



LIFE'S HEALING
CHOICES



July 9, 2023



Welcome!

SOUTH  PARK
CHURCH

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.



Sunday Morning Prayer

Each Sunday at 9 a.m.
Fellowship Hall & Zoom

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

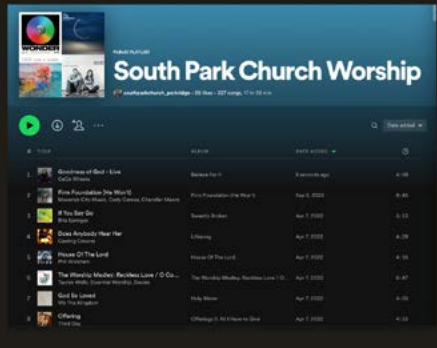
[Click here for the link to the zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0226 6783 Password: 807766



@southparkchurch_parkridge

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



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 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!



FLOWCODE
PRIVACY FLOWCODE.COM

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

GIVING UPDATE

6/25/2023 Year To Date Giving

Budgeted Giving Year To Date	\$626,000
Actual Giving Year To Date	\$502,228
Last Year Actual Giving Year To Date	\$491,186

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 for our team of students and leaders who will be serving at Camp Barnabas from July 8th through July 14th. Pray for safe travels, for the team's health to remain strong, and for God to fill each team member with His strength and joy as they care for the campers with disabilities.

Let's praise God again for our VBS week! Kids and volunteers grew in their knowledge of and love for Jesus through the worship, drama, games, and small group time. We pivoted to keep kids safe due to the air quality concerns and joy filled our church each day.

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 Relationship Choice Matthew 5:1-12

I evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

1. Because I have been _____, I can _____

Mt 18:23-35; Lk 15:11-31 & Ps 103:1

2. The _____ become the _____

Mt 18:35; 5:7, 6:14-15; Mk 11:25; Lk 6:37 & James 2:13

How can I become a forgiver?

1. _____ it to the cross

Col 2:14

2. _____ today

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Are there any people in your past who have hurt you... anyone you need to extend forgiveness to? Consider using a journal to prayerfully work through - each person's name/relationship, what they said or did that hurt you and how that hurt made you feel.
2. Is there anyone on your list who is difficult for you to forgive? Why is that?
3. How will it affect you if you forgive them? How will it affect you if you don't?
4. Are there people in your past whom you have hurt... anyone you may need to make amends? Consider using a journal to prayerfully work through - each person's name/relationship, what you said or did to hurt that person, how you think you made this person feel, why you are sorry for hurting them.
5. What is the first step you can take toward making things right?