# CHRIST

OVER ALL



THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS





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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?

#### S.A.L.T.

- 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).











# 2023 GIVING

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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. And please email kristin@southparkchurch.org if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.

lease pray for our middle school students who've been at winter camp this weekend. Please pray for their safety while traveling home. Pray that authentic encounters with Christ are experienced and decisions to follow Him are made. Pray that friendships are deepened and that this weekend will be remembered by each of them as a significant milestone in their faith journey.

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. And, pray that the Lord will guide and direct South Park Church as we seek to partner with World Relief in caring for and showing hospitality to those seeking asylum.

From the Executive Pastor Search Team: The Pastoral Search team has put the search firm option on hold as the team is in the interview process with multiple candidates. 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 and in Ukraine. 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, Ukraine, 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, and our Outreach Partners in Ukraine

# **SERMONNOTES**

## **Conversations in Colossians**

# **DIGGINGDEEPER**

1. When you think back on all your "practices" with love, what are some of the more difficult lessons to unlearn?

2. How do you make space in your life/schedule/heart to hear the Holy Spirit?

3. What are the areas you're most tempted to be at peace with sin? What has that looked like recently?

4. When your sinful nature is fighting against the Holy Spirit, who are the people you share that struggle with? And what do you need to hear that will help your sinful nature submit?