



Sunday, August 30, 2020

SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

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

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. Even though we can't yet meet you in person, 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 how to participate virtually please [click here to fill out our Connect form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drive-In Sunday Services - Sundays in September, 11 a.m.

Join us in the parking lot for Drive-in Sunday Service at the new time of 11 a.m. on **every Sunday in September!**

Registration is required to attend in person. [Click here](#) to reserve your parking spot for September 6!

Registration for each of the following Sundays will open the Sunday evening prior. Service will also be streamed online as normal on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. **Please note the change in service time to 11 a.m.** We can't wait to see you there!

Iron Men Fall Series!

We're excited that Iron Men launches on Saturday, September 12! Our series is titled "Is Jesus My Rabbi?" There will be 3 options for participants: on-site at South Park Church, at leaders' homes, or online through Zoom. Teaching will begin each week at 7:30 a.m. and will be available online. Please [click here to register](#) so we can place you in the appropriate group.

THRIVE Women's Ministry Fall Series: Gideon
Thursdays from 7-9 PM, Sept. 17 - Oct. 29 or Fridays from 9:15-11:15 AM, Sept. 18 - Oct. 30

Your weakness. God's strength. Have you ever struggled with insecurity or had trouble accepting your limitations? This study will help you see how God can use your weakness to unlock His strength and open your eyes to a brand new perspective on yourself, God, and Gideon. We hope you'll join us for this 7-week virtual study of Gideon (Judges 6-8) using Zoom to view the DVD session together and breakout into small groups for discussion. [Click here to register!](#)

3rd Quarter's A Night at the Movies
Saturday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., Parking Lot

Join 3rd Quarter for a night at the movies in the church parking lot! On Saturday, Sept. 19, we will be airing the 1987 classic film, The Princess Bride. The parking lot

will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on and snacks to enjoy while you watch! Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased by [clicking here](#).

Family Dedication Fall Class

For parents wishing to dedicate a child, register today for the Fall Family Dedication Class! The class will be a pre-recorded video available to you on Oct. 11 so you can watch at a time that works best for you and your family! The homework will be provided for you via email and outlined during the video. We will be following up, connecting with you, and walking beside you through this special time. The celebration will take place on November 15 with more info to come! [Click here to register!](#)

Print to Meaning Fall Class

It is that special time of year where your child moves into first grade and they discover the joy of reading and that PRINT now has MEANING! During our class we will talk about tools you can develop to make the Bible fun and share faith skills you can include in your family's daily routine. The class will be pre-recorded and sent to you on Oct. 18 so you can watch it during a time that works best for you and your family. At this time, the celebration will be virtual on November 15 with more information to come. [Click here to register!](#)

Make a Nomination

The Nominating Committee invites you to make nominations of elders for the roles of Elder (2 open positions), Nominator, and Trustee-at-Large. You do not need to be a member to make a nomination. Please make your nominations by filling out [this online form](#).

Join the Tech Team!

The tech team is expanding our video capabilities and needs people interested in live video production! No experience required, but a desire to learn and serve through operating cameras and/or calling the production shots. Contact Adam Nelson to learn more at adam@southparkchurch.org

Sunday Night Suppers

All volunteer positions are now filled! Please consider making a donation to the Care Fund during August to support meal expenses for Sunday Night Suppers. [Click here](#) to make a donation and select "CARE" from the drop-down menu to designate the Care Fund. Sunday Night Suppers is a free, community meal offered by Park Ridge churches and organizations on Sunday nights at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church. They exist to provide a space for people to come receive a meal, no questions asked.

Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays, 9-9:55 a.m.

As we continue in this season of focused prayer, you are invited to join in prayer at the Virtual Prayer Room on Sunday mornings. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m., just prior to Sunday Worship. If you're interested in joining, please email info@southparkchurch.org

Serving Opportunity with Pan de Vida

We have the opportunity with with Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), a ministry of New Life Centers in Little Village. They have been providing food for around 1,000 families a week and are in need of volunteers! There are 2 volunteer roles (PPE is provided to volunteers):

1. Volunteers to lift and move food boxes
2. Bilingual drivers to deliver food boxes

[Click here to sign up](#). In the notes section of the form, please write that you are from South Park Church. If you have questions or would like to carpool, please contact Jesse at jesse@southparkchurch.org.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse Hallock at jesse@southparkchurch.org or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message.

WEEKLY GIVING

Week ending August 16, 2020

YTD 2020	\$	953,728
YTD BUDGET	\$	1,035,309
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	\$	(81,581)
YTD % change		-7.9%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

“Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?” Declares the LORD.

- Jeremiah 22:15-16

Pray that in a place and time where division is the norm, that the Church would be united as sons and daughters of the King of Kings.

Pray that the body of Christ would actively and boldly lead the way in proclaiming to the world that every human is created equally in God’s image regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or skin color. Pray that God’s Spirit would strengthen God’s people to stand up against the racism, prejudice, and inequality around us and in our own midst.

Continue to pray for:

Mary Schetter's Brother, Lou - Significant spinal cord injury. Recent surgery and PT has allowed him to slowly begin walking again! Prayers for healing and salvation.

Kay Stecher - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

Gregg Talley's mother Lela - In long-term care. Continued prayer needed for Lela and family in this season.

Rich Schreiber - Had his shunt adjusted recently. Pray that it would provide significant improvements.

SERMON NOTES

Worth It

Matthew 5:10-12, NLT

One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him,² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

³ "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,

for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

⁴ God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

- ⁵ God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.
- ⁶ God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will be satisfied.
- ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.
- ⁹ God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.
- ¹⁰ God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

¹¹ “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Q: Is following Christ worth it?

1. He doesn't guarantee our safety.
2. He does promise reward in heaven.

A: Your losses can intensify your joy in Christ.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does Jesus define the blessed life? Read Matthew 5:1-12.
2. Why are the beatitudes a fitting introduction to the Sermon on the Mount? As we are confronted with the commands in the rest of Matthew 5-7, how could we be helped by returning to the beatitudes?
3. How can the persecuted be blessed? (Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:18-25; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:13-14)
4. To learn how to pray for the nations of the world and the neighborhoods of Chicago, [visit Prayercast.com](https://www.prayercast.com)

