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THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

Welcome!

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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*).

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MEN'S GREAT BANQUET IRON MEN MAN CAMP WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 SUMMIT AT 6 PM	2 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	3 CBS 9:15 AM	4 JAM AT 6:30 PM	5 NO THRIVE	6 < WOMEN'S GREAT BANQUET > THROUGH SUNDAY	7 NO IRONMEN
8 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 ARCENT SERVING DAY	9 OFFICE CLOSED CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	10 CBS 9:15 AM	11 MOPS 9:30 AM First Wednesdays at 5:30 JAM AT 6:30 PM	12 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	13 DISCOVERY HYMN SING AT 1PM High School Fall Retreat →	14 IRON MEN 7AM
15 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 High School Fall Retreat	16 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	17 CBS 9:15 AM	18 JAM AT 6:30 PM	19 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	20 DISCOVERY POTLUCK AT NOON 5 PM	21 IRON MEN 7AM
22 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 SUMMIT AT 6 PM	23 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	24 CBS 9:15 AM	25 MOPS 9:30 AM JAM AT 6:30 PM	26 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	27 DISCOVERY FALL PARTY AT 1PM	28 IRON MEN 7AM
29 WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 Trunk or Treat at 5pm SUMMIT AT 6 PM	30 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANDING 7 PM	31 CBS 9:15 AM				



ON DECEMBER 3RD

WE'RE GOING TO

Two Services!

9 AM & 11 AM

SOUTH PARK
CHURCH

Fully Committed

ONE WITH GOD BODY KINGDOM

FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD ONLINE

Have you heard the exciting news that we will be going to two services the first Sunday of Advent, December 3? The service times will be 9 & 11 am. Family ministries will take place during the 9 am service. In order to continue building community, we'd love to hear your plans. Click here to fill out a pledge card online!

Children *SAFE*
Families *TOGETHER*

**donations
needed**

Items can be dropped off in the Safe Families bin inside the main lobby on Sunday mornings or Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Safe Family closet welcomes donations of gently used children's clothing, wipes and diapers sizes 3 to 5. Specifically we would appreciate new underwear sizes 3 to 12 boys and girls. Also new socks for shoe sizes children's 6 to youth size 4. Thank you for your generosity!

FUN

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 **FIRST WEDNESDAYS** at South Park Church

FELLOWSHIP

FOOD

OCTOBER 11, 2023

On October 11, all 1st-5th graders are invited to South Park Church from 5-6:30p for fun, fellowship and food! Dinner will be provided, and don't forget to invite a friend-- or three!

First Wednesdays *usually* falls on the **FIRST** Wednesday of every month from 5-6:30p at South Park Church! Please note that October 11th is technically the *second* Wednesday.

October 13 at 1pm - Hymn Sing

Join us for this Discovery favorite led by Mary Gemmel.

October 20 at 12 pm - Potluck

*Please bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert to share.
RSVP to Margaret at 847-298-9535 to let her know what you are bringing.*

October 27 at 1pm - Festive Fall Party

More Info

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Discovery Senior Ministry invites you to our October Events



EQUIP
Mental Health
Sundays
October 15 - November 19
9:00 - 9:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Teens - Adults Welcome!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for a series of workshops where we'll learn from professionals in the field of mental health through teaching, encouragement, and support.

The topic on October 15th is *Created for Connection: overcoming disconnection & loneliness in a post pandemic world.* In lots of ways, life has returned to Pre Pandemic levels. So why do so many of us still feel isolated and lonely? Come learn tools we all can use to foster better connection, communication and community.



Save the date for the SPC S'mores and More event on October 20th! All are welcome! Make new friends, say hello to others and spend quality time together as a church family. There is no fee to attend, just [visit the infohub to RSVP](#), so we know how many marshmallows and hotdogs to get for you to roast!



Come join us for our South Park Church Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 3-5pm! We're excited for EVERYONE to get involved in this ALL CHURCH EVENT! If you are interested in signing up to take part in our car decorating and the passing out of treats, please email spckids@southparkchurch.org. We can't wait to see you there!

Fall Gatherings

Join us on one of these dates!

Friday, November 3rd | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 4th | 9:30 AM - NOON

Saturday, November 11th | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

THRIVE Women's Ministry invites you to join one of the fall gatherings which offers a time of intergenerational fellowship as six to eight women gather to share a meal together in the home of various hosts. Click [here](#) to register.



SOUTH PARK CHURCH

Family dedication

SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

8:30- 9:30A

*Celebration will be during the service on
November 5, 2023 as well*

Join Us for our
Family Dedication Class

(and some delicious breakfast)

Family Dedication is a time when parents publicly express their commitment to raise their child in a home that honors Christ. We invite you to join our class on Sunday November 5, from 8:30a- 9:30 am.. Breakfast will be provided, as well as Child Care if needed. [Visit the info hub to register.](#)

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 an additional opportunity to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9am in the Staff Conference Room and over Zoom (you can find the zoom link below). And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

Please join our church in covering the Executive Pastoral search process in prayer every day at 3:56pm. Thank the Lord for the connections that have been made and for the applications received so far. Pray that candidates will hear the Lord's calling to pursue this opportunity and that even more will apply. Pray wisdom, discernment, and energy to fill the search team as they review applications, conduct interviews, and assess the candidates in the limited time they have. Pray that ultimately God will be honored and that His will will be done.

Continue to pray for: Ramiro Flores, Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine



Each Sunday morning you are invited to join in-person or on-line for a time of group prayer prior to the worship service. Come try it out!

[Click here for the link to the zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

Colossians 1:1-8

1. Paul's Authority (vs. 1)

a. Mentoring Timothy

1 Tim. 1:1-2, 4:12 & 2 Tim. 2:1-2

2. The Colossians Identity (vs. 2)

3. Paul's praise/prayer for the Colossians...(vs. 3-8)

a. Faith (vs. 3)

b. Love (vs. 4)

c. Hope (vs. 5)

d. Growth (vs. 6)

4. The impact of Epaphras (vs. 7-8)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Who were the people that mentored you in your faith? How did they speak life into you?
2. What men or women are you currently mentoring? If there's not anyone, who could you be spending purposeful time with to encourage and speak life into?
3. Think about the last person/people you criticized and spend a few moments thinking about the good in them...or the God in them. Make a list of those good things...and then share it with them.
4. In what ways do you feel God is calling you to play the part of Epaphras at South Park- the faithful servant behind the scenes? (Don't forget the church is not just programs... it's people)