



Sunday, October 4, 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!



Kids Sermon Guide

Kids' Sermon Guide

Download and print this special guide for kids ages Pre-K-5th Grade to follow along with service! [Click here](#) to download.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indoor Worship Services - Service Time: 10 a.m.

Come on in! There are now two venues where you can worship at South Park Church, in the Sanctuary or join the watch-party in the MPR! Registration is required. Our team will be implementing safety guidelines and you'll get detailed info when you register. There are limited seats available for each location so make sure to register as soon as you can! Registration opens for the following week each Sunday. And, services will still be streamed online on our website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel. [Click here to register!](#)

Be the Bridge Discussion Groups

Be the Bridge Groups kicked off in September, but registration is open through October! We hope you'll be able to join. Drawing from passages of Scripture, spiritual practices, historical narratives, and personal experiences, Be the Bridge has equipped thousands of people to pursue a distinctive and transformative response to racial division. Groups will be held once a month for 9 months and will take place in-person on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings. A virtual group will also be offered at a to be determined date/time based on registration. [Click here to register!](#)

Join a Moms in Prayer group!

Our schools and our children need prayer more than ever in this school year as they navigate uncharted waters. Let's be there for them in prayer! If you are a mom wanting to join with other moms in prayer, please contact Pat Moy at pat@southparkchurch.org and learn more or join a Moms in Prayer International Group. Groups meet on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or Tuesdays from 8-9 p.m.

Discovery Senior Ministry

Due to health precautions, Discovery Senior Ministry events remain temporarily suspended. While our events are suspended, our love and care for our seniors are not. We are offering a book of scriptures that speaks directly to many concerns we have in life called *Scriptures of Comfort* in large print free of cost. If you are a senior and need prayer, someone to talk to, or would like a copy of *Scriptures of Comfort*, please call and leave a message for Rose at (773) 616-0534 or Margaret at (847) 298-9535.

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

Wonder Boxes and ECHO Cases!

Have the Wonderland or ECHO experience sent straight to your door! For kids birth-5 years, [click here to sign-up for the Wonder Box](#) and receive all the materials needed for each month, including lessons, activities, and a read-aloud story! For elementary age kids, [sign-up today for the ECHO Case](#) full of materials to help you echo God's word in your home! Each box is just \$5 or you can sign up for multiple months at once.

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

Join us 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

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 September 20, 2020

YTD 2020	\$ 1,086,925
YTD BUDGET	\$ 1,192,174
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$ (105,249)
YTD % change	-8.8%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe whose lives and liberties are being taken because they follow Christ. Pray for strength and the power of the Holy Spirit for them. Pray that we would be emboldened to share Christ here without the threat of death or imprisonment.

Please pray for **Lela, Gregg Talley's mother**, as a blood clot was discovered on Thursday (10/1). Please pray for the

doctors to have clarity and efficiency in treating this. Pray for the closeness of Christ for Lela and her family in this season of added uncertainty.

Continue to pray for:

Libby Cheser's mother - Recently moved to hospice care. Pray for her and her family in this season.

Mary Schetter's Brother, Lou - Significant spinal cord injury. Recent surgery and PT has allowed him to slowly begin walking again! Prayers for healing and salvation.

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

SERMON NOTES

The Nature of True Love - 1 John 2:7-11

1 John 2:7-11, NIV

7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. 8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister[a] is still in the darkness. 10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister[b] lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. 11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

1. True love spends itself for the joy of others.
2. We are desperate for true love but fail to give it.
3. True love makes itself vulnerable.
4. True love generates more of itself.

DIGGING DEEPER

Our small group team has written a study guide for 1 John that you can use to follow along with during our series in 1 John! Download a digital copy [HERE](#).

Recommended Resources:

The Four Loves by C. S. Lewis

The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God by D. A. Carson

A Theology of Love by Mildred Bangs Wynkoop

Surrender to Love by David Benner

Christians in the Age of Outrage by Ed Stetzer