

EASTER

— HE IS RISEN —



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*).



If this is your first time with us or if you attend regularly, we want to help you take your next step of connection. Please fill out the online connect card and we'll be in touch!

www.southparkchurch.org/easter



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

www.southparkchurch.org/info

SOUTH **+** PARK
CHURCH

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

the great
TREEHOUSE
adventure



South Park Church VBS 2023

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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!](#)

first
WEDNESDAYS
A Midweek Ministry for 1st- 5th Graders
5:00- 6:30pm
Don't forget to invite a friend, or 3!

1st - 5th grade students are invited to come to
FIRST WEDNESDAYS
April 12th
at South Park Church

FELLOWSHIP
*First Wednesdays is usually held every **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month. Please note that in April, it falls on the second week (4/12!)

FOOD

1st-5th graders, join us on Wednesday, April 12th for First Wednesdays-- an evening of fun, fellowship, and food! Dinner will be provided. And don't forget to invite a friend!

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.

Thrive Women's Ministry



Games or Gathering

Friday, April 14th | 6:30 - 8:15PM

Park Ridge Park District
O'Connor Community Building (Room A)
733 N. Prospect Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Invite co-workers, family members, friends, and neighbors to this outreach event. For more details, check out our SPC Info Hub!

Invite co-workers, family members, friends, and/or neighbors to this outreach event where we'll play board games and/or gather in community to get to know each other better. Snacks will also be provided. Please feel free to bring one or more of your favorite board game(s) to play. [Click here to register.](#)



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

Maximizing Playtime with Your Child

presented by  Safe Families for Children

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!](#)

Sermon Notes

Freedom in Christ

1. Understanding Our Freedom in Christ
 - a. We can be held captive by lies/wrong beliefs

2. Following the Truth of God's Word sets us free
(John 8:31)
 - a. Confession with God
(1 John 1:9)
 - b. Confession with each other
(James 5:16)
 - c. God always provides a way out
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. When you talk about your faith, do you use a lot of Christian jargon? Would those outside the church understand what you mean as you explain your faith in Jesus?

2. Do you hold any secret thoughts/beliefs about yourself you think would cause others to reject or think less of you? How do those thoughts keep you from living freely?

3. How often do you make it a point to confess those secret thoughts to God? Is that enough or do you feel you need to engage in confession more often?

4. Who are the people you feel safe to confess and pray with? If there's not someone yet, ask God to guide you as you prayerfully consider who can help you to live out your freedom in Christ.