

# June 25, 2023

Welcome SOUTH PARK

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. 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. It is important to maintain our unity IN 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 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 & AINISTRY?

- **STAY CONNECTED TO GOD** 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).



We've made it easy for you to find info about what's happening at South Park Church! Visit the info hub!

www.southparkchurch.org/info



Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend an open share group where we will process this series in a safe environment. Open share groups will take place following the congregational meeting today and after the service the following Sundays throughout the series.



Each Sunday morning you are invited to join inperson or on-line for a time of group prayer prior to the worship service. Come try it out! Want to join online?

<u>Click here for the link to the zoom meeting</u>. Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766



Did you know we have playlists on Spotify? Scan the QR code to subscribe to our playlist of songs we've sung here in service!



MOPPET childcare workers are needed for Wednesday mornings starting in September. For more information, email Taryn at <u>tarynsoske@gmail.com</u>



MOPS encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church. Meetings are every other Wednesday from September through May from 9:15-11:15 at South Park Church. Childcare is included. For more info and to register, click on the image or visit <u>www.</u> <u>southparkchurch.org/info</u>.



Join us for an unforgettable experience of golf and fellowship. No experiene necessary! If you are new to the event, we can find you a team. Contact Tim Pappageorge at <u>tim.pappageorge@gmail.com</u>.



Join us in September to study



Ephesians

ou have any questions or a le to register online, plea contact Suzie Tinaglia at parkridgecbs@gmail.com or (312) 576-4169.

Join us this fall for CBS and this year's study of Ruth, Samuel & Ephesians. Visit our website at parkridge. cbsclass.org for more information.

# 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 additional opportunity to pray, share, and celebrate answered prayer, please attend Sunday Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9am in Fellowship Hall 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.

Please pray a blessing over all that will happen within our church next week for The Great Treehouse Adventure. Please pray for the kids and volunteers to grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus through the worship, drama, games, and small group time. Pray for safety, great weather, and for joy to fill our church each day of VBS.

Please cover the Executive Pastoral search process in prayer. Pray for the process to be fruitful and that candidates will hear the Lord's calling to pursue this opportunity. Pray wisdom, discernment, and energy to fill the search team and, that ultimately, God will be honored and His will will be done.

Continue to pray for: Doug Volden, our Outreach Partners in Ukraine, the Genson family, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky



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### The Housecleaning Choice Matthew 5:1-12

1. Jesus doesn't want me to be
He wants me to be John 11:41-44
2. The basis for a pure heart is not how good,
but how good Rom 5:8-9, 2 Cor 5:17, Phil 1:6
3. We have a part to play ineach
other to be who God says we are. Heb 10:25 & Rom 4:18
4. Remember
a. God's
b. God's Phil 1:6, Rom 8:38-39 & Heb 13:5
c. God's1John 1:9 & 2 Cor 1:20
Openly examine and confess my faults to myself,

to God and to someone I trust

# **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus already sees you as having a pure heart? And how does owning that identity change the way you see yourself?

2. Which part of today's message...or which Scripture... stood out to you the most? What was it about that verse/point that spoke to you?

3. If God doesn't hold our sins against us after we confess them, why is it so difficult to admit our faults and forgive ourselves?

4. Is there anything holding you back from sharing your struggles with someone you trust? If you don't have someone to trust in that way... what can you do to invest in a new relationship like that?

### The book and small group guide offers the following as way to complete your moral inventory:

Take a 8.5 x11 sheet of paper and divide it into 5 columns. You will need several sheets of paper to complete your moral inventory.

In Column One - The Person - list the person or object you resent or fear. Go back as far as you can. Remember that resentment is mostly unexpressed anger, hurt or fear.

In Column Two - The Cause - list the specific actions someone did to hurt you.

In Column Three - The Effect - write down how that specific, hurtful action affected your life both in the past and in the present.

In Column Four - The Damage - write down which of your basic needs were injured: Socially (have you suffered from broken relationships, slander or gossip?), Security (Has your physical safety been threatened? Have you faced financial loss?) or Sexually (Have you been a victim in abusive relationships? Has intimacy or trust been damaged or broken?)

In Column Five - My Part - honestly determine and write down the part of the resentment or any other sin or injury that you are responsible for. Ask God to show you, and list the people you have hurt and how you specifically hurt them.

Once you have written everything down, it's time to share those truths out loud with a trusted friend. AND PLEASE REMEMBER to safeguard your inventory; the list is no one's business but yours, God's and the special person you chose.