



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023



Welcome!

SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

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*).

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
05 COMMUNION Morning (10:00 am - 11:00 am) PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM Blessing Bags @ 11:30 am SUMMIT @ 6 PM	06 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANSING 7 PM	07 CBS 9:15 AM	01 First Wednesdays at 5 pm JAM AT 6:30 PM	02 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	03 DISCOVERY HYMN SING AT 1PM Their Fall Gatherings @ 6:30 pm	04 IRON MEN 7AM Their Fall Gatherings @ 9:30 pm
12 PRAYER @ 9 AM EQUIP @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT @ 5pm (NO SUMMIT)	13 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANSING 7 PM	14 CBS 9:15 AM	08 MOPS 9:30 AM JAM AT 6:30 PM	09 THRIVE CRAZY LOVE 9:30 AM & 7 PM	10 DISCOVERY POTLUCK AT 12PM Their Fall Gatherings @ 6:30 pm	11 IRON MEN 7AM Their Fall Gatherings @ 9:30 pm
19 PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM SUMMIT AT 6 PM	20 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANSING 7 PM	21 NO CBS	22 Night of Thanks at 7 pm in 2022	16 Their Praise and Worship at 7 pm	23 OFFICE CLOSED	18 IRON MEN 7AM NO IRON MEN
26 PRAYER @ 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH PARK CHURCH CHURCH DECONSTRUCTION RECONSTRUCTION	27 CELEBRATE RECOVERY & THE LANSING 7 PM	28 CBS 9:15 AM	29 MOPS 9:30 AM	30 OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 NO IRON MEN

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THIS NOVEMBER, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW...

SPC CALENDAR

THE CHURCH CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND IN A COUPLE OF PLACES...

ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG

UNDER THE EVENTS DROP DOWN

ON THE INFO HUB:

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/INFO

UNDER THE CALENDAR DROP DOWN

SUBSCRIBE

CLICK THE  ICON ON THE TOP RIGHT & OUR CALENDAR WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR LIST OF CALENDARS

SMALL GROUPS

Our small groups exist to create space to experience Christian growth and authentic community. Each small group is unique; we have groups for men, women, and couples. Some groups are made up of individuals in a similar life stage and other groups are inter-generational!

Find info on:

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SERVING

The ministries that require the most volunteers are in Fam Min and we always welcome additional volunteers! But there are a lot of other ways to serve! Find info on the Welcome, Tech, Worship, Admin, Hospitality & Operations teams by visiting:

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GIVING

THERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO GIVE:

- Mail a check to South Park Church 1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068
- Drop a check or envelope with your contribution in the offering plate
- Give online at pushpay.com/g/southparkchurch
- Give stocks, bonds & mutual funds by emailing spofinsec@southparkchurch.org

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE?

When you give to South Park Church lives are transformed. Whether it is providing ministry environments where people encounter God all week long or supporting the many local and global Outreach Partners, your giving is making a difference. Did you know that, like many other interdenominational churches, South Park Church is completely self-funded which means 100% of what you give goes to the South Park Church operating budget! This also means South Park Church is not financially supported by a larger organization (i.e. diocese or denomination).

WHAT ABOUT THE CARE FUND?

The Care Fund is a separate account where 100% goes to helping individuals and families in our church congregation. Some examples are doctor bills, car repairs, and therapy. We take an additional collection for this fund the first Sunday of each month. If you or someone in our church family could use the assistance of the Care Fund, contact kristin@southparkchurch.org or call 847-825-5507 x125.

Financial Update

10/29/2023

Budgeted Giving Year To Date.....\$1,043,333

Actual Giving Year To Date.....\$822,694

Last Year Actual Giving Year To Date..... \$846,484

A flyer for the 2023 4th Annual Blessing Bags event. The title "BLESSING BAGS" is in large, bold, black letters. Above it, "2023 4TH ANNUAL" is written in a smaller font. To the right, "MAKE & TAKE BAGS" is written in orange. Below that, the event details are listed: "South Park Church", "Sunday, November 5", and "11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.". On the left, there is a question: "Have you ever driven past someone in need and wondered what you could do to help?" followed by a paragraph: "EVERYONE is welcome to join us as we put together bags with clothing, basic toiletries, snacks, & items to keep warm!". At the bottom, it says "Please visit the info hub at www.southparkchurch.org/info to find a list of items to donate." The flyer is decorated with several autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red.

2023 4TH ANNUAL
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MAKE & TAKE BAGS

South Park Church
Sunday, November 5
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please visit the info hub at www.southparkchurch.org/info to find a list of items to donate.

Have you ever driven past someone in need and wondered what you could do to help? TODAY, Sunday, November 5th in Fellowship Hall (after the worship service), everyone is welcome to help us put together "Blessing Bags!" [Click here for items and more information!](#)



EQUIP
Mental Health

Sundays
October 15 - November 19
9:00 - 9:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Teens - Adults Welcome!

November 5 & 12 - Anxiety & Prayer: What works, What doesn't & Why.

Prayer is one of our most powerful allies for battling anxiety but why doesn't it always seem to work? This topic will be based on a combination of neuroscience, psychology and Biblical principles delivered in an interactive format. We will be reminded how prayer can reclaim its rightful role as the strongest pillar of the peace and calm that God offers us in this anxious world. Led by Troy McLennan LCSW.



REGISTER TODAY!
BAPTISM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/BAPTISM

Our next baptism will take place on Sunday, November 12 at the 10:00 a.m. service and we can't wait to celebrate with you! If you would like to learn more or register to be baptized, [click here!](#)



All students grades 6-12 are invited to join our ANNUAL Holiday Scavenger Hunt! Team up and compete for the grand prize: signing the GOLDEN SHOVEL! Teams will go door to door through the neighborhood collecting items to donate for the Holiday season! Invite a friend, and come serve our city-- and have a lot of fun doing it! Contact nick@southparkchurch.org with any questions.



Please join us for an evening of sharing about God's provision and presence, praying, reading passages of Scripture, and singing as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Thanksgiving.



GriefShare
SURVIVING
THE HOLIDAYS
Friday, November 17, 2023
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn more and register at
www.southparkchurch.org/info

SOUTH PARK CHURCH
1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge

The poster features a collage of four photos: a clock, a Christmas tree, a snowy street, and a Thanksgiving meal. The background is a warm, textured brown with a gold starburst in the top right corner.

Join us to find support and gain encouragement and tips for the days ahead. At the same time, we'll be hosting a group for kids ages 6-12. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



NIGHT OF
Thanks
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 22
7 PM
SOUTH PARK CHURCH
1330 Courtland Avenue | Park Ridge, IL

The poster features a dark, textured background with a pie, a bowl of brown sugar, and star anise. The text is in white and gold. The church name and address are at the bottom.

Everyone is invited to our annual *Night of Thanks*! We will gather in the Sanctuary to share stories of God's goodness. Following service we'll dismiss to the MPR for friendship, laughter and, of course, pie! Bring family&nfriends and a pie to share!



YOUTH WINTER CAMP 2024

Camp Timberlee, Wisconsin

High School:
JAN 26-28, 2024

Middle School:
FEB 9-11, 2024

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Youth Winter Camp! H.S. 1/26-1/28, M.S. 2/9-2/11
Camp TimberLee, East Troy, Wisconsin. It's that time of year again-- TIME TO GO TO WINTER CAMP! An amazing weekend away-- Tubing, Tobogganing, Karaoke, Worship, The Gospel, & Staying up way too late! If you have never gone before, this is the year! The cost is \$220 (optional extra \$20 for a shirt). We never want the cost of our events to be a barrier from anyone attending! So...if you are willing to provide a scholarship donation, or you personally need a scholarship, please email nick@southparkchurch.org. [Visit the info hub to register today!](#)



ON DECEMBER 3RD
WE'RE GOING TO

Two Services!

9 AM & 11 AM

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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 the Staff Conference Room and over Zoom [Click here for the link to the zoom meeting](#). Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766 And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

Please pray for God to mightily intervene in the Middle East. Please pray that our sovereign God, for whom nothing is impossible, will bring an end to the violence, will protect the innocent, will comfort the grieving, and will heal the injured. Pray that those in positions of power will choose dialogue and empathy over discord so that an end to the immediate crisis can be reached and so that plans for sustainable peace can be created. And, pray that people in the Middle East and around the world would come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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

SERMONNOTES