



Sunday, July 4, 2021



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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNOWN

*Connecting with God and with each other
all summer long!*

Let's be real, this past year, most of us forgot how to talk to each other. Also, connecting with God has been quite a challenge too. As a church, we want to commit to a season of rebuilding those social and spiritual muscles by hanging out, praising God, and remembering why we love each other so much!

Fri-Yay-Par-Tay! Friday, June 9, 6 p.m., Parking Lot

Let's just Have some fun! Join us at our first Fri-Yay-Par-Tay! Bring the whole family to experience some fun that everyone can enjoy together. Bring your own dinner and picnic in the lot with each other and just HANG!

Pop Up Small Groups - Various topics, times and locations

We want to do something a little different, and invite you to join a POP UP small group. These groups will be made up of people of all ages around a topic of interest. Groups will meet for 5 weeks beginning the week of July 11. This is a great chance to grow as a disciple with people you might not have known otherwise in a meaningful way! [Sign up here to join or lead a group!](#)

[Learn more at www.southparkchurch.org/known](http://www.southparkchurch.org/known)

Now Hiring - Room Setup Custodian

We're looking for individual(s) to fill the role of Room Setup Custodian. Responsibilities include room setups, light cleaning and trash removal, and opening/closing the building as needed. Positions are needed 7 days a week, generally between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. but there is flexibility. A background check is required when applying. [For job description or to apply, visit www.southparkchurch.org/employment](http://www.southparkchurch.org/employment).

Sunday Morning Prayer Hybrid! Sundays, 9.a.m. Zoom & Fellowship Hall

Do you want to see revival at South Park Church? Are you ready to experience God's new thing in our midst? Join us at 9 a.m. in person or online as we praise God and seek His presence and favor. You don't need to pray with fancy words and you can come and go as you are able. The important thing is to come with a humble desire to see God work in our lives, our church, and beyond.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87402266783?pwd=QUI0aUZyVkwxNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766

Journey Adult Sunday School

Journey class will not meet today, Sunday, July 4. See you again July 11! Check out past Journey classes on our [website](#) or [YouTube](#).

Wonderland & ECHO

Wonderland and ECHO will not meet today, Sunday, July 4. Beginning July 11, no pre-registration is necessary! See you at church!

Looking for Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Vice Chair/Secretary of the Trustee Board and two Elders. You do not need to be a member to nominate someone. Qualifications and nominating form can be found [here](#).

MOPS needs You!

Do you have a heart for mothers and their children? MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) is in need of child-care volunteers during their meetings. There are 14 meetings at 3 hours each on various Wednesdays from September - June. This small commitment of 42 hours over 9 months will make a BIG impact on the lives of young families. [Contact tarynsoske@gmail.com](mailto:tarynsoske@gmail.com) today for more information on how you can help.

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 June 20, 2021

YTD 2021	\$	515,370
YTD BUDGET	\$	688,462
YTD Surplus(Shortfall)	\$	(173,092)
YTD % change		-25.1%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Brothers and sister, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Pray that we may be greatly encouraged, and be an encouragement to one another, with the reality of Christ's return and our glorification with Him.

Pray for **Outreach Partners Guillermo and Wanda Mejia** as Covid continues to create devastation in Columbia. Please pray for God's strong arms of comfort to surround them as they grieve the loss of Guillermo's sister and brother in law (plus two members of their brother in law's family) due to Covid. Pray for Wanda and Guillermo as they walk through the journey of grief with their three adult nieces who have lost both their mom and dad. Guillermo has asked, "Pray for vaccines to be available, for this peak to break, for all the grieving families, and wisdom for us."

Pray for our all of our Outreach Partners as they minister to people during a pandemic that remains a grim reality for many. 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.

Continue to Pray for

Greg Schimmel -- Please pray that the oral medication Greg is on (and recent radiation) will be successful in shrinking the cancer. Please pray that Greg's persistent cough will subside as well. Please pray for endurance and strength for Greg and the Schimmel family. And, please pray that God proves to be their rock and salvation, in whom they will not be shaken. Please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you're interested in how to support the Schimmel family.

Emmanuel and Dee Rebba and the IREF team-- Please continue to pray for the nation of India and the ministry of IREF as they continue to battle Covid and the devastation it has caused. Pray that the Lord brings comfort and peace to the nursing students who remain on IREF's campus. Please continue to pray that God would supply the Rebbas with the comfort that only He can provide as they mourn great personal loss and the loss of staff and friends.

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. To inquire about visiting Kathy, please email kristin@southparkchurch.org.

Dawn Phillips-- Dawn is home receiving outpatient therapy and making steady progress. Please pray that Dawn will continue to gain strength overall and for Bill as he manages Dawn's care needs. Continue to pray for God's comfort and endurance for Bill, Michael and Gregory.

SERMON NOTES

FREEDOM

July 4, 2021

What are we free from?

What is our freedom for?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is something that keeps you in bondage and from experiencing freedom? What would it look like for Jesus to set you free from that bondage?

2. How is freedom in Christ different from how people normally talk about freedom?