

THE MODEL  
*Church*

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

SOUTH  PARK  
CHURCH

**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!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Congregational Meeting - TODAY, 11:15 a.m.***

You do not want to miss this congregational meeting! Whether you are an official member of SPC or not, you are invited to join us to hear how God is at work in our church in this season! We will be sharing **what's next in searching for a pastor** and sharing with you **the vision for our church** in this next season. In addition, we'll be voting in a new member and getting an update from our elders. We will have a chance to fellowship together at a **complimentary cookout** in the parking lot directly after the meeting so **bring your lawnchair** and join us! Can't attend in person? [Click here to watch on our YouTube channel.](#)

## ***Now Hiring - Room Setup Custodian***

We're looking for individual(s) to fill the role of Room Setup Custodian. Responsibilities include room setups, light cleaning and trash removal, and opening/closing the building as needed. Positions are needed 7 days a week, generally between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. but there is flexibility. A background check is required when applying. [For job description or to apply, visit www.southparkchurch.org/employment.](http://www.southparkchurch.org/employment)

## ***Journey Adult Sunday School***

Journey class will not meet today, June 27 or next Sunday, July 4. See you again July 11! Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#).

## ***Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! Sundays, 9.a.m. Zoom & Fellowship Hall***

Do you want to see revival at South Park Church? Are you ready to experience God's new thing in our midst? Join us at 9 a.m. in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. You don't need to pray with fancy words and you can come and go as you are able. The important thing is to come with a humble desire to see God work in our lives, our church, and beyond.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783    Password: 807766

## ***Service Trip Car Wash Fundraiser- TODAY, 4 p.m.***

Come support the youth summer service team by getting your car washed! Donations of any amount are accepted and go towards the cost of the trip for every student going to Camp Barnabas in Missouri to serve in July!

## ***Wonderland & ECHO are open!***

Both Wonderland and ECHO are available at limited capacity. *Pre-registration no longer required!* Your student is invited to join us during service for some games, teaching, and more as we continue our Bible story adventures! **Note: children and student ministries will not meet July 4.**

## ***Looking for Nominations***

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Vice Chair/Secretary of the Trustee Board. Qualifications for this person should include but are not limited to the following: a member of SPC, detail oriented; organized record keeping; personable and approachable. This person will also preside over the Personnel Team so experience in hiring, disciplinary/conduct matters and staff management is important. You do not need to be a member to nominate someone. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

## ***MOPS needs You!***

Do you have a heart for mothers and their children? MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) is in need of child-care volunteers during their meetings. There are 14 meetings at 3 hours each on various Wednesdays from September - June. This small commitment of 42 hours over 9 months will make a BIG impact on the lives of young families. [Contact tarynsoske@gmail.com](mailto:tarynsoske@gmail.com) today for more information on how you can help.

## 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](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

*Week ending June 13, 2021*

YTD 2021	\$	505,296
YTD BUDGET	\$	660,923
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(155,627)
YTD % change		-23.5%

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are now living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2*

*Pray that we may be people that please God by having proper relationships with others through sexual holiness, brotherly love, and respectable lifestyles.*

## *Continue to Pray for*

**Greg Schimmel** -- Greg began a new oral chemotherapy medication on Friday. Please pray that the oral medication (and recent radiation) will be successful in shrinking the cancer. Please pray that Greg's persistent cough will subside as well. Please pray for endurance and strength for Greg and the Schimmel family. And, please pray that God proves to be their rock and salvation, in whom they will not be shaken. Please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you're interested in how to support the Schimmel family.

**Emmanuel and Dee Rebba and the IREF team**-- Please continue to pray for the nation of India and the ministry of IREF as they continue to battle Covid and the devastation it has caused. Pray that the Lord bring comfort and peace to the nursing students who remain on IREF's campus. Please continue to pray that God would supply the Rebbas with the comfort that only He can provide as they mourn great personal loss and the loss of staff and friends.

**Jackie Sypien**-- Please pray that Jackie will continue to manage pain well following hip surgery and progress well with physical therapy. Please pray that she will continue to experience no complications as she recovers. Pray that Jackie will feel the Father's presence especially during this time.

**Kathy Palansky**-- Please pray that the Lord will comfort and surround Kathy with His deep love for her as she is in hospice care. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace. To inquire about visiting Kathy, please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org).

**Dawn Phillips**-- Dawn is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Please pray that Dawn will continue to gain strength overall and for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs. Continue to pray for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory.

# SERMON NOTES

## *Ignorance is Grief* *1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18*

Introduction: Christ's return should be a great encouragement to believers. vs. 13

cf. John 14:1-3

One: Truths vs. 14-17

1. The Dead in Christ vs. 14, 16

cf. Philippians 1:21-24

2. We Who are Alive vs. 15, 17

Two: Encouragement vs. 18

Conclusion: The guarantee of Christ's presence forever is the believer's blessed hope.



## DIGGING DEEPER

1. How is it that ignorance of biblical truths can cause us grief in our relationship with Jesus?
2. In what ways is the resurrection of Christ central to our Christian life both now and in anticipating the future.
3. How does the return of Christ eliminate the believer's fear of death?
4. What might be current barriers in your life to an eager expectation of Christ's return?
5. How can you use the reality of Christ's return and our glorification with Him as an encouragement to people around you?