



Sunday, February 27, 2022



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!



Know Personal Profile

[Available online](#) & at the Welcome Center

Phase two of our Known vision is "KNOW". This stage focuses on reflection, assessment and learning on a personal, ministry, church-wide, and community level. Take your next step by completing the Individual Personal Profile. The goal of this profile is help us know who we are as individuals and what God has given us, so we can know how best to grow and respond. [You can find the Personal Profile online here](#) or stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday to pick up a paper booklet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sow Abundantly: SPC Outreach Conference 2022 *Sundays, March 6 & 13*

To Sow Abundantly takes many hands. Our Conference this year will offer opportunities to understand Kingdom sowing from prepping the soil to sowing the seed and then to nourish the crop and finally reap the harvest. Join us on Sunday March 6 to hear from some of our partners. On the 13th, we have the privilege of hearing from former SPC pastor Dr. Arthur (Art) Gay, Jr. about the legacy and future of outreach at South Park Church and before and after service, explore opportunities to serve with our local outreach partners.

Join the Team - We're Hiring! *Family Ministry Administrator*

Do you have excellent communication and organization skills, a dedication to serve others, and love working both alone and as part of a team? This position may be right for you! Visit www.southparkchurch.org/employment-opportunity to see the job description and apply online.

Women's Virtual Winter Gathering: Instant Pot Demo

March 12, 10 a.m.

Join us for this virtual gathering as Effie Papanastassiou & Gary Moy explain how to cook with an Instant Pot and share a few Instant Pot recipes. To be sent the zoom link, register at www.southparkchurch.org/women.

Vacation Bible School

Summer 2022

We're looking into doing VBS this summer! But, we need you! [Click here to let us know how you can help.](#)

Celebrate Recovery

Mondays, 7 p.m.

Do you have a hurt, habit, or hang-up you're struggling with? Learn how you can be set free to live the abundant life Jesus has called us to in Him and through His Body. Join us at Celebrate Recovery on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Email southparkchurchcr@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. Visit www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting: 874 0226 6783, Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School Hybrid!

Sundays at 9:10 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Join Journey this Sunday, Feb. 27, for a Q&A with the Elders and the Pastoral Profile Team. Next Sunday, March 6, will feature a panel discussion moderated by Greg Kirschner and featuring our Outreach partners on why they became missionaries. Journey class meets at 9:10 am, with the speaker starting promptly at 9:15 am. Join us in person or by zoom at www.zoom.us/join and use Meeting ID: 833 1146 0818 and password 554103. Check out recordings of past Journey classes anytime [here on our website](#).

Safe Families - March Volunteer Trainings

The March Orientation, Family Friend, and Host Trainings are now available for registering! Trainings take place online the first three Tuesdays of the month. Orientation Training (Required) - March 1, 6-7pm; Family Friend and Host (part 1) Training - March 8, 6 - 8pm; Host (part 2) Training - March 15, 6 - 8pm. Registration for all of these can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/safe-families-for-children-2211350853>

Kentucky Tornado Relief

Do you feel called to assist victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky? Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) is organizing work teams from around the country to help rebuild homes that were badly damaged. We'd like to see if SPC has enough interested people to send a team to KY. - Possible dates April 19 - 23/24, or May 3 - 7/8 (2 travel days and 3-4 work days), Costs will include gas and food, anyone over 18 years old, of all skill levels in welcome! Interested or have questions? Please contact Cathy Gregg at 847-456-8160 or cgregg808@gmail.com.

2021 Giving Reports - Now Available Online

As part of our continued efforts to be good stewards, we encourage you to print your own giving statement this year. To do so, click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

https://southparkchurch.ccbchurch.com/give_detail.php?show=history

If you prefer a printed copy of your giving statement, email info@southparkchurch.org and put "GIVING STATEMENT" in the subject line or call the church office and leave a message at extension 121.

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. at kristin@southpark-church.org or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Pray that we be a people who give of our time and treasure even when we feel we have nothing left, out of gratitude for God's generosity, as this pleases the Lord and increases our dependence on Him.

Pray that we will be a mature body that approaches any potential disruptions to unity with humble and biblical dialogue.

Please pray for **the people of Ukraine** to experience God's protection and comfort and for God to draw people to Himself. And, as the situation between Russia and Ukraine escalates, pray for the safety of our Outreach Partners there, for the safety of believers, and for the safety of all the people of Ukraine. Pray that the Church in Ukraine will continue to boldly profess the unshakeable hope found in Christ and His gospel. Pray that this hope will bring courage to those feeling hopeless and will bring many to a saving faith in Christ. And, finally, pray for peace in Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for **Wanda Meijia**. Pray for specified treatment to begin. Pray against delays in her care, for wisdom for the medical/surgical team, and for the healing power of Christ to meet Wanda's every need.

Pray for **South Park Church** as we faithfully seek God's will for the next pastor of our church. Pray that God would begin preparing the hearts of the congregation for whomever He would lead to be the next Senior Pastor.

Continue to pray for: Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

Forsaking Our Comfort

1 Corinthians 9:19 – 23

Introduction: Personally reaching unbelievers for Christ creates challenges for believers.

One: Freedom Yet a Slave vs. 19

cf. Philippians 2:5 – 8

Two: Being Myself Yet Like Others vs. 20 – 22a

cf. Romans 10:14

Three: My Own Sake or the Sake of the Gospel vs. 22b, 23

cf. 2 Corinthians 5:15 – 20

Conclusion: The blessings of participating in the gospel mission far outweigh the challenges.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is your greatest fear in witnessing to others? How might you address this?
2. How does the plight of unbelievers affect you emotionally?
3. How might aspects of your salvation testimony for Christ provide connections for discussion with unbelievers?
4. How might aspects of your new life in Christ provide hope for unbelievers?
5. What are you willing to give up in order to reach others for Jesus?