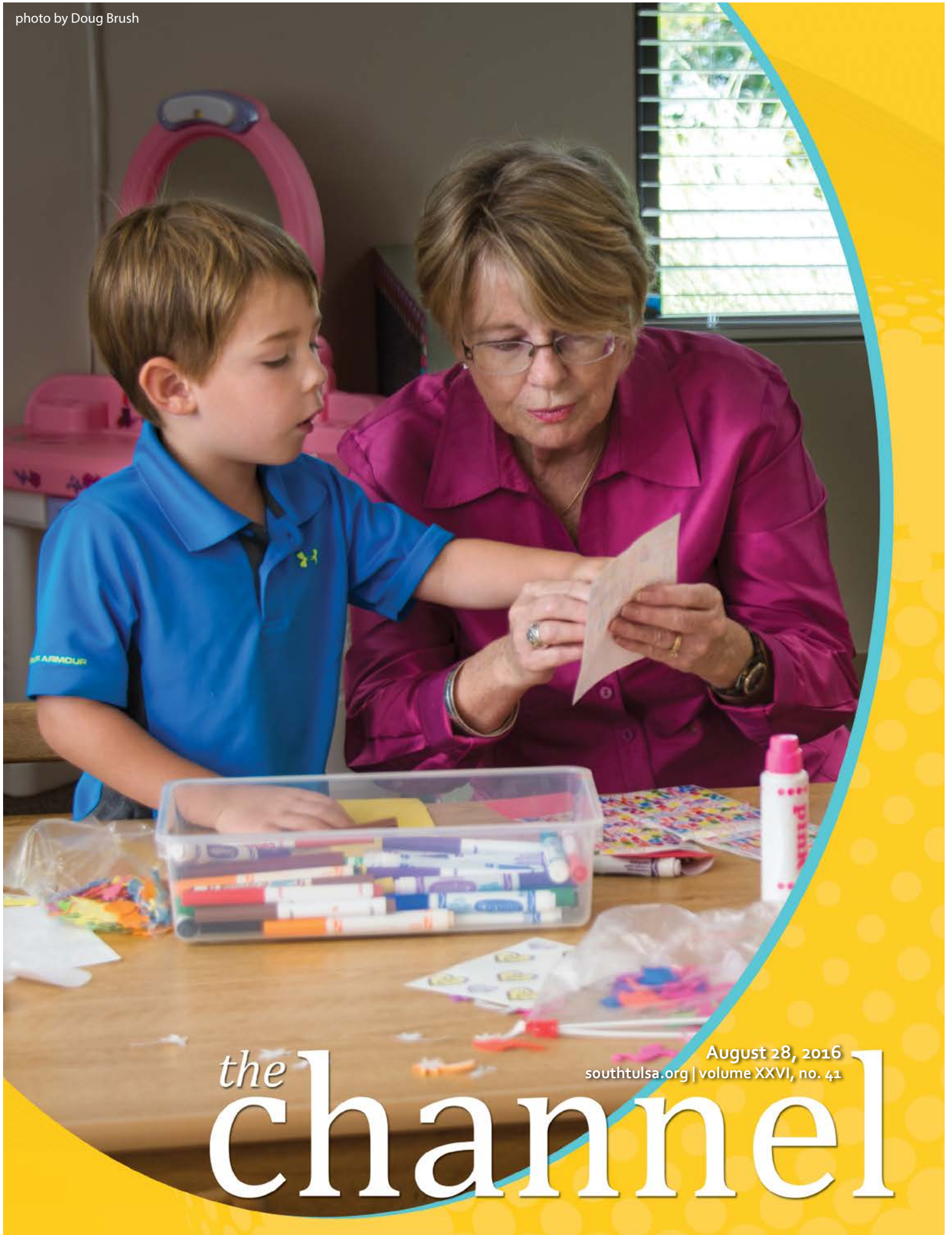


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# The Historical Jesus - Part 4 of 4

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

## How should Jesus affect us today?

Nearly two millennia have passed since Jesus walked on the earth, yet His impact remains. His impact truly is eternal.

How should Jesus affect us today? My simple answer is: change. We should become better people – people who are more like Jesus Himself – as we follow Him. We should become better, not worse, and not the same. If we encounter Jesus through history, His teaching, or His presence and remain immovable, then we have certainly missed Him. As we conclude this four part series, let us consider Jesus’ own explanation of His purpose on earth.

The scene begins with Jesus in His hometown of Nazareth. He went into one of the synagogues, like usual, and decided to read some Scripture publicly. He chose the scroll of Isaiah and read a familiar passage (we call it **Isaiah 61:1-2**), and the whole scene is recorded in **Luke 4:18-21**:

**18** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

**19** to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus finished by saying, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (v. 21).

The word from God that Isaiah had reported some 700 years before had come true. It had come true precisely because Jesus had arrived—and His arrival was good news.

Our mission statement here at South Tulsa is: “Sharing the Good News about Jesus in our community and around the world.” Jesus was and is the Good News for the entire world – just as described in Isaiah 61 and Luke 4:

- Jesus is good news to the poor: the economic poor, emotional poor, and spiritual poor.
- Jesus is good news to those who are suffering. He taught others how to emulate the healing nature of His voice and touch.
- Jesus is good news to those in captivity. His message and His example provide freedom for all who are imprisoned by the oppression of evil.
- Jesus is good news to those who never experience first place. The advent of His life on earth is accompanied by the Lord’s favor.

Jesus came to bring a new quality to life that is meant to last beyond death. He changed history in an indelible way. He made the world better, and as His followers we should do the same.

If Jesus remains in history, the most essential part of His existence is missing. We serve the Jesus of yesterday, today, and forever. I believe that God came to earth in the Person of Jesus smack dab in the middle of our history, so that He might reclaim and redeem history. History is His Story.

**Each of these articles has a fuller, more in-depth version at my personal website: [ericcostanzo.me](http://ericcostanzo.me)**

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on the cover  
Becky Duren and friend

# Welcome New Members



Bruce Bowen,  
*by letter*

Shirah Grant,  
*by letter*



## Prayer and Letters of Encouragement

The Guatemala mission team will be leaving September 24. Mario Mino, the director of missions for Campos de Suenos in Santa Maria de Jesus has been praying along with Pastor Gabriel and Pastor Mike Watkins about starting a Christian Middle School. Most of the children we have ministered to in Santa Maria de Jesus will not continue school past the 6th grade. The Lord has placed on the hearts of Mario and Gabriel the need to continue ministering to these children in middle school. Please join us in prayer for this ministry, and write a letter of encouragement to Mario and Gabriel. Our team will spend a whole day at Campos de Suenos with Mario and Gabriel as they share their vision. We will help in planning and pray for the ministry and a possible Christian Middle School. We would like to take many letters of encouragement from our South Tulsa Baptist family. Please place your letter in an envelope and give it to Robert Shain, Joe Donelson or leave it at the church office with Carolyn Larkin. ~Thank you, the Guatemala Mission Team

# the scorecard



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## Church in Action

### Giving

Ministry Financial Plan .....	584,738
Actual MFP Receipts .....	480,682
General Fund .....	61,853
Building Fund .....	2,374

### Sunday Bible Study

Adults .....	533
Youth .....	90
Children .....	105
Preschool .....	95
Unclassified .....	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>833</b>

### Weekday Bible Studies .....

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

### Music & Worship .....

*Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Praise Team*

### Stephen Ministry

Care Receivers .....	11
Care Givers .....	24

### GriefShare *afternoon - evening*

Participants .....	3 - 9
Facilitators .....	5 - 4

### Early Learning Program .....

## Church on Mission

### Jail Ministry

Prayed to Receive Christ .....	6
Bibles Distributed .....	26
Quarterlies Distributed .....	144
<b>Tract Ministry .....</b>	<b>225</b>

### The Ministry Center

Volunteers .....	22
People Helped .....	310
Medical Clinic .....	12

### Worship Service Online

#### LIVE Views .....

*(U.S. 1,117; International 387)*

@ Legend at Mingo Road .....	14
@ Brookdale Broken Arrow .....	6
@ Autumn Leaves .....	13
@ Prairie Rose .....	14
@ Clare Bridge .....	22
@ The Arbors .....	6
@ Burgundy Place .....	10
@ Legend at Tulsa Hills .....	16
@ Storey Oaks .....	20
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,625</b>

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

*(U.S. 255; International 88)*

Cities Represented .....	24
<i>Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Dallas, Bartlesville, Blue Springs, Eden Prairie, Jacksonville, Bardstown, Bradenton, Bridgeton, Lexington, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, San Francisco, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, Norman, Claremore, Fort Worth, Greenville, Keller, Richardson.</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  
Jacqueline Arterburn  
Ray and Jannelle Babb  
Larry & Karen Baker's  
Daughter's Family  
Sharon Barnett  
William Bass  
Mary Baucam  
Holly Bowlby  
Beth Brumbaugh  
Suzi Byrd  
Pam Campbell  
Gary Chapman  
Howard Chapman  
Kathleen Cleary  
Evie Coons  
Chris Crabtree  
Chris Cuaderes  
Buster Davenport  
Ashlyn Dirteater  
Joy Disler  
Craig Donnelly  
Annabelle Doolin  
Michelle Dudley's  
Mother, Ann  
Betty Dugger  
**David Eldridge**  
Tammy Ezell  
Lane & Evie Fleming  
Vicki Franks  
**Julie Gentry**  
Beth Green  
Jordan Greenway  
Tricia Hadicke  
Breydon Hammer  
Sonja Harvey  
Ginny Hensley's mom  
Richard and Carol  
Herman  
Steve Herman Family  
Barbara Herndon  
Ron Holland  
Judi Hopkins  
Kaden Howard  
Millie Hurlbut  
Christian Jaspersen  
Katherine Johnson  
Tonya Johnson  
Josh Jordan  
Rachel Key  
Beverly Kieffer  
Beverly Kieffer's  
brother, Mark

**Bonnie Latshaw**  
Mildred Lawson  
Virginia Love  
Edith Mabry  
**Dianna Maddox**  
Dale Marden  
**Melissa Martin**  
Geraldine McCoy  
Alicia McLaughlin  
Greg Moran  
Elizabeth Moses  
Orvalyn Murphy  
Mike Nelson  
Jackie Newman  
Monica Oliva  
Manley Porter  
Heather Priddy  
Jon Randall  
**Graham Robertson**  
Martha Rogers  
Dylan Rowe  
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Clay Sanderlin  
Mary Jo Sanders  
Barbara Shores  
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Sharolyn Sorrels  
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Annie Thurber  
Allan Trimble  
Becky Tuttle  
John Vick  
Danny Wasson  
Bill Weir  
**Julie Weatherford's  
son**  
**Dominic Wilkinson**  
**Katie Wilkinson**  
Dixie Woodard  
Lorraine Yeubanks

*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.*

## Royal Ambassadors

Royal Ambassadors is for boys in grades 1-6. RAs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will begin on September 7! **One or two more adult volunteers are still needed** in RAs. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Brad Fuller [brad\\_fuller@zeeco.com](mailto:brad_fuller@zeeco.com), 479-790-8338 or Jon Storms [jon-storms@gmail.com](mailto:jon-storms@gmail.com).

*Enroll TODAY for our Children's Missions classes. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and begin on September 7! The enrollment table is near the Pre-school Welcome Center.*

## Thank You

Thank you for commissioning and sending Wes, Dru, Debbie and Marlene to help with Play Dayz. This year we served around 40 families and were able to train our own short-term team to take a Play Dayz style camp to Tokyo, Japan. The experience your team brings from four years of consistency is invaluable to me as I train rookies every year. We have seen gospel-centered conversations develop because of this camp and consistently hear parents in awe that people from another state would come to help. Again, thank you for your partnership and prayer. ~Sincerely, Wes Moore, Associate Pastor - The Hallows Church

*Children's Choir Leadership Planning Meeting, Wednesday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m., D268-269*

## Children's Choir Enrollment

### Our Theme - Choosing God's Way

We have a children's choir for every child from ages 3 years - 6th grade. We encourage parents to take advantage of this Bible teaching arm of the church for preschoolers and children. You may pre-enroll your child at the table near the Preschool Welcome Center. Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

## Christmas Dinner Theater 2016

Preview scripts for *Heirlooms* will be available to check out Sunday, September 4 and 11 in the Commons. Auditions are Sunday, September 11, 1:30-5:00 p.m., D-174.

## Precept Bible Studies

**COVENANT** (11 lessons) Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning September 12. Workbook: \$25.

**ISAIAH PART 1** (Chapters 1-39) - (14 lessons) Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning September 8. Workbook: \$32.

Complete lesson one prior to first class. Please contact Patrick Lovelace at [patricklovelace@cox.net](mailto:patricklovelace@cox.net) or 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

## Car Show 2016: September 18

Our annual Car Show is Sunday, September 18! Look for the volunteer sign-up table on Sunday near the Welcome Center. We can't host the largest car show in Tulsa without your help! Volunteers are needed for registration, parking, kitchen help, and the children's area. We have online registration for our exhibitors, members and guests. Go online now at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) and complete your registration so you don't have to fill out the card when you arrive at the Car Show!

## Desserts for the Car Show

The wonderful food at the Car Show will not be complete without a great DESSERT! We are asking our church family to bring a homemade or purchased dessert or two in DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS to share with our Car Show guests. Recommended items are: cookies, brownies, bars, and other items that can be cut before you bring them and eaten with your fingers. We expect a tremendous crowd, so your help with desserts will be greatly needed and appreciated. Items can be delivered on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning to the church kitchen, or when you arrive for the Car Show on September 18.



## Congratulations!

Madeline Louise Steen, 4 lb. 4oz. 17 inches was born August 22 to Conner and Laura Steen! Thank you church family for praying. She is a miracle from heaven. ~Grannie Debbie and Papa Jeff

**GriefShare: New Session Begins September 26! Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the STBC Conference Room. For more information, please call Mary Jane Howarth at 918-749-0826.**

## Ladies Bible Study Entrusted

Join us for Beth Moore's new Bible study, *Entrusted*, a study of 2 Timothy. Final words can be compelling. In Paul's final letter, he charged Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, to not be ashamed to fulfill God's call on his life. In this 6-session Bible study, Beth Moore will challenge you to do the same. God has a plan for you. He has entrusted you with the gospel message and has gifted you to carry it to the furthest reaches of His planet. He's calling you to be His mighty servant, willing to face whatever difficulty you encounter as you carry out His mission. Beginning Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30p.m. in Room C249 at STBC. Please register by email to Denise Eldridge at [denisealdridge@gmail.com](mailto:denisealdridge@gmail.com) or by calling 918-518-5850. Books will be available for purchase on the first night for those who have registered.

## Music Ministry Enrollment is Today!

We offer choirs, handbells/chimes and an orchestra for all ages. Please sign up at an enrollment table at the west end of the Commons! Let the music ministry become your ministry at STBC.

**Sanctuary Choir:** Adults and older teens; Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Choir Room.

**Youth Choir:** Grades 7-12; Wednesdays, 5:30-6:25 p.m., Choir Room, begins September 7.

**Children's Choir:** ages 3 years-6th grade; Wednesdays, 5:30-6:25 p.m., begins September 7.

**Choir Chimes:** Grades 2-3; Wednesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m., D-161, begins September 14.

**Children's Handbells:** Grades 4-6; Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00 p.m., Handbell Room, begins September 14.

**Youth Handbells:** Grades 7-12; Sundays immediately following the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Handbell Room, begins September 11.

**Orchestra:** Adults/Youth; Wednesdays 7:30-8:15 p.m. in the Worship Center.

## GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

Surviving the Holidays is a survival guide for navigating the holidays after the death of a loved one. Two sessions will be offered on September 19 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

# FirstSteps

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

## etc 8:30 Aug 28

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Debbie Steen</b>
Room 101	Marlene Carpenter, Lisa Hites
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Cindy Jobe
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Rhonda Lovett
Room 109	Mark & Donna Chesnut

## etc 10:45 Aug 28

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Lila Johnson</b>
Room 101	Linda & Jerry Keeling
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Phyllis Wheeler
Room 105	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 106	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Michelle Bridenstine, Jamie Finley
Room 109	Laura & Matt Forney
Room 114	Keith & Lauren Moore

## Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Phyllis Turner and family on the passing of her sister, Nola Gattlon on August 18; and to Floyd Allen and family on the loss of his nephew, Kelsey Thrasher on August 26.

Rejoice in Hope **2016** Fighter Verses

August 29 - September 4

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

~Acts 20:35

## Youth Choir

Youth Choir kicks off for the fall on Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Youth Choir is for students in grades 7-12. This fall the group will be singing selections from the collection *#GraceWins* and preparing music for Christmas. The annual spring choir tour at the end of school completes their year. Enrollment forms are available at the Music Ministry table.

## A Call to Prayer

A couple of weeks ago, one of our students - William Ogilvie - came to me (Eric) with a burden to pray for his former football coach, Allan Trimble of Jenks High School, who was recently diagnosed with ALS. I asked William to write some of his thoughts to share with the church, and this is what he wrote:

When I heard the news about coach Trimble my heart was broken. He has made a huge impact in my life, not just as a coach, but as a role model. The way he puts Jesus first in everything he does, even in football, is so admirable. He has helped to shape me to be the best man I can be. The Bible teaches us that no prayer is too small or too big, so immediately I started praying. Praying not just for peace of mind for him and his family, but also praying for a miracle that he would be completely healed. If we go to God with certainty and boldness, God answers.

For years, Trimble has coached Jenks High School football as the most successful coach in Oklahoma history, with 13 state championships. Trimble coaches on overcoming adversity and battling your enemies all through the season and off-season. To keep fighting even after being knocked down. That it doesn't matter how many times you get hit, but how many times you can get hit and still get up. It is what makes him the best coach in high school football history, because what he coaches applies far beyond the football field. Trimble is living out his words as he handles this diagnosis. He doesn't blame God or anyone else. On the contrary, he actually thanks God for the life that he has been given. He turns to Scripture when asked by news officials. Multiple prayer services have been issued since his diagnosis, by his church and even rival football head coaches and players. He has unified school districts to put aside their differences and realize this is bigger than football. Trimble has found a way to use this awful disease to shine the light of Jesus, by thanking and praising God and preaching on mercy to his players and their families. So many have now heard about the good news, that you start to really understand that God is in complete control even in the hardest times. Coach Trimble is going to fight this disease and do everything he can for those around him, to live for today and not for tomorrow. Ultimately, to live by God's plan.

There's no doubt in my mind that God can heal him, if it's His will. At the end of the day, that's what it comes down to, God's will. No one can understand it but Him; and we just have to follow it and play our role in it as best as we can. Right now our role as a church family is to pray for coach Trimble non stop, and leave the rest to God.

# STAY CONNECTED by Dru Finley

## Deep Roots

I've always wanted to see the redwood trees in California. I've seen pictures and heard stories, but have never been able to see the awe inspiring sight of the tallest trees on Earth. It is said that this tree can reach heights of 378 ft. That is taller than the U.S. Capital building, the Statue of Liberty, and Big Ben. Redwoods can also achieve a diameter of 24 feet, and weight 1.6 million pounds. Wow, now that is a sight that speaks to how awesome God is! I think that one thing that is so fascinating about this tree, is that as tall as they are, you would expect that they might not be very stable. But, that is not the case at all. These trees are extremely firm, and it is said that they can live to be 2,000 years old. So, how can they stand for this many years and grow to such vast heights? Roots! One amazing thing about these trees are their roots. They go deep, but what is more interesting is that the roots of a tree intertwine with the roots of the tree next to them, which makes them more stable! The trees are supported by what they are attached to under the earth where no one can see!

This is a great reminder to us as Christians; it is not what people see above the ground that give us our strength, it is what our roots are tied to that enables us to stand firm. There may be times when people look at us and marvel how "tall" we are when storms rage, even though we may feel small. It is in these moments that we can point to where our roots are grounded, and the source from which our strength comes. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."* When we cause our roots to go deep into trusting in the Lord and His Word, we will grow firm regardless of the difficulties in life. In fact, "If God promised His servants an unbroken run of prosperity, there would be many counterfeit Christians. Don't be surprised at famine...it is permitted to root you deeper just as a whirlwind makes the tree grapple deeper roots into soil" (F.B. Meyer).

Know that for the Christian, it is in the calm of life that we must bury our roots in the trust of God and His Word. For it is when the storms of life come that we need our roots to be the deepest. And when those storms rage we need to be tied down within His truth so that He will stabilize our lives. Paul said, "as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith." The question you must ask is, what are my roots tied to? When the storm comes will you be tied down safe and secure like a redwood, or will you fall because you have not secured your life to the only One who can give you strength? He is strong enough to keep you stable, so dig deep now and tie your roots to the only firm foundation!

## DAILY BIBLE READING

*Next week's scripture -*

**August 28** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.

**August 29** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.

**August 30** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.

**August 31** Free day to reflect, catch up, and/or memorize.

**September 1** Luke 20:27-40; Hebrews 1:1-9; Prov. 18; Isaiah 1-2.

**September 2** Luke 20:41-47; Heb. 1:10-14; Prov. 19:1-14; Isaiah 3-5.

**September 3** Luke 21:1-19; Heb. 2:1-9; Prov. 19:15-29; Isaiah 6-8.

## Wednesday Dinner August 31, 2016

**Dinner Assistants:** Jana King, Tim Qi, Jim Riggs, and Don Sands.

**Menu:** Rotini, Caesar salad, Texas toast, fruit, 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.

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about Jesus in our community  
and around the world



Psalm 46:10

SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CHURCH

# Children's Choir

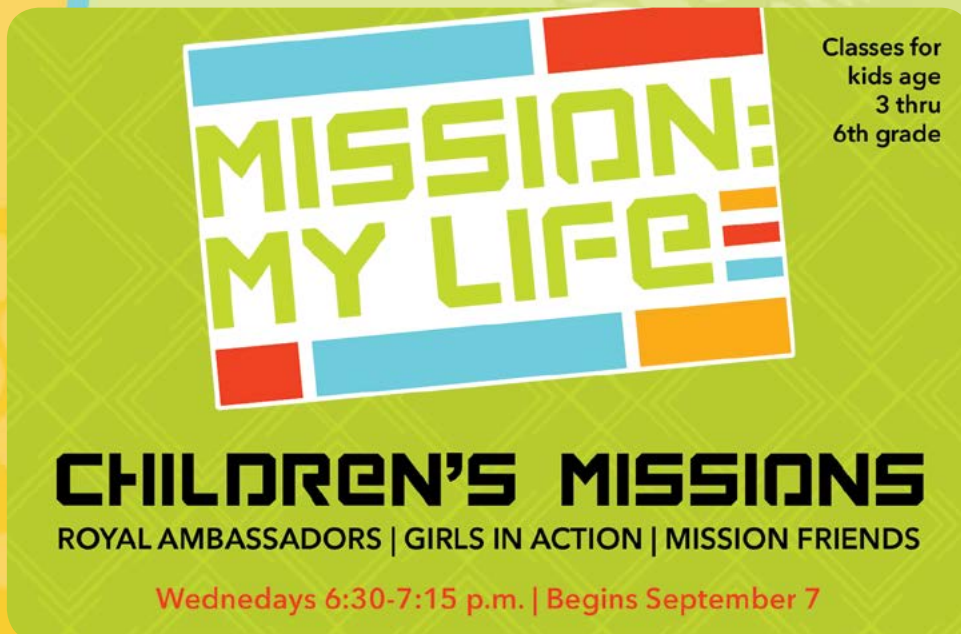
for kids age 3-6th grade

Wednesdays  
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kids age  
3 thru  
6th grade

# MISSION: MY LIFE

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Wednesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Begins September 7

### this week at stbc

#### Sunday, August 28

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, Discover Class  
10:50 a.m. Worship  
12-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
4:00 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Secret Church

#### Monday, August 29

1:30 p.m. GriefShare  
6:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### Tuesday, August 30

6:45 a.m. FIT Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
5:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Fellowship

#### Wednesday, August 31

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. Youth Bible Study, Children's Choir  
Leadership Meeting  
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
7:30 p.m. Orchestra

#### Thursday, September 1

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

#### Friday, September 2

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

#### Saturday, September 3



13TH ANNUAL

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Sunday, September 18  
4:00-6:30 pm

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