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THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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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*).

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
05 COMMUNION Morning (10:00 am - 10:30 am) PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 Blessing Step @ 11:30 am SUMMIT @ 6 PM	06 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	07 CBS 9:15 AM	01 First Wednesdays at 5 pm JAM AT 6:30 PM	02 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	03 DISCOVERY HYMN SING AT 1PM Their Fall Gatherings @ 6:30 pm	04 IRON MEN 7AM Their Fall Gatherings @ 9:30 pm
12 PRAYER @ 9 AM EQUIP @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT @ 1pm (NO SUMMIT)	13 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	14 CBS 9:15 AM	08 MOPS 9:30 AM JAM AT 6:30 PM	09 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	10 DISCOVERY POTLUCK AT 12PM Their Fall Gatherings @ 6:30 pm	11 IRON MEN 7AM Their Fall Gatherings @ 9:30 pm
19 PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 SUMMIT AT 6 PM	20 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	21 NO CBS	22 Night of Thanks at 7 pm in 2022	16 Their Praise and Worship at 7 pm	23 OFFICE CLOSED	18 IRON MEN 7AM Their Fall Gatherings @ 9:30 pm
26 PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 40 KING BASKETBALL #1127 @ 5PM CHURCH DE COBALTING RECOGNITION SERVICE	27 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	28 CBS 9:15 AM	29 MOPS 9:30 AM	30 OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 NO IRON MEN

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THIS NOVEMBER, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW...

SPC CALENDAR

THE CHURCH CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND IN A COUPLE OF PLACES...

ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG
 UNDER THE EVENTS DROP DOWN

ON THE INFO HUB:
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SUBSCRIBE
 CLICK THE  ICON ON THE TOP RIGHT & OUR CALENDAR WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR LIST OF CALENDARS

SMALL GROUPS

Our small groups exist to create space to experience Christian growth and authentic community. Each small group is unique; we have groups for men, women, and couples. Some groups are made up of individuals in a similar life stage and other groups are inter-generational!

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SERVING

The ministries that require the most volunteers are in Fam Min and we always welcome additional volunteers! But there are a lot of other ways to serve! Find info on the Welcome, Tech, Worship, Admin, Hospitality & Operations teams by visiting:

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GIVING

THESE ARE A FEW WAYS TO GIVE:

- Mail a check to South Park Church 1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068
- Drop a check or envelope with your contribution in the offering plate
- Give online at pushpay.com/g/southparkchurch
- Give stocks, bonds & mutual funds by emailing spofinsec@southparkchurch.org

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE?

When you give to South Park Church lives are transformed. Whether it is providing ministry environments where people encounter God all week long or supporting the many local and global Outreach Partners, your giving is making a difference. Did you know that, like many other interdenominational churches, South Park Church is completely self-funded which means 100% of what you give goes to the South Park Church operating budget! This also means South Park Church is not financially supported by a larger organization (i.e. diocese or denomination).

WHAT ABOUT THE CARE FUND?

The Care Fund is a separate account where 100% goes to helping individuals and families in our church congregation. Some examples are doctor bills, car repairs, and therapy. We take an additional collection for this fund the first Sunday of each month. If you or someone in our church family could use the assistance of the Care Fund, contact kristin@southparkchurch.org or call 847-825-5507 x125.



Join us Wednesday at our annual Night of Thanks service as we gather in the Sanctuary to share of God's goodness. After, we'll dismiss to the MPR for pie! **Bring family, friends & your favorite pie to share!**



Deck the Halls

Sunday, November 26

Following Service

**Join us as we decorate
the church for Advent**



Come help create a festive environment by decorating the church as we enter into Advent Season. No prior decorating experience necessary. All age groups and abilities welcome...the more the merrier! We'll begin decorating on Sunday, November 26 following service.



Seniors, join the Discovery Seniors ministry on Fridays!
Upcoming events include Carol Sing on December 1 at 1 p.m.,
& Brunch on December 8 at 10 a.m.



Join us for Advent Night: "Hope of All the Earth". A time of silence will be set aside in order to still and quiet your soul as you reflect on various passages of Scripture as well as a brief drama, devotional, and time of worship through the singing of Advent and Christmas songs. The evening will conclude with a time of fellowship and refreshments in The Cafe.



YOUTH WINTER CAMP 2024

Camp Timberlee, Wisconsin

High School:
JAN 26-28, 2024

Middle School:
FEB 9-11, 2024

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Youth Winter Camp! H.S. 1/26-1/28, M.S. 2/9-2/11
Camp TimberLee, East Troy, Wisconsin. It's that time of year again-- TIME TO GO TO WINTER CAMP! An amazing weekend away-- Tubing, Tobogganing, Karaoke, Worship, The Gospel, & Staying up way too late! If you have never gone before, this is the year! The cost is \$220 (optional extra \$20 for a shirt). We never want the cost of our events to be a barrier from anyone attending! So...if you are willing to provide a scholarship donation, or you personally need a scholarship, please email nick@southparkchurch.org. [Visit the info hub to register today!](#)



ON DECEMBER 3RD
WE'RE GOING TO

Two Services!

9 AM & 11 AM

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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 [Click here for the link to the zoom meeting](#). Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766 And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

Please pray for God to mightily intervene in the Middle East. Please pray that our sovereign God, for whom nothing is impossible, will bring an end to the violence, will protect the innocent, will comfort the grieving, and will heal the injured. Pray that those in positions of power will choose dialogue and empathy over discord so that an end to the immediate crisis can be reached and so that plans for sustainable peace can be created. And, pray that people in the Middle East and around the world would come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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 Hanks, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine

Colossians 3:1-4 In Christ we have...

1. New Identity

a. Dying to self (vs. 3-4)

i. At Conversion (Col. 2:20, Rom. 6:8 & Gal. 2:20)

ii. Every Day (Luke 9:23)

2. New Perspective

a. Setting our sights on heaven (vs. 1-2)

i. Intentionality

ii. Embracing our Identity

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1. What struggles of your “old life” have you achieved victory over? What areas are still in the process of dying?
2. What spiritual disciplines do you practice that encourage daily encounters with God...or opportunities for “dying to self?” Are you seeing growth with those practices?
3. When you think about the sin struggles of other people, when do you struggle to extend grace/compassion?
4. Knowing our identity (how we see ourselves) plays a significant role in shaping our thoughts and self-expectations. What kind of self-talk would be helpful in overcoming your sin-struggles?