

THE MODEL
Church

Sunday, July 11, 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

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*Connecting with God and with each other
all summer long!*

Night of Prayer! Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

You are invited to the second of our prayer nights where we come together to call on God to bring revival to us as individuals and to South Park Church. These prayer services are part of our vision to be KNOWN this summer. We want everyone to feel KNOWN by one another and by God in profound ways this summer to make up for all the lost time we have experienced, and prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have been given to do just that.

We believe that so much of the healing and restoration that needs to take place after this past year can only be accomplished by placing ourselves before Christ and calling out to him. We will be praying for the future of our church, our future pastor, confessing and repenting of sin, and calling out for God to do more than we could ever ask or imagine!

Summer Mixers - Various topics, times and locations

What is something you LOVE to do? Post a flyer for your mixer on the wooden board at church or invite others to join! And check the board for other mixers already happening!

Pop Up Small Groups - Various topics, times and locations

We want to do something a little different, and invite you to join a POP UP small group. These groups will be made up of people of all ages around a topic of interest. Groups will meet for 5 weeks beginning the week of July 11. This is a great chance to grow as a disciple with people you might not have known otherwise in a meaningful way! [Sign up here to join or lead a group!](#)

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=QUI0aZyVk wzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

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. [For job description or to apply, visit www.southparkchurch.org/employment.](http://www.southparkchurch.org/employment)

Journey Adult Sunday School

Please join us on July 11 to hear Outreach partners John and Holly C. with Greater Europe Mission describe their experiences working with refugees in the Lesbos refugee camp in Greece. They will tell us stories about what life in a refugee camp is like, and how they share the gospel with people from very different cultural and religious backgrounds. John and Holly will be participating via Zoom. Since this class will not be recorded because of security concerns, we hope you can attend the class either in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Click to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94431939491?pwd=Vy9SS1kzOWdYbXFkM09WVWoxeIR4QT09> Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#).

MOPS Registration Now Open

Calling all moms with kids preschool age and under! Join our community as we embrace the transformative power of love to be present in everything that we do. MOPS meets approximately every other Wednesday beginning September 15. Childcare available! For more info or to register visit www.southparkchurch.org/mops!

MOPS needs You

Do you have a heart for mothers and their children? MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) is in need of childcare volunteers during their meetings. [Contact taryn-soske@gmail.com](mailto:taryn-soske@gmail.com) today for more information.

Donate to the Safe Families Closet

The Safe Families Closet at South Park Church appreciates all your generous donations of new and gently used CLEAN clothing for children ages birth to 12 years old.

Specifically, we have the following needs:

- Girls Summer Sizes 3T, 4T and 5.
- Diapers Sizes 4, 5, and 6
- Hypoallergenic or sensitive skin Diaper Wipes

In addition, we are collecting Toddler Board Books/ Preschool Books/Easy readers.

When collecting toys, we are always looking for used Duplos, Legos, or other building type creative toys but prefer to stay away from toys that talk or do things for the kids.

Please note we are unable to accept the following items:

- Formula
- Used underwear
- Used socks

Target cards can be donated to buy these items, as needed. In addition, we don't have room to accept big equipment or supplies at this time.

To arrange for donation drop-off or for questions, contact Peggy Boysen, SF Ministry Lead for SPC Network at 847-494-9362 or email peggyboysen@gmail.com. If Peggy is unavailable, text Sandy at 773-220-9747.

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 or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending June 27, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	528,462
YTD BUDGET	\$	716,000
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(187,538)
YTD % change		-26.2%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

Pray that we may embrace the true freedom from bondage that only is found in Jesus Christ.

Pray for Outreach Partner India Rural Evangelical Fellowship as it has been approved for their residential college students to return to on-campus housing. Please pray that these students will settle back in well and for the degree students as they prepare to take exams in late July. Assistant Director of IREF India, John Rebba, has written the following update and request for prayer, “For IREF, we see this as a blessing to continue to provide safe housing and education for students from backgrounds of poverty and low socio-economic status. We are glad they are back on campus praying for the Holy Spirit to renew their spiritual life and walk with Christ. With so much time at home, surrounded and influenced by harsh conditions and hardened culture, please pray that God will bring a revitalization of the hearts and minds of students!”

Continue to Pray for

Outreach Partners Guillermo and Wanda Mejia-- Covid continues to create devastation in Columbia. Please pray for God’s strong arms of comfort to surround them as they grieve the loss of Guillermo’s sister and brother in law (plus two members of their brother in law’s family) due to Covid. Pray for Wanda and Guillermo as they walk through the journey of grief with their three adult nieces who have lost both their mom and dad. Guillermo has asked, “Pray for vaccines to be available, for this peak to break, for all the grieving families, and wisdom for us.”

Our Outreach Partners-- Please pray for all of our outreach partners both in the US and around the world as they minister to people during a pandemic. Please pray that our international partners and the countries they serve would experience the arrival of robust vaccination programs, that devastated economies will be recovered, and that the Good News of Jesus Christ will be a healing balm to people who have experienced massive loss.

Greg Schimmel -- Please pray that the oral medication Greg is on (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.

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@southpark-church.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

A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 11

Introduction: Christians should be prepared for the coming Day of the Lord!

cf. Zephaniah 1:14 – 18

One: Circumstances of the Day vs. 1 – 3

Two: Contrasts in People vs. 4, 5, 9, 10

cf. Colossians 1:12 – 14

Three: Challenges for Christians vs. 6 – 8

Conclusion: Our current walk with Christ is to evidence the certainty of our glorification in Him! vs. 11

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How do you personally handle the uncertainty surrounding the Day of the Lord?
2. Why does Paul emphasize the stark contrasts between believers and unbelievers?
3. What are some of the key differences between you and the unbelievers you know?
4. How might you build up those around you with the truths of this passage?