



# CHRIST

OVER ALL



THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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!



# Info Hub



[www.southparkchurch.org/info](http://www.southparkchurch.org/info)



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We've made it easy for you to find out about all that's happening at South Park Church. Visit [www.southparkchurch.org](http://www.southparkchurch.org). You can also find it by clicking the link in our Instagram bio or the "learn more" button on our Facebook Page.

## 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?

### 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*).



SOUTH PARK CHURCH


# STORY

masters VBS 2024



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

[www.southparkchurch.org/vbs](http://www.southparkchurch.org/vbs)



JUNE 24-27, 2024



**THRIVE**  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

# PRAYER WALKING

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 at 10 am  
South Park Church Parking Lot

**MAKING YOUR STEPS COUNT**



rightnow MEDIA

*Lyrics of Life*

LISA HARPER



**THRIVE**  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## THE BOOK OF PSALMS

1 BLESSED is the man that walketh  
not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners,  
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and in his law doth he meditate  
day and night.  
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by  
the rivers of water, that bringeth forth  
fruit in his season: his leaf shall not  
wither: nor shall he be cut down by  
drying winds: neither shall he be  
like a tree which is shaken by the  
wind: for he shall be as a cedar  
in Lebanon.  
4 He shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall increase like a cedar of  
Lebanon.  
5 He shall not be moved by the heat  
of the sun: neither shall he be  
dried by the drought of the year:  
neither shall he be shaken by the  
blast of the wind: neither shall he  
be moved by the fury of the wind.  
6 For he shall be as a cedar of  
Lebanon: he shall flourish like a  
palm tree: and he shall increase like  
a cedar of Lebanon.  
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Thursdays, May 9 - June 13  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

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SERVE sundays

Ascent (6th-8th gr) will **serve**  
**APRIL 28 & MAY 5**  
during the 9am service



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**hospitality**  
Christ Church Oak Brook  
**20TH CELEBRATION EVENT AND FOUNDER SOCIAL**  
**heals**

Thursday, April 25, 2024  
Founder Social 6:00 PM  
Celebration Event 7:00 PM

CONCERT WITH COCHREN & CO.

DAVE ANDERSON FOUNDER

Safe Families for Children

20 YEARS

**GCOGB**  
[www.gcgb.org](http://www.gcgb.org)

*The focus of the Great Banquet is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known*

The Great Banquet is a 72-hour experience. For three days, guests experience God's Agape Love and Grace in a profound, personal way.

*Interested in attending the Great Banquet Retreat?*

All are welcome! Email [greaterchicagocgb@gmail.com](mailto:greaterchicagocgb@gmail.com) and we'll connect you with a sponsor.

# 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 Fellowship Hall [and over Zoom](#). And please email [kristin@southparkchurch.org](mailto:kristin@southparkchurch.org) if you have a prayer request you'd like shared with the confidential Prayer Chain.*

Please pray that the Lord's will be done as we search for the Executive Pastor. We are thankful that we've continued to have some solid candidates for this position. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and discernment as we move forward in the process. We covet your prayers.

Please pray that God would be honored and glorified as we come alongside our fellow image-bearers through the Neighbor Project. And, pray that we, as individuals and as a church, would be blessed as we share His blessing and extend His goodness to the families we serve.

Please pray for God's intervention in the Middle East and Ukraine, for an end to violence, protection for the innocent, and comfort for the grieving. Pray for leaders to prioritize dialogue and empathy, leading to sustainable peace, and for people worldwide to come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Continue to pray for: Greg VanCalbergh, Rich Schreiber, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, and our Outreach Partners

## PRAYING FOR YOU

Want to share a prayer request or praise of how you've seen God work? You can text your prayer request to 844.458.2096 and you'll be prayed for!

## Colossians 4:7-18 part 2

1. Our Need for Relationships (Gen. 2:18)

2. Relationships in Paul's life...

a. Epaphras the prayerful and protective  
(vs. 12-13)

i. Praying faithfully, earnestly &  
personally

b. Demas the deserter (vs. 14)

3. Relationships in my life...

# DIGGING DEEPER

1. In what ways do you struggle to embrace your need for other people? Where do you think that struggle first started?

2. If the persistence of our prayer life is a reflection of our faith, what conclusions might someone draw from looking at the way you pray?

3. Have you lost relationships in the church that caused you to feel betrayed or deserted? Share how that situation has impacted your growth.

4. Who has the Holy Spirit brought to mind in these past two weeks of focusing on relationships? What steps do you feel He's calling you to take?