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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 RELIEFS THAT DRIVE OUR REHAVIOR & 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).















Thrive Women's Ministry

Winter Gathering: Breakfast

Saturday, February 24th | 10:00 AM - NOON

Join us in the Cafe for a time of fellowship. Bring a food item to share or just come as you are. Childcare will be available.



2023 GIVING

STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



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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.

As we've entered a new year, let's continue to pray that we, as a church and as individuals, will stay connected to God, will accept that all people are of unsurpassable worth, will lift our enemies in prayer, and will take stewardship seriously.

Please pray for our Outreach Partner, World Relief, as they are on the "front lines" serving as the hands and feet of Jesus for those seeking asylum in our communities. Pray that the Lord would bless their work as they care for the vulnerable, show hospitality to strangers, and mobilize churches to do so as well. Please pray for God to give us His great wisdom as we seek His will for how we, as His church, will participate in this important cause.

From the Executive Pastor Search Team: The Pastoral Search team has put the search firm option on hold as the team has recently begun the interview process with two candidates who submitted their resumes and applications. Please pray for His wisdom and discernment throughout the process and for the Lord to bring clarity on next steps. We trust in the Lord's perfect timing and are thankful for His goodness and faithfulness to SPC.

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, and will comfort the grieving. Pray that those in positions of power will choose dialogue and empathy over discord so that an end to war 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: Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky, the country of Ukraine, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine

SERMONNOTES

Colossians 3:5-11

part 2

- 1. Review
 - a. New Identity, Perspective & Priorities (vs. 1-7)
 - b. Christlikeness is the goal (vs. 10)
- 2. Paul's Warnings:
 - a. Social Discipline (vs. 8a)
 - i. Anger, rage, malicious behavior
 - b. Verbal Discipline (vs. 8b-9)
 - i. Slander, dirty language & lying
 - c. Transformation & Unity (vs. 10-11)

DIGGINGDEEPER

- 1. What area(s) of your life are you most tempted to look for the line between what you can do and what you can't do... instead of aiming for Christlikeness?
- 2. What does unrighteous anger look like in your life? Is it manifested in rage-like episodes or malicious behavior (i.e. does it come rushing out or does it stew inside)?
- 3. How comfortable or convicted are you with slander, bad language and lying? Where in your cultural background does that comfort come from?
- 4. When you think about Randy Alcorn's quote, "...people today should have only to look at us to see what Jesus is like," does the Holy Spirit (or your own conscience) prompt you to make any changes?