

# this week

## Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:00-9:30 a.m. Library Open  
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:15 p.m. Discover South Tulsa Class  
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Committee Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision,  
 Mixed Ensemble  
 5:00 p.m. Student Ice Skating, Ladies Ensemble  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

## Monday, December 4

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

## Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 1:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Sewing Group

## Wednesday, December 6

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes, Children's  
 Handbells  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, ESL  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship  
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 7

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 4:00 p.m. Kingdom Builders Christmas Fellowship  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, December 8

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 11:00 a.m. Women in Recovery Lunch  
 6:00 p.m. Student's Snow Ball

## Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 6, 2017

*Italian baked chicken, rice, vegetable, roll,  
 dessert, and beverage.*

**Adults \$5, children \$3.50, family max \$18.**

Please call the church office, 918-299-0904 to  
 make your reservations by Tuesday at noon.

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 Good News about  
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 around the world

## more

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** - Celebrate Christmas with the church family and bless our students going on the Belize Mission Trip over Spring Break. The best part is you don't have to bring a thing! Enjoy a wonderful meal - smoked ham, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, rolls, and cherry crisp or apple cranberry crisp! Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. Join us immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

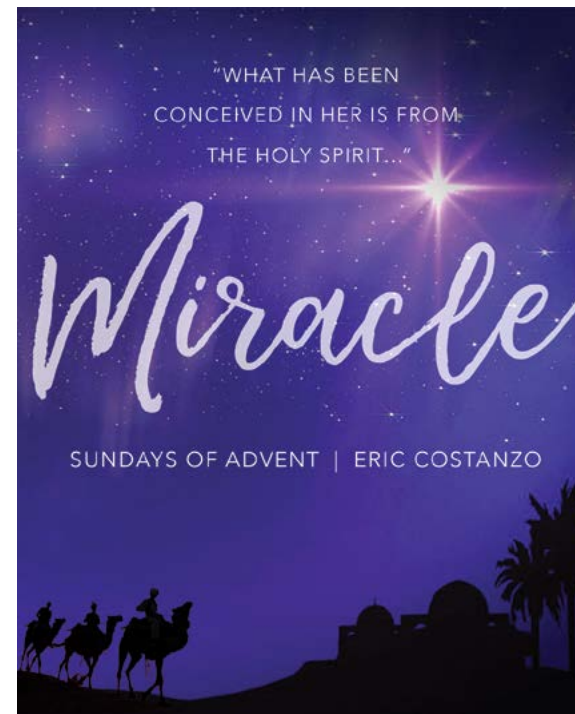
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTIES** - December 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. \*There will be no Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells or Youth Choir. There will be no Children's or Youth Choir rehearsals December 20, 27 or January 3. Children's Choirs will resume on January 10, 2018.

**SUNDAY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER** - All five Sundays will follow our regular schedule: 8:30 Worship, 9:40 Bible Study and 10:50 Worship.

**DISCOVER SOUTH TULSA CLASS - TODAY** - If you are a recent new member or have been visiting and would like more information about South Tulsa Baptist Church, please join us today from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served.

**PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY** - *2 Timothy - A Study in Discipleship* will be on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning January 8, (13 lessons). *2 Peter - How to be Kept From Falling* will be on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning January 4, (8 lessons). Contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

*(For more information about upcoming events please go to southtulsa.org)*



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## 8:30AM Worship

*The Solid Rock*  
*I Got Saved*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Dru Finley  
*This I Believe*  
**Lighting of Advent Candle** Pace Family  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Bill Harrington  
**Message** Matthew 1:18-21  
**Response** *O Praise the Name*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
**Family Dedication** Hunter Brown  
*In the Manger* Ladies Ensemble  
**Welcome to Our Guests** Matt Wolff  
**Greeting One Another**  
*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
**Lighting of Advent Candle** Jones Family  
**Choral Worship**  
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
*Emmanuel*  
**Giving** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
 Cynthia Briscoe and Carol Ross  
**Scripture Reading** Bill Harrington  
**Message** Matthew 1:18-21  
**Response** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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# A Season of Generosity

Pastor Eric Costanzo

During this Advent Season, what would it look like for all us to take our generosity to another level?

In October, I challenged all of us to tithe - which means to give 10% of our total family income - to the church for 90 days. I would love to hear from YOU about how this commitment is going. If you have not yet begun to tithe, I encourage you to start now. It might seem like a risk, but we have no reason to fear. God is faithful!

In addition, here are some great ways to give generously above your regular tithes and offerings in order to support our church, our ministries, and our mission partnerships around the world.

1.) Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions - Our church has set an ambitious goal of \$100,000 to support the International Mission Board of the SBC and their work around the world.

2.) A New Day at South Tulsa - We are on pace to pay off our existing church debt by the end of next year, if not before. Giving generously to A New Day helps us get closer to a new financial freedom.

3.) The Ministry Center - At our Ministry Center just west of downtown Tulsa, we seek to meet physical and tangible needs for the purpose of meeting spiritual needs. We provide assistance and spiritual care to those struggling with poverty and homelessness, but to do so in healthy ways that seek to offer a hand up instead of a hand out.

To give to any of these wonderful ministries of our church, simply mark your additional gifts to any of these designated ministries. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

P.S. - Since December is my birthday month, I encourage you to also check out my Birthday and Christmas Wish List at <http://ericcostanzo.me>.

# Christmas Eve Service with the Lord's Supper 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24

The Children's and Youth Choirs present

## Come to the Manger

**Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.**

Rehearsal Schedule on December 10:

4:30-4:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, Worship Center

4:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells, Worship Center

5:00-5:15 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes, Worship Center

5:15-5:30 p.m. Children's Speaking Parts, Worship Center

5:30 p.m. All Children's & Youth Choirs meet in choir rooms

6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Choirs present *Come to the Manger*, Worship Center

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS  
YOUTH CHOIR  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHIMES  
CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS  
YOUTH HANDBELLS

**Come to the Manger**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
6:00 p.m. Worship Center

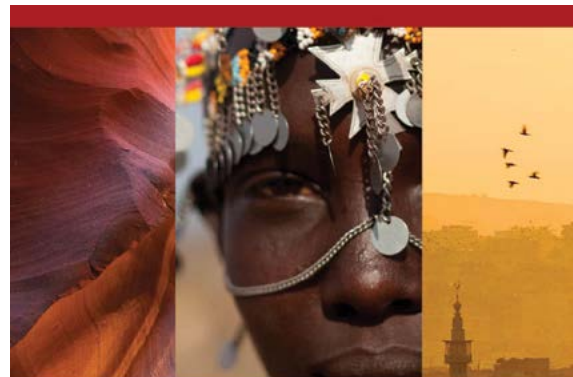


# Ornaments 4 Orphans

Ornaments 4 Orphans' mission is to empower indigenous artisans through fair trade practices, invest in the holistic care of orphaned children through our partners, and provide their customers with an opportunity to purchase beautiful, handmade items that bless others. When you purchase products from Ornaments 4 Orphans, you can be certain that you have made a difference in the lives of the men, women, and children where Ornaments 4 Orphans is present. **Ornaments are on sale now near the Preschool Welcome Center.**

## DaySpring Villa

December is our month to collect items for DaySpring Villa. DaySpring is a faith based certified shelter for women suffering under domestic violence or human sex trafficking. Items needed this month: sugar, canned green beans and canned fruit, Styrofoam plates (large and small), and Styrofoam bowls, plastic spoons, boxed cereal, and liquid laundry detergent. You can learn more about DaySpring here: [dayspringvilla.com](http://dayspringvilla.com).



This is what we were created for.  
DAVID PLATT, IMB PRESIDENT



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\*  
[imb.org/lmco](http://imb.org/lmco)  
**OUR GOAL: \$100,000**

# Candidate for Minister to Families with Children

The selection committee is pleased to announce Rebecca Lee as the candidate for Minister to Families with Children. She will be coming in view of a call Sunday, December 17.

Rebecca Lee, daughter of David and Kara Lee, began attending South Tulsa Baptist Church with her family in 2003 when she was



in the first grade. It was during her time in the South Tulsa Children's Ministry that she came to trust the Lord as her savior. Throughout her youth years, she was an active volunteer for the children's summer activities and it was during those years she discovered her passion for working with kids and their families. After graduating from Broken Arrow High School, Rebecca attended Oklahoma Baptist University studying Family and Community Service and interned for South Tulsa over the summers. She plans to continue her formal education by pursuing her Masters in Children's Ministry through Dallas Baptist University's distance learning program.

A meet and greet for families with children is scheduled for **Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.** in our Children's area - D268-D269. Make plans to bring your children, eat pizza, and get better acquainted with Rebecca.

We will vote to call Rebecca as our Minister to Families with Children directly after our 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 17.

## Christmas Snow Ball

Our Student Ministry will enjoy their Christmas Snow Ball on Friday, December 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Commons.

# last week

## GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . 1,590,351  
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . . 1,321,166  
General Fund . . . . . 41,189  
A New Day at South Tulsa . . . . . 7,919

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . . 442  
Students . . . . . 75  
Children . . . . . 80  
Preschool . . . . . 69  
Unclassified . . . . . 10  
Total . . . . . 676

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 209

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . . 24  
People Helped . . . . . 190

## WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . . 3,939  
(U.S. 2,522; 12 Retirement Centers with 156; International 1,261)  
ON DEMAND Views. . . . . 852  
(U.S. 568; International 284)

## NEW MEMBERS

Larry & Marcia Wolfe . . . . . by statement  
Maci Pate . . . . . by baptism

## MINISTRY STAFF

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**ON THE COVER**  
Christmas Dinner Theater  
"A Prefect Christmas"