



Sunday, August 9, 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

Sunday Night Suppers - Serving Opportunity

Sunday Night Suppers are back in action after a few months' hiatus due to Covid. Families in Park Ridge will still be fed, no questions asked, and churches will still provide the meal and the volunteers. However, to maintain the health and safety of everyone involved, the meals will be prepared to-go and distributed outside. South Park Church has been scheduled to provide meals for September 20, December 20, and May 9. The Care Fund collections in July and August will go towards covering the meal expenses for these three Sunday Night Suppers. You can donate to the Care

Fund [here](#) (select “CARE (Brotherhood)” from the drop-down menu to designate a Care Fund donation). If you are interested in volunteering to distribute food, please email Jesse at jesse@southparkchurch.org

IREF’s Global Virtual Event - 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! 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. [Click here](#) to watch a message from Tre Moore for a sneak peak!

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

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

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](#).

Serving Opportunity with Pan de Vida

We have the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Little Village with Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), a ministry of New Life Centers. 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.

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 or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message.

WEEKLY GIVING

Week ending July 26, 2020

YTD 2020	\$	896,997
YTD BUDGET	\$	941,190
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(44,193)
YTD % change		-4.7%

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

Lord Have Mercy! - Matthew 5:7

Matthew 5:1-7, NLT

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them.

3 “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,

for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,[b]
for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

The merciful enter another person's world and respond with compassion.

Referenced: Micah 6:8; Matthew 20:29-34; 23:23; Hebrews 2:17-18

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does the common understanding of a blessed life differ from Jesus' understanding?
2. Read and reflect on Matthew 5:7. What does it mean to be merciful?
3. What is your reaction to being merciful? Do you find it attractive, compelling, scary, hard, foolish, or other?
4. How was Jesus merciful? (Matthew 9:13, 27; 12:7; 15:22; 17:15; 18:33; 20:30, 31; 23:23; Hebrews 2:17)
5. When have you experienced mercy from God or others?
6. How does God equip us to be merciful?