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# the channel



# When We Disagree

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

A friend asked me: “How do we possibly argue for biblical truth with all of the contentious issues in our world today?”

My answer: “However we do it, we must do it with humility.”

We live in a culture that thrives on inflated opinions, disagreements, and conflicts. No genre of discussion is immune — politics, current events, sports, historical interpretation, entertainment, and yes, of course, matters of faith. We like to think that most of our strongly held opinions are about really important issues. In reality, though, our opinions about issues are often not about the issues at all. They are actually opinions about others. Issues don’t make us angry; the people involved in the issues are what really raise our blood pressure.

**Philip Jakob Spener** is known as the “Father of German Pietism.” The Pietists of the 17th century sought to reform the Lutheran church amidst theological, moral, social, and political corruption, which often led to controversy and disagreement. For Spener, what was of the utmost importance was that believers



Philip Jakob Spener (AD 1635-1705)

found ways to disagree with humility, grace, and mercy towards each other and those outside the church as well. In his short, yet brilliant work *Pia Desideria* (c. 1675), Spener expounded on Jude 20-23, which says:

***But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.*** (Jude 20-23 ESV)

From this text, Spener offered five ways believers ought to learn to disagree with others — whether with believers or unbelievers:

1. **Pray** for those who are “in error.” Pray that God might bring them to a fuller knowledge of His truth.
2. Be a good **example** for them. We should do our best to leave them with conviction and not offense.
3. Present your arguments firmly, but always with **humility**, modesty, and decency. Do so out of heartfelt love and concern for them and their paths...We should always avoid personal attacks or accusations, for they will only tear down all of the good we have in mind to build.”
4. Offer clear expressions of “**heartfelt love**” in our speech and actions towards those to whom you are opposed. We should always “demonstrate that we consider such people to be our neighbors (just as the Samaritan was represented by Christ in Luke 10:29-37 as the neighbor of the injured man.”

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**The Channel**  
Wednesday

**Messenger Wrap**  
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Tuesday

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5. Hold to a strong desire for **unity** among all confessing Christian brothers and sisters. *Remember:* "True unity that is blessed by God will not be achieved by intense arguments, but 'by true repentance and holiness of life.'"

If we truly want to earn the attention of those with whom we disagree, our opinions and arguments should include clear evidences of truth, to be sure. They should also include clear evidence of our care and respect for the other person.

## Getting to Know You

The STBC Deacon Body invites the widows and widowers of our congregation to join them for a brief Meet and Greet fellowship in the Fellowship Hall TODAY immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service. There will be cookies served. It will be a great way for us to get to know each other better. See you there!

## GriefShare

If you've experienced the death of a loved one, GriefShare is here for you. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the STBC Conference Room. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Mary Jane Howarth at 918-749-0826.

# the scorecard



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## Church in Action

### Giving

Ministry Financial Plan ...	3,721,640
Actual MFP Receipts .....	3,512,935
General Fund .....	63,180
Building Fund .....	1,560

### Sunday Bible Study

Adults .....	529
Youth .....	54
Children .....	82
Preschool .....	103
Unclassified .....	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>778</b>

### Weekday Bible Studies .....

*Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's*

### Music & Worship .....

*Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Praise Team*

### Stephen Ministry

Care Receivers .....	10
Care Givers .....	25

### GriefShare *afternoon - evening*

Participants .....	5 - 6
Facilitators .....	4 - 4

### Early Learning Program .....

## Church on Mission

### Jail Ministry

Prayed to Receive Christ .....	8
Bibles Distributed .....	24
Quarterlies Distributed .....	77
<b>Tract Ministry .....</b>	<b>300</b>

### The Ministry Center

Volunteers .....	23
People Helped .....	299
Medical Clinic .....	10
Salvations .....	2

### Worship Service Online

#### LIVE Views .....

*(U.S. 2,783; International 1,270)*

@ Legend at Mingo Road .....	21
@ Brookdale Broken Arrow .....	5
@ Autumn Leaves .....	11
@ Prairie Rose .....	11
@ Clare Bridge .....	22
@ The Arbors .....	4
@ Burgundy Place .....	7
@ Legend at Tulsa Hills .....	19
@ Storey Oaks .....	19
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>4,172</b>

#### ON DEMAND Views .....

*(U.S. 805; International 368)*

Cities Represented .....	26
<i>Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Bristol, Dallas, San Antonio, Denver, Eden Prairie, St. Louis, Bartlesville, Duluth, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Moore, Oklahoma City, San Francisco, Spring, Las Vegas, Sapulpa, Marshfield, Annapolis, Brownsville, Calgary, Watauga, and Woodlake</i>	

For more information about these ministries and how you can be involved, check out our online scorecard at [www.southtulsa.org](http://www.southtulsa.org).

## please pray for...

Jessie Adams  
Breanna Allen  
Keely Archer  
Jacqueline Arterburn  
Kathy Austin  
Jannelle Babb  
**Larry & Karen Baker's  
Daughter's Family**  
Bob Ball  
Sharon Barnett  
William Bass  
Mary Baucam  
Clark Bolding  
Holly Bowlby  
Hazel Browning  
Don Burris  
Karen Byrd  
Pam Campbell  
Gary Chapman  
Delores Chapman  
Howard Chapman  
Kathleen Cleary  
Jacob Chesnut  
Kaye Cole  
Chris Crabtree  
Bernice Cuaderes  
Jim Davis  
Ashlyn Dirteater  
Joy Disler  
Craig Donnelly  
Annabelle Doolin  
Michelle Dudley's  
Mother, Ann  
Betty Dugger  
Kelsey Easterwood  
Ann Eldridge  
David Eldridge  
Tammy Ezell  
Lane & Evie Fleming  
Freya & Lennox Foster  
**Vicki Franks**  
**Jordan Greenway**  
Breydon Hammer  
Ron Harvey  
Sonja Harvey  
Gene Hatfield  
Ginny Hensley's mom  
**Carol Herman**  
**Richard Herman**  
Steve Herman Family  
Faye Hicks  
Kaden Howard  
Patricia Howard  
David Hubbard  
Katherine Johnson  
Tonya Johnson  
Josh Jordan  
Rachel Key  
Beverly Kieffer  
Regina Kring  
Bonnie Latshaw  
Mildred Lawson  
Erik Lazdins

Betty Little  
Marsha Mabry's Dad  
Mike Malone  
Rozetta Marple  
Claire Marquardt  
Maria Martin  
**Geraldine McCoy**  
Doug McFarlin  
Alicia McLaughlin  
Cathy Meares  
Gary Meece  
Greg Moran  
Elizabeth Moses  
Orvalyn Murphy  
Mike Nelson  
Naedene Neumeyer  
Jackie Newman  
Monica Oliva  
Roger Peacock  
John Peterson  
Laura Platt  
Heather Priddy  
Jon Randall  
Joyce Robertson  
Shechem Romoser  
Bob Ross  
Dylan Rowe  
Gary & Shirley Ryan  
**Clay Sanderlin**  
Mary Jo Sanders  
Barbara Shores  
Logan Short  
Frank Sims  
J.T. Smith  
Judy Smith  
Temple Smith Family  
**Sharolyn Sorrels**  
Mark Thompson  
Kelsey Thrasher  
Annie Thurber  
Jason Toomey  
Becky Tuttle  
John Vick  
Perri Voge  
Danny Wasson  
Bill Weir  
Dominic (Wilkinson)  
Katie Wilkinson  
Elijah Wilkinson  
Ron Williams  
Dixie Woodard  
Arnold Zeller  
Charlene Zeller

*If you have a prayer request, an update or a change, please contact Carolyn in the church office at 918-299-0904 or carolyn@stbc.net.*

Owasso Baptist Children's Home

## Back-to-School Style Show & Brunch

**August 6, 10:30 a.m. | Renaissance Hotel**

Tickets are on sale for the Owasso Baptist Children's Home Brunch and Style Show. At the event, men and women alike will enjoy a delicious brunch and be entertained by our witty mistress of ceremonies, LeAnne Taylor, as we watch the children beam with excitement modeling their favorite outfit for school or church. South Tulsa Baptist has thirty tickets available. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from Carolyn Larkin in the office. Please pay in cash or write your check to STBC. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis and once they have been purchased no more will be available. All proceeds will benefit the children of our Owasso campus. Funds will be used for school and church clothes. Any funds raised beyond what is needed to purchase clothing will be used for other basic needs of the children. Over 1,400 people will attend this wonderful event at the Renaissance Hotel. If you have any questions contact Debbie Steen or Judy White.

## Secret Church Begins Tonight

**This Year's Topic: A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS**

**Sunday nights July - August at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym**

A multiplicity of religions exists in the world, all claiming to hold the truth (or at least some truth) about who we are, how we got here, what we're doing, and where we're going. Billions of people believe in Christianity, while others embrace Islam. Some are Hindu and others are Buddhist. Amidst it all, many are atheist, or at the very least agnostic.

- So how are we to think and what are we to do in this massive marketplace of religious ideas?
- Is there one right way to believe or are there many right ways to believe?
- Is there one right way to live or are there many right ways to live?
- Specifically, how does the gospel of Christ compare and contrast with other world religions?
- And if we believe this gospel, then how should we share it specifically with people of other faiths?
- For that matter, why would we share it specifically with people of other faiths?

During Secret Church, we will explore the claims of Christ in the gospel and consider how these claims inform the way we understand religions in the world and impact the way we live when surrounded by varied believers with diverse belief systems.

Download a study guide for your phone or tablet for free from our website. A printed study guide is available for \$5 and must be pre-ordered online at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) by July 6.



*Women's Ministry Summer Series*

## Bible Art Journaling

**Thursday: July 28 and August 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall - Ladies Only/No Child Care - No Fee

Ladies, we will do a new design for each workshop using colored pencils or watercolor paints in your own journaling Bible or art journal. Come and enjoy the fellowship as we work on our pages and learn together. Workshop Leader: Denise Curtiss. Please register online so we will know how many to plan on, and to receive the basic supplies list by email.

## Youth Pastor

Our youth pastor search and advisory committee has been finalized and will begin praying and assisting our pastor in the search immediately. The committee members are:

- All members of the Personnel Committee
- Rich Conrad
- Matt Mounger
- Benjamin Lee
- Emily Milton

# FirstSteps

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

## etc 8:30 July 10

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Debbie Steen</b>
Room 101	Bobby & Julie Rosene
Room 102	Brenda Negahban
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Erin or John Zimmerman
Room 109	Chris & Tesh Pace

## etc 10:45 July 10

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Lila Johnson</b>
Room 101	Karen & Mike Bean
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Georgeann Hiebert
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	David & Katrina Cottrell
Room 108	Jessica & Justin Roye
Room 109	Randy & Kay Watson
Room 114	Nathan & Amanda Reagan

## etc 8:30 July 17

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Debbie Steen</b>
Room 101	Marlene Carpenter, Lisa Hites
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Tranna Vandervort
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Vicky Findley
Room 109	Robin & Jill Curry

## etc 10:45 July 17

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Lila Johnson</b>
Room 101	Melva Payne, Laura Wagner
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Michelle Fountain
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Lynn & Bill Bryant
Room 108	Will & Melody Mosley
Room 109	Brad & Lisa Fuller
Room 114	Janis & Randy Roeber

# STAY CONNECTED

by Dru Finley

## Making a Difference

The Greatest generation is that group of people that deserves great applause from our nation, although they probably wouldn't accept it. Words that would best describe that generation include selfless and humble. The Greatest generation was the generation that in the midst of much turmoil and fear, put themselves at the back of the line in order to make sure that the whole of the nation triumphed. In other words, the people in that generation put other people first. In the midst of World War II these people sacrificed many creature comforts, unified as a nation, and joined in a combined effort to serve the common good of the war effort and the men who were fighting. They lived a life of putting others first and doing the little things in order to make a difference.

I was blessed to have grandparents that were a part of that generation. I have listened to many a story of how my grandfather willingly joined the military after Pearl Harbor as a young man in order to fight for his country. And, how my grandmother worked at the Douglas Aircraft Company plant in Oklahoma City making airplane parts when many of the men went to fight. That generation was willing to do whatever it took to make a difference.

Much can be learned from that generation. Because they kept the goal in sight and were willing to do the little things, they made a difference that reverberates through all of history. The world seems to be at a crossroads, and what we need now more than ever is to see a difference. The people that have the ability to make a real difference are the one's who know the only One with the power to bring change. The question is, are we willing to do whatever it takes in order to make the difference?

Now is the time. We are at a point where the world is being primed for either the return of Christ, or another great awakening. Either way, Christians must be willing to do the little things in order to prepare for either event. If we truly want to make a difference in our city, country and world, it starts with the little things that will bring transformation in our own lives. Often we think that making a difference is doing big things that a lot of people can see. But the reality is, that if we are not changed ourselves then we can't expect to generate change in others. If we are to make a difference, then others need to first be able to see the difference in us. And, if a difference is to be made in us, then we need to place our lives completely in the hands of the One who has the power to transform. Jesus sums it up best, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). A difference can be made when we daily abide in Him!

July 4 - July 10

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

~Philippians 4:6-7



July 11 - July 17

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

~Philippians 4:8

## LIFELINE STUDENT MINISTRY

### SECRET CHURCH: STARTS SUNDAY NIGHT JULY 10!

Don't miss this summer's Secret Church, Sunday nights in July and August. Dr. David Platt, President of the International Mission Board, will be teaching by video. Earlier in the year, Dr. Platt taught on the subject of a Global Gospel in a World of Religions. We are excited to hear!

### MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, HEADS UP!! JULY 22 POOL PARTY AT THE OSBORNE'S! SIGN UP NOW!

Upcoming 7th graders and those who just finished grades 7 and 8, we have some awesome events coming your way! Listen up, you'll want to put these on your calendar! On Friday the 22nd we will be having a pool party at the Osborne's. We will eat and have fun and fellowship. (Watch out! Mr. Osborne might make you do yard work ;) Please

let Hailey or the Osborne's know if you are interested in joining us!

### SUMMER 2016 HOUSE PARTIES! WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 6-8PM \*MEETING THIS WEEK!!!

It's time for house parties!! Each Wednesday we'll go to a different house, enjoy food (students bring pop or chips) and swim! We have worship and a lesson after we've hung out. This year the lessons will be led by our awesome interns! House parties are a great way to get to know people! Bus leaves the church at 6 and gets back at 8. Join us for fun and fellowship!

### SENIOR TRIP 2016: WHITE WATER RAFTING IN CANON CITY, CO! (July 25-28)

Seniors and upcoming seniors, get ready for an adventure of a lifetime! We are going white water rafting! We'll spend time bonding and making awesome memories before graduates get ready to head off to college. Cost is \$200. More info coming soon. Seniors, since space is limited we need you to let us know if you're interested in coming. Hope you are, it's going to be awesome! Contact the youth office for more information.

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Next week's scripture -

**July 11** Luke 9:37-50; 1 Thess. 2:1-9; Ps. 136; 1 Chron. 26-28.

**July 12** Luke 9:51-62; 1 Thess. 2:10-20; Ps. 137; 1 Chron. 29.

**July 13** Luke 10:1-16; 1 Thess. 3:1-6; Ps. 138; 2 Chron. 1-2.

**July 14** Luke 10:17-24; 1 Thess. 3:7-13; Ps. 139; 2 Chron. 3-5.

**July 15** Luke 10:25-37; 1 Thess. 4:1-10; Ps. 140; 2 Chron. 6-7.

**July 16** Luke 10:37-42; 1 Thess. 4:11-18; Ps. 141; 2 Chron. 8-9.

**July 17** Luke 11:1-13; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Ps. 142; 2 Chron. 10-12.

## Wednesday Dinner July 13, 2016

**Dinner Assistants:** Jana King, Greg Bayless, Wiley Dorrough, James Factor

**Menu:** Haystacks, dessert, and beverage.

### Dinner Reservations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00

# of children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.50

(Up to \$18.00 per family)

Please make this a standing reservation.

PLEASE make your reservations or cancellations by Tuesday at noon. Tear out this form and place in the offering plate or call the church office, 918-299-0904.

# A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
BEGINNING JULY 10, 2016

SECRET CHURCH  
KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.

**PARABLES**  
*Timeless Teachings of Jesus*

Dr. Eric Costanzo  
Sunday Sermons this Summer

## Summer Camp for Kids

July 18-21 Kid's Kamp

Kamp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. \$170



August 1-3 Day Camp

Day Camp for kids who have completed grades 1-2. \$75

Register online at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) or contact Connie Faurot, 918-299-0904 for more information.

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about Jesus in our community  
and around the world

### this week at stbc

#### Sunday, July 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Gathering
- 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. Morning Worship
- 12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
- 12:00 p.m. Deacon/Widows & Widowers Meet & Greet
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry leadership
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:00 p.m. Secret Church/Lord's Supper

#### Monday, July 11

- 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies Summer Book Club

#### Tuesday, July 12

- 6:45 a.m. FIT Men's Prayer Time
- 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer Session
- 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Lunch/Bible Study

#### Wednesday, July 13

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
- 1:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ladies Prayer
- 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. ZIP for Kids, Wisdom for Fathers, Wisdom for Mothers
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open

#### Thursday, July 14

- 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer Session

#### Friday, July 15

- 6:00 a.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ice Cream Social

#### Saturday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Safety & Security Awareness Training
- 5:30 p.m. FIT Father/Daughter Date Night