



LIFE'S HEALING
CHOICES



SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

July 23, 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*).



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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 24

Multi-Purpose Room, 11:30 a.m.

Want to know how we are growing and where we are going as a church? Come to the congregational meeting to find out! We will also vote on new elected leaders and welcome new church members! Everyone is invited and childcare will be provided for ages 0-5. Please pre-register your kids for childcare so we can plan for volunteers by [clicking here](#).



MOPPET WORKERS NEEDED

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

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

Do you have a heart to help moms
with young children
get a well deserved break and
connect with other moms?
You can help!
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MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Wednesdays
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South Park Church
1330 Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

WWW.SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG/MOPS

Register today!



MOPS meets every other Wednesday from September through May at 9:15-11:15 am Childcare is available. For more info and to register, click on the image or visit www.southparkchurch.org/info.



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OPEN SHARE GROUPS
following the service

Men - RM 116 Women - RM 120

Teen Boys - RM 318 Teen Girls - RM 320

We hope you were able to process this series through the Open Share groups that took place following service each week. Today is the last day of these Open Share groups. If you would like to continue processing, we invite you to Celebrate Recovery on Monday nights at 7 p.m. or let us know you are interested in joining a small group by visiting our website at www.southparkchurch.org/small-groups.

Info Hub

www.southparkchurch.org/info

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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

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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 7, 2020	3:46
3	If You Belie	South Park Church	Apr 7, 2020	3:13
4	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 7, 2020	4:28
5	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 7, 2020	4:10
6	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 7, 2020	3:47
7	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 7, 2020	4:10
8	How Good is Your God?	How Good is Your God?	Apr 7, 2020	4:10

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 an 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 for Dave Wolfe who is undergoing extensive testing to determine the cause of his frequent falls. Please pray that the testing will provide clarity for Dave's medical team, that recent injuries will fully heal, and that Dave will be protected from further injuries.

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: Rich Schreiber, Doug Volden, our Outreach Partners in Ukraine, Catherine Hankins, Dawn Phillips, Kathy Palansky

The Sharing Choice
Matthew 5:1-12

Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

What can I share to help others...

1. How pain got _____

a. Pr. 20:30, 1 Kings 17

b. Paul - 2 Cor. 6:11, Gal. 6:5, 1 Tim. 1:15, Rom. 7:18-19 & 2 Cor. 12:20

2. What I learned in _____

a. Depend on _____

2 Cor. 1:8-10

b. Follow _____

Ps. 119:71-72

c. I need _____

Ecc. 4:9-10, 1 Cor. 11:11

3. How God can bring good _____

Rom. 8:28

4. Jesus gives me the hope I need _____

1 Pet. 3:15

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Have you ever received comfort from another person who had gone through an experience like the one you were going through? What was that like?
2. Reflect back on your week four, the house-cleaning choice, to remember all the experiences that have significantly impacted your life. Make a list of what you learned through those experiences.
3. Who do you know, currently in a difficult situation, that may need to hear your story? How could you spend time with them?
4. The Bible teaches us that “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 Cor. 5:17) Reflecting back over the last eight weeks of our series, what evidence are you seeing of this truth in your life? What encouragement can you draw from the changes you’ve already experienced?