

Sunday, January 15, 2023



# Thank you for joining us! We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community.

If this is your first time with us, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out more about South Park Church, we invite you to fill out an online connect card and a staff member will be in touch!

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We've made it easy for you to find info about what's happening at South Park Church! Visit the info hub!

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Beginning **TOMORROW** night, Teens are welcome to The Landing to help support them as they face hurts, habits, and hangups. Visit the info hub for more info.



Join us for this 6 week series as we discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine. To register, visit the info hub at www.southparkchurch.org/info.



What do North Africa, crepes, France, crafts, and lunchtime all have in common? To find out, join us in the Fellowship Hall after service on January 22 to hear from Melodee and our Outreach Partners in Marseille, France who will be joining us on zoom.



Anyone interested in being a "BUDDY" for our Buddy Ministry (a ministry that offers 1-1 "buddies" to kids with special needs), please join us for a Buddy training on January 31st. The training will be held in the South Park Church Cafe from 4-6:00 pm. All are welcome! Click here to register.



All are invited to a VBS 2023 Brainstorm! As we look forward to VBS this summer, we want to take time to pray together and hear the vision that God may have for us. Do you have ideas for VBS? Come join us on Tuesday, January 24th at 6pm in the Cafe.



4th & 5th graders, registration for Winter Camp is now open and spots are limited, so register today. For more info, visit the info hub at www.southparkchurch.org/info.



We encourage each of you to join us for our Winter Congregational meeting. We'll receive updates from leadership, & members will vote on the budget and new members. We will also be streaming this meeting on our YouTube channel.



2022 Giving Statements are now available. For instructions on how to retreive your statment, check your email or click here for instructions.

### Caring for each other

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please contact our Kristin, Director of Care and Connections.

kristin@southparkchurch.org

847 825-5507 x 125

### **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 additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9am in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom (email info@southparkchurch.org for the Zoom link). And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

Please pray for **Will Holm** who is scheduled to have gallbladder surgery on January 17th. Please pray for God to bless Will with continued strength and health so that the surgery can occur as planned.

Please pray for **those suffering around our country and world** due to natural disasters, gun violence, injustice and so many other issues. Pray that Christ would be made known in the midst of heartbreak and that suffering would cease through the powerful name of Jesus and the spirit-led actions of believers.

**Continue to pray for:** the Genson family, Greg VanCalbergh, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

## Sermon Notes

#### John 17:20-26

I. ONE with God - The Holy Spirit lives IN us (Ephesians 1:13)

A. He wants to be an active part of our lives

B. The importance of hearing/following His leading

II. We can Trust God

(Romans 8:31-32)

A. Spiritual maturity is not based on how much we know, but how much we obey

B. God wants to speak into our plans

III. God's plan for our lives

(Ephesians 2:10)

A. The more we follow God the easier it is to follow God

B. God doesn't just care about the big things we do, He cares about EVERYTHING we do

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1.	n what ways do you listen for the Holy Spirit's	S
lea	ding in your own life?	

2. Does the idea of inviting God to speak into or alter your life plans scare you or excite you? Why?

3. When it comes to making plans, what are some of the other competing influences?

4. Are there any good (generous, kind, helpful) things you feel God is leading you to do?