

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Nobody should have to explore their faith alone. Southeast provides relational environments where you can find Jesus, community, and purpose.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a small group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, stop by the Connections Studio located just inside the main entrance. You may also send an email to connect@southeastcc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the website or stop by the Connections Studio in the lobby for more information.

City Youth Group

No City this week; Happy Thanksgiving!
southeastcc.org/students

Dec 4 | Worship: Choir Newbie Night

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Dec 12 | Women: The Gathering

southeastcc.org/women

Dec 15 | Adults 55+: Christmas Dinner Theater

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Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

12 PM, 1:30 PM, 3 PM, 4:30 PM, & 6 PM

Jan 12 | Connections Class

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NOTES: WORSHIP AS WARFARE

Exodus 7:16–18 New International Version (NIV)

Then say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. This is what the Lord says: By this you will know that I am the Lord: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.”

See also: Exodus 8:1–2; 8:20–21; 9:1–4; 9:13–14; 10:3–4; 15:19–21

Romans 12:1 English Standard Version (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Spiritual: λογικὴν (*logikein*) — logic, obviously logical. This is the only place in the Bible where this cognate is used.

Worship: λατρείαν (*latreian*) — service, divine service. See also: John 16:2; Romans 9:4; Hebrews 9:1, 6

It is unique to Christianity that we can perform these acts on another’s behalf.

Islamic Shayk

Ibn Qudamah, Sunni religious mystic who lived AD 1147–1223: “The visible acts of worship such as prayer, fasting, purifying oneself (wudoo’) cannot be delegated to others because they have to do with the body of the person who is obliged to do them, so no one else can take his place, except in the case of a vowed fast, which a person may do on behalf of one who has died, but this cannot be done by way of delegation.”

1 Timothy 2:1 English Standard Version (ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

Jeremiah 27:18 English Standard Version (ESV)

If they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is with them, then let them intercede with the Lord of hosts, that the vessels that are left in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem may not go to Babylon.

- Abraham interceded for Sodom
- Moses interceded for the children of Israel in the desert
- The priests intercede for the people

1. Our worship changes us, and others are blessed.

Matthew 13:31–32 English Standard Version (ESV)

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

When God works in the world, everyone is blessed—even those who weren’t worshipping.

