

*merry
christmas*



SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

we're so glad you're here

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us! We'd love to get to know you
& 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 more about South Park Church, scan the QR code to fill out our connect card!



We will have just one service on Sunday, December 31,
in person only at 9 a.m.

WALK, CONNECT, LOVE

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. There are many competing voices/influences in our world today - friends, family, the culture, media, the enemy, our desires, etc. 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 - from every nation, tribe, language and people. It is important to maintain our unity IN that 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... relationships 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?

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- **STAY CONNECTED TO GOD** - We don't want to serve out of our own power or for our own purposes; 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*).

Thursday, January 11

9:30 - 11 AM
&
7 - 8:30 PM

South Park Church
1330 Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL

what's your

FOCUS

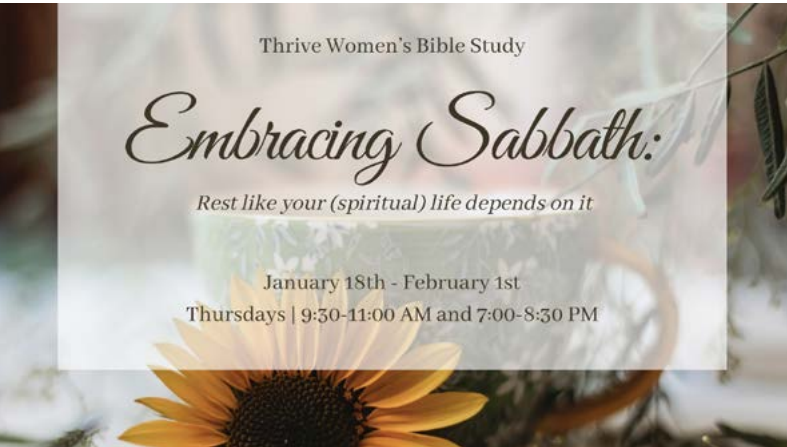



Thrive Women's Bible Study

Embracing Sabbath:

Rest like your (spiritual) life depends on it

January 18th - February 1st
Thursdays | 9:30-11:00 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM



Grief Share®

Weekly Support Group

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

January 16 - April 16

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1330 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge

Learn more and register at
www.southparkchurch.org/info





Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery is a support and recovery program that involves 8 principles from the beatitudes of the New Testament, and the 12 steps and their biblical comparisons and is designed for individuals (and their families) who are dealing with a hurt, habit or hangup (all of us).

For more info, scan the QR code or email southparkchurchcr@gmail.com



The Landing is a Christ-centered space for healthy recovery from any hurt, habit, or hang-up that a teen is facing. We have an experienced team of caring adult leaders to walk with teens who are navigating stress, pressures, and any kind of challenges.

LANDING

CR for teens



Mondays from 7 - 8:30 on the 3rd Floor



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SMALL GROUPS

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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 8:15am** in the Staff Conference Room and over Zoom (email info@southparkchurch.org for the zoom link). And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.*

Pray that each of us would embrace the unexpected of God this Advent season so our faith will remain strong, so we are drawn closer to God when tough things happen, and so we will stay in the center of His will and can be used by the Holy Spirit in other's lives.

From the Executive Pastor Search Team: Please pray that the Lord's will be done as we search for the Executive Pastor. We want you to know that the inquiries have been few for this position. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and discernment to know if we should hire a search firm to help us. We are researching search firms and asking some of our contacts for recommendations to see which one might be the right one for us should that be the next step. Please also pray that God will be honored as we continue this search. We covet your prayers.

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.

Continue to pray for: Vic Novak, Greg Van Calbergh, Ramiro Flores, Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, the country of Ukraine, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine



December 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE