



April 16, 2023



Welcome!

SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

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*).

NOMINATIONS

www.southparkchurch.org/nominations

Please submit for
Vice Chair & Treasurer



“He’s so organized!” “She’s got training in finance!” “That person takes great notes!” “Do you know who would be a great connection to the staff?...”

If someone comes to mind as the answer to any of these questions, nominate them for position of Vice Chair or Treasurer! Visit www.southparkchurch.org/nominations for more information!

Info Hub



www.southparkchurch.org/info



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[Learn more](#)

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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**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
2023!
JUNE 26-29th**

the great
TREEHOUSE
adventure



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Life is an Adventure when you live with God as your guide! You are invited to South Park Church's Vacation Bible School 2023, "The Great Treehouse Adventure"! During this 4 day series, students will learn about the adventures of the disciple Peter, and how God used the ups and downs in his life to bring others to Christ and grow in their faith. Click here to register to [attend](#) or [volunteer!](#)

April Events



HYMN SING

April 14, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Easter Hallelujah--please join us for this Discovery favorite led by Mary Gemmel

AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES

April 21, 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall



Seniors, join us at our Discovery ministry events on Friday afternoon of each month. If you have questions, reach out to Kristin by calling 847-825-5507 x125.



Friday, April 21 from 6:30 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Maximizing Playtime with Your Child



visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to register

Learn to play with your child in ways that enhance their leadership, creativity and sense of initiative. Help strengthen their verbal skills and ability to focus. Enjoy having fun with your child! We welcome children at this event! [Click here to register on Eventbrite.](#)



Have you recently begun attending South Park Church? Join us in Fellowship Hall after service on April 23rd for a light lunch. You'll meet others who are newly attending plus hear from Pastor Bucky and ministry leaders about the mission and core values that drive our ministries. Email kristin@southparkchurch.org to RSVP.



Every day we make choices in life and relate to others who may be difficult to get along with. Wisdom is the ability to make godly choices in life. Join us for the Summer Series: Proverbs where a variety of women will teach (in-person) on a variety of Proverbs. Learn more and register at www.southparkchurch.org/women



High School South Park Church students are invited to serve this summer again at Camp Barnabas, a summer camp that provides an amazing camp experience and encounters with God for disabled individuals and their families. [Registration now open!](#)

JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM

EXPERIENCED ELECTRIC GUITAR
&
DRUM SET PLAYERS NEEDED

EMAIL BERNIE@SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG

We are looking for experienced electric guitar and drum set players to join the team! If you are passionate about worship and have a heart for leading others in praise, we would love to hear from you! For more information, please email bernie@southparkchurch.org.

SOUTH PARK CHURCH

Sunday Morning Prayer

Each Sunday at 9 a.m.
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Each Sunday morning you are invited to join in-person or on-line for a wonderful time of group prayer prior to the worship service. All are welcome to drop in for as long as you are able for this warm-up for Sunday worship! Come try it out! Want to join online? [Click here for the link to the zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

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 opportunity 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.

Pray for those mourning the recent losses within the Chicago first responder community including police officer Andres Vasquez-Lasso and firefighters Jermaine Pelt and Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk. Pray that the first responder community, both as a whole and those within our church body, would serve with a hedge of protection around them and with God's supernatural courage and strength.

Please pray for those suffering following the recent tragedies at the Christian school in Nashville and the bank in Louisville. Pray that those affected will be comforted in the way that only Christ can. Pray for those suffering in our country and around the world from all forms of violence, injustice in the many forms it takes, natural disasters, and so much else. 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.

Please continue to pray for Nick Powell to daily increase in strength and endurance following the heart ablation procedure. Pray for Nick and Erin to be filled with God's peace and closeness.

Please pray for our Outreach Partners in Ukraine as they continue to faithfully serve the people of Ukraine by feeding several hundred each month, leading a village bible study, delivering firewood and other supplies to poor villages, and many other tasks. Please pray for their safety and endurance, for wisdom as they seek God's will daily for their next steps, and for peace in Ukraine.

Continue to pray for: Doug Volden, the Genson family, Catherine Hankins, Greg Van Calbergh, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

Radical Love

Mark 2:13-17

1. The importance of having a right understanding of God/Jesus
2. Jesus calls Levi to be a disciple (vs. 13-14)
 - a. Jesus went TO the people
 - b. Jesus didn't care about their past/sin
3. Jesus attends a banquet with sinners (vs. 15)
 - a. Jesus defied social customs to reach the lost
 - b. Jesus accepted those the religious community rejected
4. Jesus answers the Pharisees (vs. 16-17)
 - a. Jesus keeps His attention on the sinners, not the religious community

DIGGING DEEPER

1. When you reflect on your faith life as a child, who/what were the biggest influences on who you understood God to be? What impact did they have?

2. What were some of the misconceptions you originally held about Jesus that you had to change so that they were Biblically accurate? What was that process like?

3. Do you have regular opportunities to share your faith with non-believers? If not, what are some ways you could be like Jesus and “go to” the lost?

4. Are there any social customs you might need to break through in order to reach those our world (or the church) often rejects? How do you feel about doing that?