

July 30, 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).



MONDAYS at 7 PM

If you have ever been hurt or struggled with a bad habit or debilitating hang-up...in other words, if you are human...Celebrate Recovery is for YOU! CR is a 12-Step Recovery Program based on our only Higher Power, Jesus Christ. Did you know – only 1/4 of Celebrate Recovery participants struggle with drugs, alcohol, or sexual addictions? Most of us at CR are battling with the issues of codependency, broken and dysfunctional relationships, depression, anxiety, guilt, anger, grief, need to control, shopping, gambling or food addictions, abuse, and the list goes on. In Jesus Christ, there is Hope and Life, and you will learn how to find these at Celebrate Recovery!

A typical Celebrate Recovery meeting includes:

7:00 p.m. – Large Group meeting

8:00 p.m. – Open Share small groups

8:30 p.m. – Cross-Talk Café fellowship

The Large Group meeting is open to anyone, anytime! It's designed to connect us with our one and only Higher Power, Jesus Christ, and our recovery family through prayer, singing, and hearing a testimony or teaching from the CR curriculum.

The Open Share small group meets immediately after the Large Group meeting. This is a safe place where we can talk about our struggles and receive support in gender-specific groups. After you've attended Celebrate Recovery for a while, you will want to join a Step Study. The Step Study is

where participants delve deeper to learn practical tools which help them identify and reject old patterns of dysfunction and, instead, live in true hope and freedom TODAY! Step Studies take place on a different night of the week than Large Group/Open Share and usually run for 9-10 months in small groups.

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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.



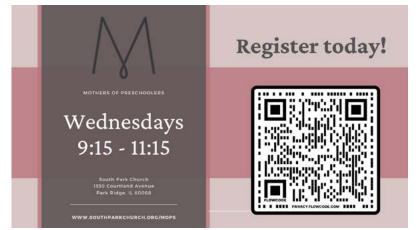
Congregational Meeting

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 <u>clicking here.</u>



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



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 <u>www.southparkchurch.org/info</u>.



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



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



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 Rich Schreiber who is in a rehab facility following a hospital stay and surgery. Please pray that Rich will increase in strength and ability each day through nursing care, physical rehab, and the care of his Heavenly Father.

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