



Sunday, January 9, 2022



Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please [click here to fill out our Connect Card](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 6, 2022
following service

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 6

Save the date for our next congregational meeting! We will present the 2022 budget for approval, reaffirm our current elders and vote on adding LaDonna Buschmann as an additional elder.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictures for New Church Directory *Today, Before and After Church*

Let's ring in the new year with a new church directory! This morning a professional photographer will be on site to capture individual and family photos. We're asking everyone to have their picture taken and fill out a form to be included in the church directory. There is no obligation to purchase prints but prints will be available to take home that day at a reasonable price! Show up in your Sunday best and visit the lower level before or after service.

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid! *Sundays at 9:10 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom*

Get the new year off to a good start. Join Journey adult Sunday School this Sunday, January 9, as Liz Lassa teaches on the spiritual practice of journaling. Next Sunday, January 16, Dorothy Chao will be sharing about memorizing scripture.

See you in person or join us by zoom at www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103. Check out recordings of past Journey classes anytime [here on our website.](#)

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. Visit www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

Women's Ministry "What's Your Focus"

Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[Register here for "What's Your Focus?"](#) on Saturday, January 15th from 9:00 AM - noon as we spend time in reflection over the past year and anticipation of the new year seeking God's direction and focus. There will be time alone with God and then time debriefing in discussion groups followed by a canvas craft with a specific Scripture verse or a word to focus on in the upcoming year.

Thrive Winter Series: Philippians

Thursdays beginning January 20, 9 a.m. or 7 p.m.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the upcoming Winter Series: Philippians as we study the book of Philippians with Jo Saxton. Born to Nigerian parents and raised in London, Jo brings a multicultural and international perspective to her leadership training for women. There is no cost for the study guide. Child-care will be provided at \$10 per child (max. of \$30).

[Click here to register.](#)

Youth Ministry Winter Camp

[Middle School - Jan 21 - 23](#); [High School - Feb 25 - 27](#)

Thats Right! We are finally going back to Timber-Lee for Winter Camp 2022! Without a doubt, winter camp ends up being one of the most fun, memorable, and transformative experiences we have as a community each year! Click on the dates above to sign up for the early-bird rate! Scholarships are available upon request! If you would like to contribute to our scholarship fund to send a kid to camp this year, email nick@southparkchurch.org

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending December 26, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	1,176,009
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,432,000
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(255,991)

Thank you for your generosity!

As part of our continued efforts to be good stewards, we encourage you to print your own giving statement this year. Visit <https://southparkchurch.ccbchurch.com/> and log into your account. If you need assistance with your username/ password, or prefer a printed copy of your giving statement, call the church office and leave a message at extension 121 or email info@southparkchurch.org and put "GIVING STATEMENT" in the subject line.

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Please pray for Wanda Mejia (an Outreach Partner along with her husband Guillermo and the beloved mother and grandmother of the Mejia family) as she has recently been diagnosed with what is believed to be an aggressive form of breast cancer. Please pray that our God will supply Wanda's doctors with great wisdom as they determine a treatment plan. And, pray that the peace that only Christ brings will fill Wanda and Guillermo as they begin this journey.

Please pray for Ev Janke as her beloved husband Bob went home to Jesus on December 23 following some time of declining health. Please pray that Ev will be enveloped with the comfort and unfailing love of her Savior as she mourns.

Please pray a blessing over those in our congregation who are struggling this season whether it's from the loss of a loved one, walking through a struggling marriage, experiencing division amongst family members, enduring treatment for cancer, feeling overwhelmed and anxious with how to navigate Covid 19, or from other sources of stress. Pray that our Wonderful Counselor will be near in a very tangible way.

Pray for South Park Church as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray that the Search Team will coalesce into a unified group working together to seek the person God desires to be the next Senior Pastor. Pray that God would give wisdom in developing guidelines for the search and in determining appropriate sources for soliciting potential candidates. Pray also that God would begin preparing the hearts of the congregation for whomever He would lead to be the next Senior Pastor.

Pray for our local and national government leaders and judicial system as they have many complicated issues before them. Please pray that they seek God's wisdom, seek common ground, seek justice, and seek to unify our nation. And, please pray for those being persecuted for their faith around the world. Let's pray that each of us bring the hope and light of Christ to our areas of influence.

Continue to pray for: Art Engle (Scott's dad), Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

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 reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. Kristin can be reached via email at kristin@southparkchurch.org or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125

SERMON NOTES

Christian Community

Acts 2:36 - 47

Introduction: The Church can fulfill its calling for Christ.

Key = vs. 42

One: Education

cf. Colossians 3:16

Two: Fellowship

vs. 44 - 46

cf. Hebrews 10:24, 25

Three: Prayer

cf. Ephesians 6:18; Matthew 18:19, 20

Four: Worship

vs. 43, 46, 47a

Conclusion: Believers should be devoted to the collective ministries of the church.

vs. 47b

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What evidences are there for my devotion to the Apostles teaching?
2. What evidences are there for my devotion to fellowship with believers?
3. What evidences are there for my devotion to collective prayer?
4. What evidences are there for my devotion to collective worship?
5. Why is outreach resulting in people coming to Christ indicated as a by-product of my devotion to the word and work of Christ within His body?