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## South Bay Bible Church Announces New Sermon Series “Enormous Church: How Church is Supposed to Be”

Starting Sunday, July 15, South Bay Bible Church will begin a new sermon series entitled “Enormous Church: How Church is Supposed to Be.” What comes to mind when one thinks about church may be quite different than the multiplying, multicultural gathering of people who came together around a single belief in the first century.

EAST MORICHES, NY –Two thousand years ago, a gathering of people in a middle-eastern city began a movement that would circle the globe and leave its mark on individuals and cultures on every continent. This movement would eventually become known as The Church.

South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Highway, East Moriches, is pleased to announce the start of *Enormous Church: How Church is Supposed to Be* on Sunday, July 15, at 9:00 & 11:00. The church is a movement. And it’s still moving.



Whether you consider yourself a church person or not, you are invited to join us in this seven-part series, Enormous Church, as Pastor Hawley brings life to the story of the earliest gatherings of Christians.

1. **Day One** – July 15: The church was born as a movement. It’s still moving. What comes to mind when you hear the word "church"? In the first century, they didn't think building, rows, pews, robes, hymnals, bands, or liturgy because they had none of that. Church was simply a multiplying, multicultural gathering of people who came together around one belief: Jesus is the risen Christ, the Savior of the world, the son of the living God.
2. **Enormous Prayers** – July 22: Small prayers are for small churches. How we pray is an indication of if we’ve strayed. If God answered all the prayers you prayed last year, would there be much of a difference in the lives of anyone other than you and your family? The first century church prayed big, bold, brave, and broad prayers that at times got them into some trouble.
3. **Enormous & Bold** – July 29: Why can’t Christians just leave people alone? Good news, most Christians do just that. If Christians had been doing what we’re supposed to, things would be much different. But, we got busy. We got distracted. We got safe. Don't be an undercover Christian. Don't be a secret Christian any longer.
4. **Enormous Audience** – August 5: The message of the church is a message for the world. The message for the world is Christ died for our sins. He was buried. He was raised, and He appeared. That's the message the first century church gave their lives for.

5. **Enormous Drift** – August 12: We have to work hard not to be a church where grace and truth conflict, but coexist. Let's be more concerned with who we are reaching rather than just who we are keeping. Let's always err on the side of grace. Let's remain openhanded. Let's follow what James, the brother of Jesus said and not make it difficult for those who are turning to God.
6. **Enormous Answers** – August 19: Does the church matter? Yes. We are stewards of the message of eternal life. And we are stewards of the message of a better life. What if suddenly all the teaching and ideas the church promotes and values vanished from society? What would the world look like? No value for human life. No grace. No forgiveness. No generosity. No sanctity of marriage. No sexual purity. No love! Think about the world without the church.
7. **Enormous Opportunity** – August 26: Enable us to speak your word with great boldness. Let's be bold with our invitations. Let's be bold with our volunteering. Let's be bold with our giving. Let's be bold with our prayers. Let's be bold with our love!

As a non-denominational Christian church, South Bay Bible Church was started in 2006 with the mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The church is dedicated to creating environments where people are encouraged to pursue intimacy with God, community with insiders, and influence with outsiders.

To find out more about South Bay Bible Church and their upcoming events, please visit [southbaychurchli.org](http://southbaychurchli.org).

About South Bay Bible Church: South Bay Bible Church is a non-denominational Christian church known for Biblical messages applicable to everyday life. The church meets at 578 Montauk Highway in East Moriches, NY. The church's mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our service schedule includes two convenient times: Sunday morning 9:00 and 11:00, and online anytime. A nursery and children's church are available. For more information, go to [southbaychurchli.org](http://southbaychurchli.org), call (631) 909-8241, Facebook, or Twitter @sbbcli.

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