

Welcome to South Park Church

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We Follow Jesus By...

Being with Him
Becoming like Him
Doing what He did

*Check out some of our upcoming events below
and on our InfoHub at southparkchurch.org/info*

Serving Hands Ministry Community Service

Saturday, September 26th, 9 am–12 pm or 12 pm–3 pm

Join the Center of Concern's Community Service day for their Senior clients & share Christ's love! Outdoor chores, weeding, window washing. Help seniors live independently in their homes. Volunteer with your family, friends, or small group! All supplies & tools will be provided. Register at centerofconcern.org/service

Kickoff Sunday - One Service!

Sunday, September 13th, 9 am

Join us on Sunday, September 13 as we kick off a new ministry year together! We'll gather for one worship service at 9:00 a.m., followed by a church picnic filled with good food, great fellowship, and a chance to reconnect as we look ahead to all God has in store this fall.

King's Kids Christmas Musical

All Aboard the Christmas Express! Calling all kids in 2nd–6th grade! Hop aboard for a fun-filled Christmas Musical adventure as we sing, act, dance, laugh, and discover the true meaning of Christmas together. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 20, 4:00–5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Performance: Sunday, Nov. 15 at 4:00 pm Hop on board!

Rooted Small Groups Now Forming

"Rooted" is an eleven-week experience for all of us—long-time Christians and brand new believers—with daily readings, personal application questions, and a weekly small group gathering. Connect on a deeper level with God and others. Register today on the InfoHub!

SERMON NOTES

September 6, 2026

Family Resemblance: Reflecting the Character of Jesus

Luke 22:47-54

Bucky Hempen, Senior Pastor

1. Gentleness tells the truth without attacking (vs. 47-48)
 - a. We don't have to pretend everything's okay to respond like Jesus
2. Gentleness chooses healing over wounding (vs. 49-51)
 - a. Having the power to hurt someone doesn't mean I have to use it
3. Gentleness trusts the Father with the outcome (vs. 52-54)
 - a. I can surrender my need to control what happens next

DIGGING DEEPER

1. When conflict happens, what is your natural instinct: avoid it, fix it, fight back, withdraw, prove your point, something else? Where do you think that response comes from?
2. Jesus was able to tell Judas the truth without attacking him. How easy or difficult is it for you to tell someone, "That hurt me" or "That's not okay"? What makes that difficult for you?
3. When you've been hurt, what "sword" are you most tempted to reach for—anger, words, sarcasm, silence, withdrawal, something else? What effect does that usually have on the people closest to you?
4. Jesus had the power to change what was happening in the garden, but He trusted the Father with the outcome. Where in your life right now is it difficult to trust God enough to release your need to control the outcome?