



MATTHEW 5:38-48

Feeling  
Angry?  
Jesus Did Too.

He Gets Us.

**May 14, 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*).

**Info** Hub 

[www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)

 @southparkchurch  @southparkchurch [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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**Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, June 4**  
following service

Save the date & make plans to attend this short but exciting meeting where we will welcome new member candidates & vote on a candidate for elder!



**DAVE ANDERSON**  
ELDER CANDIDATE

Save the date and make plans to attend our next congregational meeting where we will welcome new member candidates and vote on Dave Anderson as an elder.



**MOPPET WORKERS NEEDED**  
Wednesdays, 9:15 - 11:15 am

Contact Taryn at [tarynsoske@gmail.com](mailto:tarynsoske@gmail.com) for more information.

Do you have a heart to help moms with young children get a well deserved break and connect with other moms? You can help! MOPPET childcare workers are needed for Wednesday mornings starting in September.

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MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Wednesdays  
9:15 - 11:15

South Park Church  
1350 Courtland Avenue  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/MOPS

MOPS is an opportunity for a break - to gather, support each other and form friendships. MOPS encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church. Meetings are every other Wednesday from September through May from 9:15-11:15 at South Park Church. Childcare is provided. For more info and to register, click on the image or visit [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info).



A youth team led by Brad Rindfleisch and Catherine Hankins will be returning to Camp Barnabas in Missouri from July 8-14th to serve kids with special needs and chronic illnesses and their families. If you'd like to support the team you can [make a donation here](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info).



Come and learn how to enjoy having fun with your child by learning how to play with them in ways that enhance their leadership, creativity and sense of initiative. You will have the opportunity to practice these new skills with your child with a trained professional available to coach you. The skills you will learn are specifically useful for children ages 1 -10. This is an event you do not want to miss! [Click here to register](#).



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 on the info hub or visit [www.southparkchurch.org/women](http://www.southparkchurch.org/women)

**SOUTH PARK CHURCH**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!**

**JUNE 26-29th**

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the great **TREEHOUSE** adventure

Life is an adventure  
God is our guide

South Park Church VBS 2023

Join us for Vacation Bible School 2023, "The Great Treehouse Adventure"! During these 4 days, 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. Spots are filling fast! Click here to register to [attend](#) or [volunteer!](#)

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# 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](mailto:bernie@southparkchurch.org).

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## 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. 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](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) for the Zoom link). And please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.*

On this Mother's Day, we praise God for the women of our church who use their unique gifts and talents to serve God and our church body.

Praise God, Doug Volden is now home and has improved greatly in strength and functioning following the new treatments he received in the hospital!

Thank you for your generosity in collecting Welcome Kit items for World Relief. Please pray for those who are impacted by extreme poverty, violence, and oppression. Let's also continue praying for World Relief as they continue providing welcome and support. Let's pray for continued opportunities to serve the vulnerable among us.

Praise God for how we've seen Him at work in our congregation lately--for cancers that are stable with no growth, for breakthroughs in family relationships, for medical procedures being successful, for great steps of progress for those suffering with mental health illnesses, for many who are ready to take next steps in their faith journeys. Praise the Lord for His power at work among us.

Pray for those suffering in our country and around the world from gun violence, all forms of violence, injustice in the many forms it takes, natural disasters, mental illness, and so much more. 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: Nick Powell, our Outreach Partners in Ukraine, Doug Volden, the Genson family, Catherine Hankins, Greg Van Calbergh, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky



# SERMON NOTES

## The Jesus Way of Outrageous Kindness

Matthew 5:38-48

1. The way we disagree
  
2. Choosing generosity over outrage (vs. 38-40)
  - a. God's call for grace & humility
  
3. Choosing sacrifice over resistance (vs. 41-42)
  - a. Having a servant's heart
  
4. Choosing love over hate (vs. 43-48)
  - a. Maturity = sacrificial love

# DIGGING DEEPER

1. As you reflected on the way you learned to disagree/argue, do you think that was a God-honoring approach - - did you learn to “fight fair?” Or do you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to make some changes?

2. What are those situations where you find it hard to extend grace to other people?

3. How do you typically respond when the people around you treat you like a servant? Does it matter who it is that’s treating you that way? Should it matter?

4. Who are those enemies in your life you need to be praying for? Who can you ask to keep you accountable to that?