

*We are*  
**ONE** WITH GOD  
BODY  
KINGDOM

SOUTH  PARK  
CHURCH

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

# Welcome!

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## MISSION

WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

South Park Church exists to help people walk with God, connect as family & love people in Jesus' name.

## VISION

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE?

### WE ARE ONE...

- Being **ONE with God** means living in the awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence & promptings in our lives. Being ONE with God, means we recognize & obey His voice above all the others.
- Being **ONE Body** is about creating loving relationships within the church. God created the Body of Christ to be a diverse group of believers. It is important to maintain our unity IN diversity as a part of our witness to this world. The key to that unity comes when we make our identity as God's children our most important identity.
- Being **ONE Kingdom** is about creating loving relationships outside of the church with other kingdom minded churches/ministries. We recognize that South Park Church is one small part of the global Christian Church and we desire to serve the Kingdom in partnership with those who share our belief in Jesus Christ.

## CORE VALUES

WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS THAT DRIVE OUR BEHAVIOR & MINISTRY?

- **STAY CONNECTED TO GOD** - We want to serve out of the fullness of life and power that comes from God (*Ephesians 3:19*). Staying connected to God is how we learn to yield our will to His.
- **ACCEPT THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE OF UNSURPASSABLE WORTH TO GOD** - Scripture teaches us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners (*Romans 5:8*). Therefore that is the example of love we will follow. We will love and welcome people who are sinners... just like us.
- **LIFT YOUR ENEMIES UP IN PRAYER** - We don't want to respond to the sin & hate of this world with more sin and hate. We want to respond the way Jesus taught us to in His Sermon on the Mount - by lifting our enemies up in prayer (*Matthew 5:44*)
- **TAKE STEWARDSHIP SERIOUSLY** - We want to use all that we are and all that we've been given to give glory to God and grow His Kingdom (*Matthew 25:14-30*).

# This week

**+Info Hub**

[www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>PRAYER</b> 9 AM  <b>WORSHIP</b> 10 AM  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT 11:30 AM  <i>SUMMIT AT 6 PM</i>	<b>CELEBRATE RECOVERY &amp; THE LANDING</b> 7 PM	<b>CBS</b> 9:15 AM	<b>MOPS</b> 9:15 AM  <i>JAM AT 6:30 PM</i>	<b>THRIVE</b> CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM		
				<b>GREAT BANQUET MEN'S WEEKEND</b> THURSDAY NIGHT - SUNDAY AFTERNOON		



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## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, September 24**

Multi-Purpose Room, 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to the fall congregational meeting following service TODAY! Members will have the privilege of voting in new members and new leadership! Hear ministry updates and more on the vision of South Park Church!

# Children *SAFE* Families *TOGETHER*

## donations needed

Items can be dropped off in the Safe Families bin inside the main lobby on Sunday mornings or Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Safe Family closet welcomes donations of gently used children's clothing, wipes and diapers sizes 3 to 5. Specifically we would appreciate new underwear sizes 3 to 12 boys and girls. Also new socks for shoe sizes children's 6 to youth size 4. Thank you for your generosity!



### GREATER CHICAGO GREAT BANQUET

GCGB Men's  
Sep 28 - Oct 1, 2023



GCGB Women's  
Oct 5 - Oct 8, 2023

***The focus of the Great Banquet is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior  
and to make Him known***

The Great Banquet is a 72-hour experience - for three days, guests experience God's Agape Love and Grace in a profound, personal way

Interested in attending the Great Banquet Retreat at South Park Church?  
All are welcome! Email us and we'll connect you with a sponsor.

[greaterchicagogb@gmail.com](mailto:greaterchicagogb@gmail.com)

<https://www.gcgb.org>

You're invited to the Great Banquet Retreat at South Park Church! To learn more or to be connected with a sponsor, email us at [greaterchicagogb@gmail.com](mailto:greaterchicagogb@gmail.com).



On October 11, all 1st-5th graders are invited to South Park Church from 5-6:30p for fun, fellowship and food! Dinner will be provided, and don't forget to invite a friend-- or three!

*First Wednesdays* \*usually\* falls on the **FIRST** Wednesday of every month from 5-6:30p at South Park Church! Please note that October 11th is technically the \*second\* Wednesday.



Highschoolers are invited to SUMMIT's 2ND EVER FALL RETREAT in Wisconsin from October 13-15! Sign-up deadline is September 30 and the cost is \$240. Scholarships are available! [Register at the info hub](#) or [email Nick Beyer](#) for more information.



Save the date for the SPC S'mores and More event on October 20th! All are welcome! Make new friends, say hello to others and spend quality time together as a church family. There is no fee to attend, just [visit the infohub to RSVP](#), so we know how many marshmallows and hotdogs to get for you to roast!



Come join us for our South Park Church Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 3-5pm! We're excited for EVERYONE to get involved in this ALL CHURCH EVENT! If you are interested in signing up to take part in our car decorating and the passing out of treats, please email [spckids@southparkchurch.org](mailto:spckids@southparkchurch.org). We can't wait to see you there!

# Fall Gatherings

Join us on one of these dates!

Friday, November 3rd | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 4th | 9:30 AM - NOON

Saturday, November 11th | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

THRIVE Women's Ministry invites you to join one of the fall gatherings which offers a time of intergenerational fellowship as six to eight women gather to share a meal together in the home of various hosts. Registration opens soon.



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## Family dedication

SUNDAY

**November 5, 2023**

8:30- 9:30A

*Celebration will be during the service on  
November 5, 2023 as well*

Join Us for our  
Family Dedication Class

(and some delicious breakfast)

Family Dedication is a time when parents publicly express their commitment to raise their child in a home that honors Christ. We invite you to join our class on Sunday November 5, from 8:30a- 9:30 am.. Breakfast will be provided, as well as Child Care if needed. [Visit the info hub to register.](#)

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*These prayer requests represent just one way in which we pray as a church body and just some of the people we are lifting in prayer. For an additional opportunity to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9am in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom (email [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) for the Zoom link). And please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.*

Please pray for the Tantillo family as they mourn the loss of Kerry's mom, Arletta, and as they cherish their memories with her.

Please join our church in covering the Executive Pastoral search process in prayer every day at 3:56pm. Thank the Lord for the connections that have been made and for the applications received so far. Pray that candidates will hear the Lord's calling to pursue this opportunity and that even more will apply. Pray wisdom, discernment, and energy to fill the search team as they review applications, conduct interviews, and assess the candidates in the limited time they have. Pray that ultimately God will be honored and that His will will be done.

Continue to pray for: Ramiro Flores, Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine



Each Sunday morning you are invited to join in-person or on-line for a time of group prayer prior to the worship service. Come try it out!

[Click here for the link to the zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

# Vision Sunday - Fully Committed

## 1. The importance of maintaining our vision:

A. John 12:32

B. Proverbs 29:18

## 2. The Example of King Asa - (2 Chron. 14 - 16)

A. Removing the idols from our lives

(2 Chron. 14:1-5)

B. Making sure our Inner-circle shares our vision

(2 Chron. 15:16)

C. Staying vigilant in our relationship with Christ

(2 Chron. 16:2-3)

D. Asking God if it's time to surrender the good things too

(2 Chron. 14:6 & 16:7-9)

## 3. God doesn't call the equipped - He equips the called

(2 Chron. 16:9)

# DIGGING DEEPER

1. In what ways does the Jesus you've created in your mind not match the Jesus we read about in Scripture?
2. How often do you stop and ask God if your current vision for your life matches His vision for your life? What are some ways you can make sure you don't stray from His divine guidance?
3. What are some of the idols you are tempted to place before God? Is there anything you can do to keep them from taking God's place in your life?
4. Sometimes we have multiple circles... for different areas of your life? How many inner-circles do you have..and are they all filled with people who will keep you on God's vision for your life?
5. What are some of the good things/blessings in your life God might be calling you to surrender so that you can be who He's called you to be?