

## **Who tore down the church in SouthPark?**

To better serve and be present in the SouthPark community, the congregation of Sharon United Methodist Church decided not only to change its name to SouthPark Church, but also to tear down its iconic building in order to redevelop their 7-acre property into a mixed-used development. This new modern campus will create a place where people can live, work, shop, eat, enjoy the arts and worship. Anchoring the development will be the new home of SouthPark Church, launching the 'Love SouthPark' initiative, a project to create a place where the church and community intersect. SouthPark Church believes that love transforms, and they want to be present in their SouthPark community in big ways. The Love SouthPark initiative and Church exists because of the life transformations found in Jesus Christ, and they believe this project will empower their mission to be the spiritual crossroads of SouthPark. For many years the church has been in a Dream Big phase, but it is excited to announce the construction on the project as begun.

## **A TRULY UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT**

The development will be called Apex SouthPark, and is located in the heart of SouthPark, across the street from SouthPark Mall, the major luxury shopping destination between Atlanta and Washington, DC. The SouthPark community is home to several Fortune 500 headquarters and currently has thousands of apartment units and several multi-occupancy projects. "Apex SouthPark will deliver an exciting urban experience that we believe will address the increasingly sophisticated demands of the SouthPark market. We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with Ascentris and SouthPark Church on this innovative project", said David Haggart, Retail Division Partner at Childress Klein.

## **WHERE THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY INTERSECT**

Having served the community for 50 years, the church felt led to love and to serve the ever-changing, dynamic SouthPark community in a more dynamic way. In order to do this, the church relaunched with a new name and a new mission. To use the property to its full potential, God instilled a vision in the congregation to give up the current iconic building and to take on the Love SouthPark initiative. Love SouthPark creates a place for the church and community to intersect, leading people into the rich life found in Jesus Christ.

## **A NEW KIND OF CHURCH**

To live out the vision to be the spiritual crossroads of SouthPark and take on this project of a mixed-used development, SouthPark Church has brought in real estate company partners Childress Klein and Ascentris. The development will consist of 345 apartment units and 88,000 square feet of ground floor retail that will be located in two 12-story towers. The property will also feature a 175-room hotel with a rooftop restaurant and bar. A shared six-level parking structure will serve the entire property. At the center of the development will be SouthPark Church's new worship center. SouthPark Church is excited to interact with the community 24-7, leading people into the rich life found in Jesus Christ. While the new Apex development is being built, SouthPark Church will continue to meet in Regal Phillips Place Stadium 10 cinemas on Sunday mornings for traditional worship at 9:00am and modern worship at 10:30am. Learn more at [SouthParkChurch.com](http://SouthParkChurch.com).

**Read Childress Klein's Press Release Here: [Ascentris and Childress Klein Partner to Develop Apex SouthPark, an Iconic \\$185M Multi-Family and Retail Property Located in Charlotte, NC.](#)**