

THE BELIEVER'S  
**PRAYER LIFE**



**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

**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!

### ***A BIG THANK YOU!***

Last year, Tony Johnson stepped up to be the volunteer Director of Small Groups. He has invested significant time and energy in leading this ministry and as a church we are grateful. At the end of May, he finished his season of serving in this formal leadership role. Please thank Tony Johnson for his leadership and service!

For general information on small groups, click on the small group image on [the info hub](#) or for questions, email Jesse at [jesse@southparkchurch.org](mailto:jesse@southparkchurch.org).

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Information Hub***

Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? We've made it easier for you with our information hub! You can find it online from your computer or phone. Visit [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) (it's easy to remember!) or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

## ***Sunday Morning Prayer***

*Sundays from 9 - 9:50 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom*

Join us 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=QUl0aUZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

## ***Prayer Fair***

*Sunday, June 12, Following Service*

Join us for some "good eats" and spend time as a family engaging with Our Heavenly Father. The fair provides 7 stops with prompts. \*Bring your lawn chairs for our picnic lunch. Optional donations for lunch will be collected via square or cash.

## **College Summer Bible Study**

*Mondays at 7 p.m., 511 N Aldine, Park Ridge*

Calling all college students...join us for the College Summer Bible Study! The weekly study will begin on Monday, June 6th and run for 8 weeks. Join this opportunity to strengthen your friendships and grow in your faith in a fresh way this summer.

## **Thrive Summer Study: Life's Healing Choices**

*Thursdays beginning June 9, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

We've all been hurt by others, we've also hurt others, and we've hurt ourselves as well. Where do we go for help? The book "Life's Healing Choices" is based on Rick Warren's "Road to Recovery" sermon series. Using the Beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, Rick Warren and John Baker, (pastors at Saddleback Church) give eight steps to spiritual freedom which will help us overcome it all with Christ as the source of lasting change. Cost is \$10 for the study guide. Visit our info hub at [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) to register.

## **Vacation Bible School**

*July 11 - 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

Our VBS program is for students going into Kindergarten through incoming 5th graders. Registration is open and spaces are limited so visit [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) and click on the VBS image to register today!

## 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. at [kristin@southpark-church.org](mailto:kristin@southpark-church.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*These prayer requests represent just some of the ways we are uplifting each other in prayer. For additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Praise & Prayer Nights as scheduled and Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom.*

Pray for God's supernatural comfort and peace to envelope *those grieving unimaginable loss* due to the mass shootings of recent weeks. As we mourn with those who mourn, please also pray for God's great wisdom and discernment to inform what we can each do to promote God-honoring societal change to lessen the violence around us.

Please pray for *Kathy Somers* to increase in strength each day, for pain control, for deep healing sleep, and for Christ's presence to be very real to Kathy and her family as she recovers.

Please pray for *Jon Evans* as undergoes leukemia treatment. Please pray Jon tolerates the treatments well, that they are successful, and that Jon feels the closeness of his Savior during this time.

Please pray for *Catherine Hankins* to respond positively to the cancer treatments in order to shrink and destroy the tumors. Please pray for Catherine, Mark, and their daughters to feel the steadfast love and care of the Lord as they walk this journey.

Continue to pray for our *Outreach Partners (Ted and Alya)* as they minister to Ukrainian refugees. Please pray that God will bless their work and that the comfort and hope they offer will point Ukrainian refugees to Christ. Please pray for the people of Ukraine, those that have fled and those that remain, to experience God's protection and comfort like never before.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will enable *the Pastoral Search Team* to identify a godly leader, teacher, shepherd, and collaborator, who can advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ through service as our next Senior Pastor at SPC. May He be our guide as we continue to consider potential candidates.

Pray that *South Park Church* will be a mature church body that can engage in humble and grace-filled biblical dialogue that doesn't disrupt unity.

*Continue to pray for:* Jimmy Rancich, Al Pasternak, Will Holm, Wanda Mejia, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## Humility in Prayer

*Luke 18:9 - 14*

Introduction: Believers must beware the danger of self-righteousness.

vs. 9, 10

One: The Pharisee

vs. 11, 12

Two: The Tax Collector

vs. 13

Three: The Application

vs. 14

cf. Matthew 5:20, 48; Titus 3:5 - 7;  
Galatians 6:14

Conclusion: Our relationship with God must be rooted in total humility and dependence on His grace!

cf. Philippians 2:5 - 11

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. In what areas do I sometimes think that I know better than God?
2. In what areas do I sometimes think that I am better than other people?
3. Why do people sometimes think that Christians are like these Pharisees?
4. Why is the pride / humility reversal so difficult and yet so important for those who would come to Christ?
5. How might this reversal affect my prayers?