

# FAMILY MINISTRY SERVICE



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WHEN WE WELCOME THEM  
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## 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!



Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? Visit the Info Hub at [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) (it's easy to remember!) or connect to it from the link in our Instagram bio or "Learn More" button on our Facebook page.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Small Groups Forming this Fall***

Are you interested in joining a small group? Maybe you've been in one in the past or maybe you are brand new to small groups. We can help you get connected! Visit the info hub at [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info) to fill out an interest form.

## ***Small Group Leader Huddle***

*Sunday, August 28, following service, Cafe*

There is a small group leader huddle today, Sunday, August 28, immediately following service for current small group leaders and anyone interested in leading a small group. If you're not a small group leader but would like to learn more, join us! You can connect with other small group leaders and learn how the church can equip you to lead a group!

## ***Looking for Nominations!***

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder. Qualifications and nominating form can be found at [www.southparkchurch.org/nominations](http://www.southparkchurch.org/nominations). Though we are currently looking for nominations for Elder, nominations for Trustee and Nominator are also welcome.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THE WEEK?

## MONDAYS

### ***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 each Monday night at 7 p.m. Email Stephanie Mejia at [southparkchurchcr@gmail.com](mailto:southparkchurchcr@gmail.com) for more information.

## TUESDAYS

### ***Community Bible Study***

*In-person & Online Options beginning Tuesday, Sept 13*

Join us this fall to study *The Red Sea to the Jordan River*. Register at <https://parkridge.cbsclass.org/>

## WEDNESDAYS

### ***Faith and Fitness***

*Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:30, beginning Sept 7*

Get fit, strengthen your faith, and find fellowship! Faith and Fitness is a South Park Church ministry for adults 18+ that currently meets Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. The 45-minute low-impact aerobic workout will begin at 9:30 and we'll finish with a short devotional and time of prayer. Come a little early or stay a little late for fellowship. Drop-ins welcome!

*We're seeking an additional leader to expand and offer an additional day. Contact [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org) for more info.*

## **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

*Wednesdays from 9:15 - 11:15, beginning Sept 14*

MOPS encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church. Meetings are every other Wednesday from September through May from 9:15-11:15. Childcare is provided. For more info and to register, click the image on the info hub at [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)

## **MOPS childcare workers needed**

*Wednesdays from 9:15 - 11:15, beginning Sept 14*

Do you have a heart to help moms with young children get a well deserved break and connect with other moms? You can help! MOPPET childcare workers are needed for Wednesday mornings starting in September. Contact Taryn at [tarynsoske@gmail.com](mailto:tarynsoske@gmail.com) for more information.

## **JAM**

*Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning Sept 7*

Hey, 6th-8th graders! JAM is starting up again on September 7th! *What's JAM?* Friends, Food, Games That Sometimes Involve Dead Fish, Music, Real Talk, God, and Overall Insanity. We think you'd love it. Bring a Friend!

## THURSDAYS

### ***Thrive Women's Ministry Fall Study***

*Thursdays, 7 pm, beginning September 8*

Join us for our Fall series: "The Reason for God." This video series with Timothy Keller captures live and unscripted conversations between Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity. Cost is \$10 for the study guide. To register, stop by the Welcome Center today or visit the info hub at [www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info).

### ***Celebrate Recovery Step Studies***

*Thursdays, 7 - 9 p.m., beginning September 8*

Celebrate Recovery is launching both Men and Women's Step Studies starting September 8th! Cost is \$20. Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at SPC. Email Stephanie Mejia at [southparkchurchcr@gmail.com](mailto:southparkchurchcr@gmail.com) for more information.

## FRIDAYS

### ***Wonderland Playdates - Friday, Sept 9, 9:30 a.m.***

Wonderland Families, bring your littlest ones to South Park playground (833 W Talcott Rd, Park Ridge, IL 60068) on September 9th at 9:30 a.m., and let them run out some of that morning energy with their peers before nap time!

## **Discovery Seniors Events**

*Fridays at 2 p.m.*

**Potluck!** - September 9 at 2 p.m.

Join your Discovery friends for fellowship over a delicious shared meal. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert to serve 6-8 people. Please call Margaret at 847-298-9535 to RSVP and share what dish you'll be bringing.

**Hymnsing!** - September 16 at 2 p.m.

Join us for this Discovery favorite as Mary Gemmel leads us in the singing of familiar campfire songs.

## **SATURDAYS**

**Iron Men** - Saturdays, 7 - 8:30 a.m.

Iron Men is designed to bring men of all ages together in a safe, comfortable setting where they can learn the true, Biblical meaning of manhood and honestly share their challenges and concerns. We are developing committed disciples of men with a passion to grow, serve and love people in Jesus' name. Iron Men meets every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. on-site at South Park Church. Visit the info hub at [www.southpark-church.org/info](http://www.southpark-church.org/info) for more info.

## EVENTS

### ***Worship and Prayer: the Neighborhood Sessions*** *Monday, August 29, 7 p.m.*

Our next Worship and Prayer Neighborhood session will be tomorrow night at 7 p.m. on our Facebook Page. Click the image on [the info hub](#) to join us on our Facebook page where all sessions are streamed live!

### ***Print to Meaning Class***

*Wednesday, September 14, 5 - 6:30 p.m.*

Print to Meaning is a Milestone where we come alongside you, the parent, to help your student learn how to use their Bible that we will be giving them. This class is for 1st-3rd grade students who have not had the opportunity to take this special step yet AND their parents. Join us in the Cafe on September 14th from 5- 6:30pm. Pizza will be provided! [Visit the info hub to register.](#)

### ***Congregational Lunch and Meeting***

*Sunday, Sept 18, 11:15 lunch & 12:15 meeting*

Join us immediately after service on Sept. 18 for lunch and lawn games. At 12:15, we'll gather in the MPR for our *re-formatted* congregational meeting! We'll be seated around tables to allow for more fellowship and conversation. Leadership will give updates on vision, ministries, finances & the pastoral search. Members will vote on Tony Johnson as a new elder candidate and Sue Linse's second term as a nominator. You won't want to miss it!



## OUTREACH PARTNERS

### ***Safe Families Volunteer Appreciation Event***

Friday, September 16, 6 - 9 p.m.

On September 16th, Safe Families for Children will be hosting an event to recognize their church partnerships, supporters, and volunteers. There will be appetizers, live music, an amazing keynote speaker, gifts and prizes! Safe Families founder, Dr. Dave Anderson, interviews a former placing mom who is now a Safe Families host. The keynote speaker, Steve Pemberton, will tell his story about how he defied seemingly insurmountable odds, and how the kindness of one ordinary man helped him become the man he is today. You will leave inspired. [Click here to RSVP for this event!](#)

### ***IREF Banquet: Shine!***

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.,  
1319 N Hunt Club Rd. Gurnee, IL

You are invited to join IREF for a banquet dinner on September 28th at Village Church in Gurnee, Illinois. The banquet is one of IREF's favorite times of year because it gives an opportunity to share the impact IREF has made on the marginalized in rural India. At Shine, you will hear inspiring stories of rebuilt churches, changed lives, and restorative work that is only made possible through the power of Christ. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

## 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](mailto:kristin@southpark-church.org) or give her a call at 847 825-5507 and press 125.

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

*These prayer requests represent just some of the ways we are uplifting each other in prayer. For additional opportunities to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend a Worship and Prayer: Neighborhood Session as scheduled and Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom ([Click here and enter the following info:](#)*

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766)

Please pray a blessing over our *teachers, students, school administrators, and other school staff* as they begin a new school year. Please pray for God to surround them and their schools with a hedge of protection and for the light of Christ to shine through each of them. Please also pray for our college students to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ as they begin or continue in this next stage of their lives.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will enable *the Pastoral Search Team* to identify a godly leader, teacher, shepherd, and collaborator, who can advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ through service as our next Senior Pastor at SPC. May He be our guide as we continue to consider potential candidates.

Please pray our *Worship and Prayer: Neighborhood Sessions*, will be fruitful in making Christ known in our neighborhoods.

Please pray for our *Outreach Partners, Ted and Alya*, as they are now serving to supply ministry partners and pastors in Ukraine with desperately needed food, fuel, and other supplies. Please pray for their ministry to be a huge encouragement to those they serve, for God's continued guidance of their ministry, for their safety, and for peace in Ukraine.

Pray that *South Park Church* will be a mature church body that can engage in humble and grace-filled biblical dialogue that doesn't disrupt unity. Plus, pray that we can be a light in our community by the way we honor God and love each other in all that we say and do.

Please pray for *God's great wisdom and discernment* to inform what each of us can do, in our spheres of influence, to promote God-honoring societal change to lessen the violence around us.

*Continue to pray for:* Vic Novak, Mariann Bastian, Catherine Hankins, Kathy Somers, Jimmy Rancich, Al Paster-nak, Will Holm, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

# SERMON NOTES

## Family Ministry Service

Investing in the faith of kids is the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_

Knowing the kids in our church helps us to \_\_\_\_\_

When we welcome \_\_\_\_\_ we welcome \_\_\_\_\_

3 big shifts

Shift 1:

Shift 2:

Shift 3:

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Re-read the story of Jesus with the children in Matthew 18

- What sticks out to you?
- What does it look like for someone to receive Jesus as a Child does?
- How could you be more child-like in your faith walk?

2. Where are children in your life that you could invest in? How could you do that?

3. How can you be a more welcoming adult to children?

4. How could you invest in the faith development in the kids at church currently?

5. Which of the three big shifts (from strikeouts to playing catch, from dry cleaning to laundry baskets, from two tables to one table) stick out to you most? Why?

6. What do you think we can gain from prioritizing intergenerational activities at church? How can you be part of making things more intergenerational in the spaces you participate in at church?