



**Sunday, August 23, 2020**



**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

### ***Drive-In Sunday Services - Sundays in September, 11 a.m.***

Join us in the parking lot for Drive-in Sunday Service at the new time of 11 a.m. on ***every Sunday in September!*** Registration is required to attend in person. [Click here](#) to reserve your parking spot for September 6! Registration for each of the following Sundays will open the Sunday evening prior. Service will also be streamed online as normal on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. ***Please note the change in service time to 11 a.m.*** We can't wait to see you there!

## ***Family Dedication Fall Class***

For parents wishing to dedicate a child, register today for the Fall Family Dedication Class! The class will be a pre-recorded video available to you on Oct. 11 so you can watch at a time that works best for you and your family! The homework will be provided for you via email and outlined during the video. We will be following up, connecting with you, and walking beside you through this special time. The celebration will take place on November 15 with more info to come! [Click here to register!](#)

## ***Print to Meaning Fall Class***

It is that special time of year where your child moves into first grade and they discover the joy of reading and that PRINT now has MEANING! During our class we will talk about tools you can develop to make the Bible fun and share faith skills you can include in your family's daily routine. The class will be pre-recorded and sent to you on Oct. 18 so you can watch it during a time that works best for you and your family. At this time, the celebration will be virtual on November 15 with more information to come. [Click here to register!](#)

## ***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 receive 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 9, 2020*

YTD 2020	\$	935,667
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,003,936
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(68,269)
YTD % change		-6.8%

# PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Genesis 17:1-2*

**Greg Schimmel** had a follow-up appointment after completing radiation treatment and the doctors were very pleased at the significant shrinking of tumors and of his body's responsiveness to continuing medication! Praise the Lord and big thanks to all of you who have been praying for Greg!

### ***Continue to pray for:***

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

**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.

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

## **SERMON NOTES**

### ***Where are the Peacemakers? - Matthew 5:9***

Matthew 5:1-9, 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.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

See also Matthew 5:21-24; 7:3-5

### **Conflict is an opportunity.**

1. *Glorify God: How can I please and honor God in this situation?*

2. *Get the Log Out: How can I show Jesus' work in me by taking responsibility for my contribution to this conflict?*

3. *Gently Restore: How can I lovingly serve others by helping them take responsibility for their contribution to this conflict?*

4. *Go and Be Reconciled: How can I demonstrate the forgiveness of God and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict?*

# DIGGING DEEPER

1. Which response on the slippery slope of conflict was most common in your home growing up?
2. Have you ever seen conflict as an opportunity to glorify God, serve people, or grow to be like Christ? How?
3. Please read what is found below titled: “Commitment to Peacemaking and Reconciliation.” What stands out to you and why? To learn more, read “Relational Commitments” ([click here to read](#)) located on the “Our Beliefs” page of our website.

## “Commitment to Peacemaking and Reconciliation”

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matt. 5:9).*

Our church is committed to building a “culture of peace” that reflects God’s peace and the power of the gospel of Christ in our lives. As we stand in the light of the cross, we realize that bitterness, unforgiveness and broken relationships are not appropriate for the people whom God has reconciled to himself through the sacrifice of his only Son (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:29-32; Col. 3:12-14).

Therefore, we look to the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit for

guidance on how we can respond to conflict in a way that will honor God, promote justice, reconcile relationships, and preserve our witness for Christ. As God gives us his wisdom and grace, we are committed to actively teaching and encouraging one another to live out the following principles of peacemaking and reconciliation:

### **Personal Peacemaking**

- Whenever we are faced with conflict, our primary goal will be to glorify God with our thoughts, words and actions (1 Cor. 10:31).
- We will try to get the “logs” out of our own eyes before focusing on what others may have done wrong (Matt. 7:3-5).
- We will seek to overlook minor offenses (Prov. 19:11).
- We will refrain from all gossip, backbiting and slander (Eph. 4:29). If we have a problem with others, we will talk to them, not about them.
- We will make “charitable judgments” toward one another by believing the best about each other until we have facts that prove otherwise (1 Cor. 13:7).
- If an offense is too serious to overlook, or if we think someone may have something against us, we will go promptly to seek reconciliation (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15).
- When we offer a word of correction to others, we will do so graciously and gently, with the goal of serving and restoring them, rather than beating them down (Prov. 12:18; Eph. 4:29; Gal. 6:1).
- When someone tries to correct us, we will ask God to

help us resist prideful defensiveness and to welcome correction with humility (Ps. 141:5; Prov. 15:32).

- When others sin against us, we will ask God to give us grace to forgive them as he has forgiven us (Eph. 4:32).
- When we discuss or negotiate substantive issues, we will look out for others' interests as well as our own (Phil. 2:3-4).

### **Assisted Peacemaking**

- When two of us cannot resolve a conflict privately, we will seek the mediation of wise people in our church and listen humbly to their counsel (Matt. 18:16; Phil. 4:2-3).
- If our dispute is with a church leader, we will look to other leaders for assistance. When informal mediation does not resolve a dispute, we will seek formal assistance from our church leaders or people they appoint, and we will submit to their counsel and correction (Matt. 18:17-20).

### **Recommended Resources:**

Resources for Biblical Peacemaking: <https://rw360.org/biblical-peacemaking/>

*The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* by Ken Sande