



**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

SOUTH  PARK  
CHURCH

**Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name**

## WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. Even though we can't yet meet you in person, we'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate virtually please [click here to fill out our Connect form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***IREF's Global Virtual Event "IREF Together" - Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m.***

Join India Rural Evangelical Fellowship's Global Virtual Event called, "IREF Together" on August 22 at 10 a.m. CST at [irefusa.org/together](http://irefusa.org/together)! Families and churches from the United States, United Kingdom, and India will come together online for this riveting global gathering. You will be inspired as you hear testimonies from the IREF Staff, as you interact with the students, and as you see the impact of IREF in Repalle. We believe that together, we will make a multi-generational impact! You will not want to miss this uplifting gathering.

## ***Make a Nomination***

The Nominating Committee invites you to make nominations of elders for the roles of Elder (2 open positions), Nominator, and Trustee-at-Large. You do not need to be a member to make a nomination. Please make your nominations by filling out [this online form](#).

## ***Join the Tech Team!***

The tech team is expanding our video capabilities and needs people interested in live video production! No experience required, but a desire to learn and serve through operating cameras and/or calling the production shots. Contact Adam Nelson to learn more at [adam@southparkchurch.org](mailto:adam@southparkchurch.org)

## ***Sunday Night Suppers***

All volunteer positions are now filled! Please consider making a donation to the Care Fund during August to support meal expenses for Sunday Night Suppers. [Click here](#) to make a donation and select "CARE" from the drop-down menu to designate the Care Fund. Sunday Night Suppers is a free, community meal offered by Park Ridge churches and organizations on Sunday nights at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church. They exist to provide a space for people to come share a meal, no questions asked.

## ***Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays, 9-9:55 a.m.***

As we continue in this season of focused prayer, you are invited to join in prayer at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. If you're interested in joining, please email [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org)

## ***Serving Opportunity with Pan de Vida***

We have the opportunity with with Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), a ministry of New Life Centers in Little Village. They have been providing food for around 1,000 families a week and are in need of volunteers! There are 2 volunteer roles (PPE is provided to volunteers):

1. Volunteers to lift and move food boxes
2. Bilingual drivers to deliver food boxes

[Click here to sign up](#). In the notes section of the form, please write that you are from South Park Church. If you have questions or would like to carpool, please contact Jesse at [jesse@southparkchurch.org](mailto:jesse@southparkchurch.org).

## **CARING FOR EACH OTHER**

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse Hallock at [jesse@southparkchurch.org](mailto:jesse@southparkchurch.org) or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message.

# WEEKLY GIVING

*Week ending August 2, 2020*

|                        |    |          |
|------------------------|----|----------|
| YTD 2020               | \$ | 920,103  |
| YTD BUDGET             | \$ | 972,563  |
| YTD Surplus(Shortfall) | \$ | (52,460) |
| YTD % change           |    | -5.4%    |

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Please continue to pray for:

**Mary Schetter's Brother, Lou** - Significant spinal cord injury. Prayers for healing and salvation.

**Gregg Talley's mother Lela** - In long-term care. Continued prayer needed for Lela and family in this season.

**Kay Stecher** - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

**Greg Schimmel** - Praise that he has been responding very well to treatments and the tumor is shrinking! Pray for continued hope, healing, strength and comfort.

**Rich Schreiber** - Had his shunt adjusted recently. Pray that it would provide significant improvements.

# SERMON NOTES

## *Eyes to See - Matthew 5:8*

Matthew 5:1-8, NIV

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

God wants to be seen by anyone who will return his gaze.

If I want to see God,

1. I can bring my divided heart to Him.
2. I can purify my heart with praise.

*See also John 1:18; Numbers 6:24-26; 1 John 3:2-3*

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. What does the Bible teach us about the human heart? (Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 24:1-3; Matthew 23:25-26)
2. When you think of God, what comes to mind? Does this make you want to hide from him or run to him?
3. How is Malcom looking into his father's eyes helpful for understanding Matthew 5:8?
4. How does praise purify our hearts? How much of your prayer is praise?
5. Consider praying the following prayer known as "The Collect for Purity" from *The Book of Common Prayer*:

"Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."