



LIFE'S HEALING
CHOICES



SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

July 16, 2023



Welcome!

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MISSION

WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

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 & MINISTRY?

- **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*).

DISCOVERY

TELLS THE TRUTH

Learn fascinating facts
about your Discovery friends
& South Park Church Staff

WEDNESDAY

JULY 19

12 PM.

**SOUTH PARK CHURCH
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

*RSVP at the
welcome center
7/9 or 7/16*



Join your Discovery friends for a mid-summer picnic! We'll enjoy traditional picnic fare and learn some fascinating and little-known facts about each other. Prepare to be surprised, to get to know each other better, and to enjoy a delicious meal indoors. We are collecting a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the picnic. Email Kristin@southparkchurch.org to RSVP.



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OPEN SHARE GROUPS

following the congregational meeting

Men - RM 116 Women - RM 120

Teen Boys - RM 318

Teen Girls - RM 320

Process this series in a safe environment. Open share groups take place following service every Sunday throughout the series.



If you're a believer in Jesus Christ and are ready to take the next step in your faith journey, we invite you to declare your faith through baptism.

Baptism is an extraordinary act of obedience, a public proclamation of your unwavering belief in Jesus as your Lord and Savior and an opportunity to affirm your commitment to following His teachings and surrendering your life to His divine will.

Our next baptism will take place on Sunday, September 10 at the 10:00 a.m. service and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

If you would like to be baptized, plan to attend the baptism class on Sunday, August 13 following service or visit www.southparkchurch.org/baptism.



MOPPET WORKERS NEEDED

Wednesdays, 9:15 - 11:15 am
beginning in September

Do you have a heart to help moms with young children get a well deserved break and connect with other moms?
You can help!
MOPPET childcare workers are needed for Wednesday mornings starting in September.

Contact Taryn at tarynsoske@gmail.com for more information.

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MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

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South Park Church
1330 Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/MOPS

Register today!



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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 www.southparkchurch.org/info.


Info Hub 

www.southparkchurch.org/info


 @southparkchurch  @southparkchurch [Learn more](#)

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

 Listen On **Spotify** @southparkchurch_parkridge

Scan the QR to subscribe to our South Park Church Worship Playlists!



South Park Church Worship

#	Track Name	Artist	Release Date	Duration
1	Goodness of God - Live	Colin Hanks	8 months ago	4:08
2	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 2, 2020	6:46
3	If You Belie	South Park Church	Apr 7, 2020	3:13
4	Jesus Already Hear Her	LifeWay	Apr 7, 2020	4:28
5	Peace On The Lord	Peace On The Lord	Apr 7, 2020	4:16
6	The Worshiper's Prayer Book - Live / O Co...	The Worshiper's Prayer Book - Live / O Co...	Apr 7, 2020	6:47
7	God Is Love	LifeWay	Apr 7, 2020	4:16
8	Celebrating	Celebrating - All Things to God	Apr 7, 2020	4:18

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!

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

Please pray that our team of students and leaders will remain filled with God's joy and blessing as they faithfully stewarded their gifts to serve the campers with disabilities at Camp Barnabas this past week.

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, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

The Growth Choice
Matthew 5:1-12

Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to KNOW God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

1. _____ a daily time with God.

John 15:5, 1 John 2:28

2. _____ my mind with Scripture.

Matthew 4:4, James 1:25

3. _____ on my goal, not my hurts.

Phil 3:12-14, 2 Cor. 5:17

4. _____ and forsake my failures.

Pr. 28:13, 1 Cor. 11:31

5. _____ temptation, not fear it.

Hebrews 4:15

6. _____ an ongoing support group.

James 5:16, Hebrews 10:25

7. _____ Christ to the finish line.

Phil 1:6, Gal 1:9

DIGGING DEEPER

1. When you look at “the plan” for continued growth, what areas do you already have in place? And which ones do you need to work towards?

2. When you find yourself struggling with sin, how long does it take you to confess it to God...and to others? Are there things you could be doing to shorten that time?

3. Are there any situations or relationships that cause you to struggle (i.e. increase your level of temptation)? What choices/changes could you make to flee that temptation?

4. Are you already a part of a small group? If not, what’s preventing you from finding that kind of prayer/encouragement? If you do have a group, are you openly/honestly sharing your struggles for prayer?