) to [RSVP](#).



Come join us for our South Park Church Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 3-5pm! We're excited for EVERYONE to get involved in this ALL CHURCH EVENT! If you are interested in signing up to take part in our car decorating and the passing out of treats, please email [spckids@southparkchurch.org](mailto:spckids@southparkchurch.org). We can't wait to see you there!



THRIVE Women's Ministry invites you to join one of the fall gatherings which offers a time of intergenerational fellowship as six to eight women gather to share a meal together in the home of various hosts. [Click here to register.](#)



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## Family dedication

SUNDAY

**November 5, 2023**

8:30- 9:30A

*Celebration will be during the service on  
November 5, 2023 as well*

Join Us for our  
Family Dedication Class

(and some delicious breakfast)

Family Dedication is a time when parents publicly express their commitment to raise their child in a home that honors Christ. We invite you to join our class on Sunday November 5, from 8:30a- 9:30 am.. Breakfast will be provided, as well as Child Care if needed. [Click here to register.](#)

REGISTER TODAY!  
**BAPTISM**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/BAPTISM

Our next baptism will take place on Sunday, November 12 at the 10:00 a.m.service and we can't wait to celebrate with you! If you would like to learn more or register to be baptized, [click here!](#)





Grief Share

# SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Friday, November 17, 2023  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge

Learn more and register at  
[www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)

The poster features a collage of four photos: a clock, a Christmas tree, a snowy path, and a table with pumpkins and food.

Join us to find support and gain encouragement and tips for the days ahead. At the same time, we'll be hosting a group for kids ages 6-12. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



**NIGHT OF** Thanks

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 22  
7 PM**

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1330 Courtland Avenue | Park Ridge, IL

The poster features a dark background with a pie, a bowl of crumbs, and star anise.

Everyone of all ages is invited to attend our annual Night of Thanks! This year we will gather in the Sanctuary to share stories of God's goodness. Then, directly following, we'll dismiss to the MPR for friendship, laughter and, of course, pie! Bring family, friends and, if you'd like, a pie to share!

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*These prayer requests represent just one way in which we pray as a church body and just some of the people we are lifting in prayer. For an additional opportunity to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9am in the Staff Conference Room and over Zoom (you can find the zoom link below). And please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.*

Praise God for the lives that were changed last weekend at the Men's Great Banquet! Pray that God will move mightily this weekend at the Women's Great Banquet.

Please join our church in covering the Executive Pastoral search process in prayer every day at 3:56pm. Thank the Lord for the connections that have been made and for the applications received so far. Pray that candidates will hear the Lord's calling to pursue this opportunity and that even more will apply. Pray wisdom, discernment, and energy to fill the search team as they review applications, conduct interviews, and assess the candidates in the limited time they have. Pray that ultimately God will be honored and that His will will be done.

Continue to pray for: Ramiro Flores, Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine



Each Sunday morning you are invited to join in-person or on-line for a time of group prayer prior to the worship service. Come try it out!

[Click here for the link to the zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

## **Colossians 1:9-14 - Intercessory Prayer**

### **1. How to pray - Persistence (vs. 9a)**

a. Luke 11:5-10

### **2. What to pray for -**

a. Knowledge, Wisdom & Understanding (vs. 9b)

i. Pleasing God (vs. 10a)

ii. Bearing Fruit (vs. 10b)

iii. Greater intimacy (vs. 10c)

b. God's strength (vs. 11)

### **3. Giving thanks for -**

a. Spiritual Inheritance (vs. 12)

b. Bringing us into His Kingdom (vs. 13-14)

# DIGGING DEEPER

1. Are there any areas of your life (or people in your life) it's easier to be persistently in prayer for? Why is that?

2. Spiritual understanding involves being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. What spiritual practices do you have in your life that help you hear the Holy Spirit's voice?

3. What are some of the biggest signs (at home/work/school) that you're operating in your own strength instead of God's strength? What impact does that have on the people around you?

4. Just like Paul ended his prayer in verse 14, spend some time thinking through the things in your life you can be thankful for.