Sunday, September 19, 2021

SOUTH PARK CHURCH

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

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us either in person or virtually, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate please click here to fill out our Connect Card and a staff member will be in touch!

THIS MORNING

Prayer	**8:30 a.m.**
Journey Adult Sunday School	**9:10 a.m.**
Wonderland, ECHO, Ascent	**10:00 a.m.**
Worship Service	**10:00 a.m.**
End of Summer Bash!	**11:15 a.m.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of Summer Bash
TODAY, September 19, Following Service

Join us for our "End of Summer Bash" where you can enjoy time with one another while catching up over a game of corn hole or racing through the inflatable obstacle course. Lunch will be provided and ***our current ministries will have tables set up so you can stop by to ask questions, connect, and get involved*** with what is going on around South Park Church! There will be something for everyone at our "End of the Summer Bash", so we hope to see you all there!

Senior Pastor Profile Survey
Due September 26

The Pastoral Profile Team is seeking input from you! Emails with a link to a survey were sent out last Sunday. This survey is intended for individuals currently attending South Park Church. Please fill out the survey once (per person) by September 26 and do not share the link outside of your household. The Pastoral Profile Team will take your input very seriously in developing the profile we send to the elders for review. If you have questions. require a hard copy of the survey, or need the link again, please email info@southparkchurch.org or call the church office at 847-825-5507 x121 and leave a message.

Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! - NEW TIME
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUl0alZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09
Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School - NEW TIME
Sundays, 9:10 a.m.
Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us for Journey this morning when Tre Moore will share stories about India Rural Evangelical Fellowship. For decades SPC has supported IREF as it has sheltered, educated, and led many thousands of students to Christ in a desperately poor region of India. IREF also trains pastors, supports hundreds of evangelists and local churches, runs a nationwide TV station, and sponsors meetings that attract thousands of students and young people. Tre will update us regarding the impact of COVID on IREF.

We hope to see you in person or via Zoom. Visit https://www.zoom.us/join and entering Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818
Password: 554103

Family Dedication
Class - Sunday, October 10 from 3 - 5 p.m.
Celebration - Sunday, November 14 in the 10 a.m. service

Family Dedication is a time when parents publicly express their commitment to raise their child in a home that honors Christ. Dedication isn't about ONE DAY but rather a choice to dedicate your lives, as parents, to sharing and modeling the Truth of the Bible and the love of Christ. It's about making a commitment to raise your children in an environment that leads their hearts to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Join us for our Fall Family Dedication class taking place on October 10 from 3:00- 5:00p (childcare provided for FREE). Our Family Dedication service will take place November 14, 2021 during the 10:00a service. Click here to register!

3rd Quarter S'mores and More..Welcome Fall!
Friday, October 1, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Parking Lot

Join us on Friday, October 1st at 6pm, as 3rd Quarter welcomes fall. We'll roast s'mores and hot dogs. We'll enjoy a guitar-led sing-along, hot apple cider, apple pie, games, pumpkin art, and more. No fee to attend. Just sign up here and prepare for an evening of fall fun.

How to Fight Racism Book Study and Discussion
Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 18 or
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning September 21

Click here to register for the "How to Fight Racism" book study and discussion. Each month we will meet to discuss the book and an additional time for fellowship and/or service with our SPC Outreach Partners.

Celebrate Recovery Step Studies
Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning September 23

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step Recovery Program (for ages 18+) based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Only one third of Celebrate Recovery participants struggle with drugs, alcohol, or sexual addictions. Most at CR are battling with the repercussions of codependency, broken relationships, depression, anxiety, guilt, anger, grief, and the list goes on. In Step Study small groups, delve deeper into your past and the choices you have made while learning practical tools to reject old patterns of dysfunction and live in true joy, hope, and freedom in Christ. Cost is $20. Attendance at Large Group Meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. is encouraged but not required. Email southparkchurchcr@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need for resources, financial help, or prayer, please reach out to Kristin Sorensen, Care Director. Kristin can be reached via email at kristin@southparkchurch.org or give her a call at 847-825-5507 and press 125 to leave her a message.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Week ending September 5, 2021

YTD 2021	$	720,324
YTD BUDGET	$	991,385
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	$	(271,060)

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Psalm 139:1-6

We serve an omniscient God. Pray that this fact would greatly influence our decision-making, our planning, our praise and our worship.

Pray for the Country of Afghanistan - Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence praying that the vulnerable will be protected from increased suffering, that the sick will receive the care they need, and that Afghan pastors, missionaries and church leaders will be protected and preserved. Pray that our almighty God will provide for the physical needs and safety of the Afghan people both still in Afghanistan and those that are in the process of relocating. And, when we don't know how to pray, let us remember the promise of Romans 8:26, "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

Pray for our healthcare professionals and first responders who continue to care for the sick as the pandemic continues. Please pray they would be protected from burnout and be richly blessed due to the blessing they are to our communities.

Pray for our students of all ages, teachers, and school administrators who have returned to in-person learning. Please pray that the Good Shepherd would guide and protect them as they learn, teach and play. Please pray that they will remain healthy and grow deeper in their faith each day.

Continue to pray for:

Our Outreach Partners-- Please pray for all of our outreach partners both in the US and around the world as they have been ministering to people during a pandemic. Please pray that our international partners and the countries they serve would experience the arrival of robust vaccination programs, that devastated economies will be recovered, and that the Good News of Jesus Christ will be a healing balm to people who have experienced massive loss.

Greg Schimmel -- Please pray that the current oral medication Greg is on will get the cancer under control so the tumors will stop growing. Please pray that Greg's persistent, exhausting cough will reduce. Please pray that Greg and Judy find joy and something to be grateful for each day. And, please pray that God proves to be their rock and salvation, in whom they will not be shaken.

Kathy Palansky-- Please pray that the Lord will comfort and surround Kathy with His deep love for her as she is in hospice care. And, pray that Kathy would experience His presence and peace.

Dawn Phillips-- Dawn is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Dawn has requested prayer for physical strength and endurance as well as for emotional strength as she is struggling with depression. Please pray for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs as well as for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory. What a joy it has been to see the Phillips' family in church these past Sundays!

SERMON NOTES

There for You

Psalm 139

Introduction: God is present everywhere!

One: The Nature of His Presence vs. 7 – 12

cf. Romans 8:10, 11

Two: The Purposes of His Presence vs. 19 – 24

cf. Amos 9:1, 2

Conclusion: God's presence everywhere should motivate us to flee to Him with our lives, not from Him in sin.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How have you experienced God's presence as a motivator to do His will?

2. How have you experienced God's presence as an encouragement in times of trouble?

3. How have you seen God's presence in the lives of others at South Park Church?

4. How does God's presence every moment of every day motivate you to worship?