



Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us!
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 more about South Park Church, visit the Welcome Center in the lobby today after service!

www.southparkchurch.org

info@southparkchurch.org

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Info Hub 

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We've made it easy for you to find info about what's happening at South Park Church! Visit the info hub!

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TAKE **ONE** STEP

OUTREACH CONFERENCE
MARCH 19 - 26

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/CONFERENCE

*Many ministries will have outreach partners visiting!
Communication about those events will come from ministry leaders
and can be found at www.southparkchurch.org/conference.*



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Outreach Partner Panel

10 - 11 am

Join us as we worship together then hear from outreach partners as Pastor Bucky leads discussion.

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Connect with Our Partners

11:15 am

Connect with Outreach Partners through round table discussions in Fellowship Hall.

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Journey of a Refugee

6 - 7 pm

This interactive experience will take you & your family through the steps a refugee takes to their new home country.

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Sharing God's Love with the Displaced

7 - 8 pm

Join us on zoom as Guillermo Mejia shares the role of the church in caring for those who have been forced to leave their homes.

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Guest Bishop Peecher & Local Outreach Fair

10 am - 12 pm

Worship with us then meet local outreach partners after service in the lobby and cafe.

Small Groups - Connect with an Outreach Partner

Pray with them, learn from them about their ministries, & encourage them through regular contact. Email chilficker@gmail.com to learn more!



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Journey of a Refugee world relief 
Sunday, March 19, 6 - 7 pm CHICAGOLAND

This interactive experience will take you and your family through the steps a refugee takes to their new home country.



Welcome Kit Donations

These kits help refugees start building a new life here in the United States! Stop by the Welcome Center on March 19 or March 26 to sign up to bring a specific item for the welcome kit.

The Journey of a Refugee and donations for Welcome Kits are just two ways both individuals and families can participate in this year's Outreach Conference!

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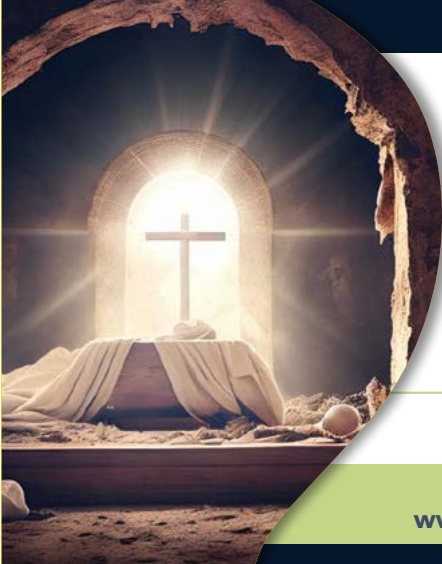
Easter Egg Donations



DROP OFF
BY APRIL 5TH

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Help our Egg Hunt to be a success! Donate plastic Easter eggs filled with store-bought treats (no peanut based candy, please!) Drop off your Easter eggs in the bin inside the main doors of South Park Church by April 5th! Email spckids@southparkchurch.org with questions.



Join us for Easter

at South Park Church!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 7th at 7pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 8th at 10am

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 9th at 9 & 11am

Age-specific ministries available!

For more details visit
www.southparkchurch.org/easter

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This service is designed for children in grades 1 - 5 and offers a powerful way to help them understand the significance of Good Friday. Through interactive stations, children will journey through the story of Christ's passion and death, deepening their understanding of the sacrifice he made for us all. Our team will guide children through each station, engaging them in prayer and reflection as they learn about the events leading up to the crucifixion.



It's still winter outside but we're already planning for summer! VBS planning is underway...join the volunteer team! [Click here to fill out the volunteer form.](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)



Save the Date! High School South Park Church students are invited to serve this summer again at Camp Barnabas, a summer camp that provides an amazing camp experience and encounters with God for disabled individuals and their families. Registration now open!

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 additional opportunities 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 for the Zoom link). And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

Please pray for **Nick Powell** to increase in strength and endurance and that his heart stays in normal rhythm. Pray for Nick and Erin to be filled with God's peace and closeness as they walk through this.

Please continue to pray for **Doug Volden** to gain in strength and increased movement each day and that full healing will be achieved in God's perfect timing. Pray that God will fill Doug and Vicki with great encouragement and that His presence will be real to them.

Please pray for our **Outreach Partners in Ukraine** as they continue to faithfully serve the people of Ukraine by feeding several hundred each month, leading a village bible study, delivering firewood and other supplies to poor villages, and many other tasks. Please pray for their safety and endurance, for wisdom as they seek God's will daily for their next steps, and for peace in Ukraine.

Please pray for **those suffering around our country and world** due to natural disasters, gun violence, all forms of violence, injustice and so many other struggles. Pray that Christ would be made known in the midst of heartbreak and that suffering would cease through the powerful name of Jesus and the spirit-led actions of believers.

Continue to pray for: the Genson family, Catherine Hankins, Greg Van Calbergh, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

Sermon Notes

His Love Compels Us Luke 15:1-31 (NIV)

I. The Danger of Exclusivity

II. God's Heart

III. We Are "One"

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Take some time to read Luke 15.

2. When was the last time you lost something (keys, money, children, etc.)? How long did the search take and did you find what was lost?

3. How would you respond if someone asked you what Jesus's mission was?

4. How would you respond if someone asked you what the "mission" of a Christ follower is? Whatever definition you come up with how are you doing fulfilling that mission? Where do you struggle?

5. How do you think "Christians" are doing at loving those outside the church?

6. In what ways/areas/issues do you think the "Church" might be tempted to exclude people? Have you ever felt excluded by Christians or the "Church"? How do we push back against the drift or tendency to exclude people?

7. How do you think South Park Church should measure success as a faith community?