

THE BELIEVER'S
PRAYER LIFE



Sunday, June 19, 2022

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CHURCH

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!



Not always sure where to find info about what's happening? We've made it easier for you with our information hub! You can find it online from your computer or phone. Visit 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

Donuts with Dad

This morning, June 19 at 10 a.m., Third Floor

We are inviting all dads, grandpas, or other guardians to join your student in ECHO on June 19 for a morning ministry experience!

Wonderland Playdate

Saturday, June 25, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Wonderland

Dads, it's your turn for some sweet treats! Moms bring the little ones to Wonderland to play, while the dads can enjoy some coffee and sweet treats in the cafe!

College Summer Bible Study

Mondays at 7 p.m., 511 N Aldine, Park Ridge

Calling all college students...don't miss the College Summer Bible Study on Mondays! Join this opportunity to strengthen your friendships and grow in your faith in a fresh way this summer.

10th annual IREF Illinois Golf Outing

Saturday, August 6, Bonnie Brook Golf Course

The annual IREF Illinois Golf Outing returns! The Golf Outing is a scramble format. Staggered tee times are from 9am to 1pm. To register, visit

www.southparkchurch.org/info.

Tutoring and Homework Help

Do you have one hour a week to tutor a child? SPC has an opportunity to do one-on-one tutoring and homework help with students at Apollo Elementary School in Des Plaines. The student body is 17% white, 34% Asian, 28% Hispanic, 7% black, and 15% mixed. 64% of the students are low-income. 56% come from non-English speaking homes. 3% are homeless. Volunteers would need to commit to one hour a week after school, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. There would be three seasons of tutoring: Fall (mid-September through Thanksgiving), Winter (January through spring break), and Spring (spring break to the end of the school year). To learn more and volunteer, visit www.southparkchurch.org/info!

Worship and Tech Workshop

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m..

Join us as we continue to develop our worship and tech ministries at South Park Church. This workshop is open to middle school students through adults! Workshop choices include: acoustic guitar techniques, electric guitar pedal boards, innovative and useful keyboard tone creation, mixing board/media layouts/broadcast production and worship leader formation. Lunch will be provided. Basic playing experience on guitar and piano required if interested in those workshops. No experience necessary for the workshop on mixing, media and production! Visit www.southparkchurch.org/info to email Bernie, worship director, with questions or to RSVP.

Vacation Bible School

July 11 - 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our VBS program is for students going into Kindergarten through incoming 5th graders. Click on the VBS image at www.southparkchurch.org/info to register today!

Sunday Morning Prayer

Sundays from 9 - 9:50 a.m., Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Join us 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=QUI0aZyVkwzNG1PYnptR1VmVWZCQT09>.

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@southparkchurch.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 Praise & Prayer Nights as scheduled and Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom.

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.

As we mourn with those who mourn, please also pray for God's great wisdom and discernment to inform what we can each do to promote God-honoring societal change to lessen the violence around us.

Continue to pray for Kathy Somers to increase in strength each day, for pain control, for deep healing sleep, and for Christ's presence to be very real to Kathy and her family as she recovers.

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.

Continue to pray for: Outreach Partners Ted and Alya, the people of Ukraine, Jon Evans, Jimmy Rancich, Al Pasternak, Will Holm, Wanda Mejia, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

SERMON NOTES

Power in Prayer *James 5:13 - 18*

Introduction: Prayer is foundational for believers in dealing with the realities of life.

vs. 13

One: Particular Struggles

vs. 14, 15

Two: General Principles

vs. 16

Three: Historical Illustration

vs. 17, 18

cf. Ephesians 3:20, 21

Conclusion: Prayer is the focal element in God's process of transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why are symbols of God's work in prayer such as anointing with oil helpful for our faith?
2. What evidences have I seen of God's power in prayer?
3. How might "unspoken" prayer requests with trusted others indicate a lack of vulnerability in getting help with our struggles from the body of Christ?
4. How might Elijah's experience with King Ahab, Jezebel, and the prophets of Baal, be similar to experiences we have even today? (cf. 1 Kings chps. 17 - 19)
5. What might I specifically share for prayer with another believer regarding my desire (or lack thereof) to become more like Jesus?