

this week

Sunday, September 4

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
 12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 6:00 p.m. No Evening Service

Monday, September 5

Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

6:45 a.m. FIT Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon

Wednesday, September 7

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Ministry Meeting
 1:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ladies Prayer
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Youth Choir
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open
 6:30 p.m. GA, RA, Mission Friends,
 Youth Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, September 8

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program,
 Precept Isaiah 1
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry Ladies Night Out
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball,
 Precept Isaiah 1

Friday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Kingdom Explorer's Ladies
 Fellowship
 10:00 p.m. Youth Allnighter

Saturday, September 10

5:00 p.m. FIT Dinner Groups

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

September 7, 2016

Chick-fil-A night, dessert and beverage.

Adults \$5.00, children \$3.50, family max \$18.00.

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



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 Good News about
 Jesus in our
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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!

Christmas Dinner Theater 2016 - Preview scripts for *Heirlooms* are available to check out TODAY and September 11 in the Commons. Auditions are Sunday, September 11, 1:30-5:00 p.m., D-174.

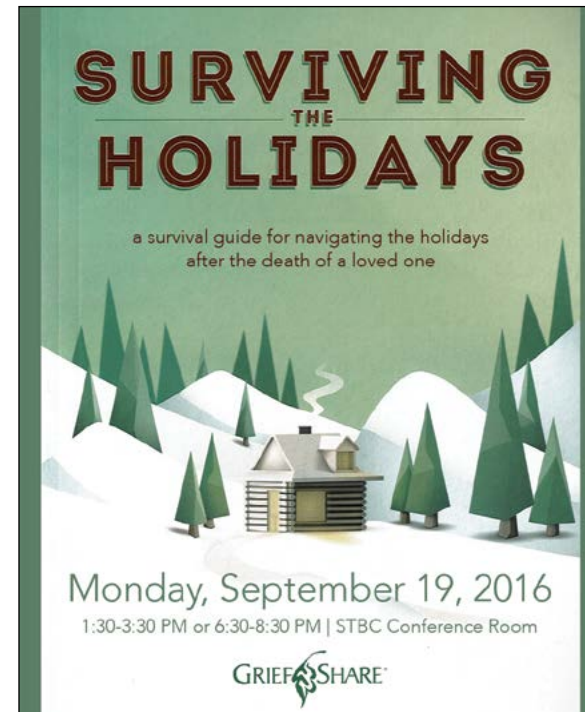
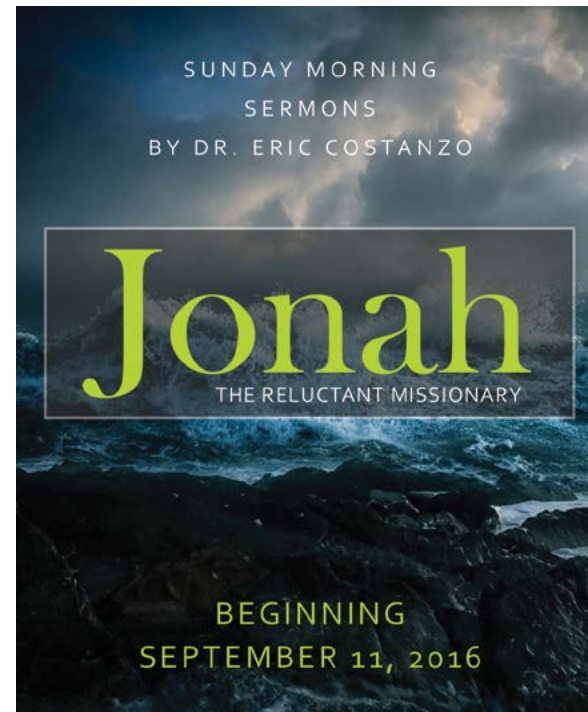
Baptist Village of Broken Arrow is needing volunteers to staff our phones weekdays (no computer work involved). Usual shifts are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Experience not necessary. Please call Jeromy @ 918-355-0099 for more information.

Beginning Sunday, September 11! New Sunday Morning Sermon Series "Jonah, The Reluctant Missionary" and "The Judeo-Christian Faith: An Exploration of Biblical Theology and Doctrine" begins on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Ladies Bible Study: Entrusted a study of 2 Timothy by Beth Moore begins Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Room C249. Please register by email to Denise Eldridge at denisealdridge@gmail.com or by calling 918-518-5850. Books will be available for purchase on the first night for those who have registered.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Everlasting God
 Every Praise
 Holy Spirit
 We Believe
Greeting One Another
Message Dru Finley
 The One and Only, Colossians 1:15-20
Response Enough
New Commitments/Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
 Fairest Lord Jesus
Morning Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley
 For the Beauty of the Earth Diana Cain
 Victory in Jesus
 Step by Step
Choral Worship No More Night
 I Love You with the Love of the Lord
Message Dru Finley
 The One and Only, Colossians 1:15-20
Response 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Worship in Giving How Majestic Is Your Name
 Laurie Lightbody
Benediction

The Right Place

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

I remember that day 15 years ago very well. I was sitting at a table with several young men my age. We were all in our last year of college, and we were all consumed with the stress of our "next steps" decisions. I felt almost paralyzed by the decisions before me regarding graduate school, career, and family.

The words of wisdom I needed came not from one of those young men, but from a young woman who was also our peer. I also remember Rachel well. She put all of us guys to shame in terms of intellect and maturity. Her words to me were simple: "Just be willing to go where God leads you, and you will always be in the right place."

I realized that I needed to let go of my illusory control. If I would simply follow Him, I had no reason to worry.

What Rachel was saying, in effect, came straight from the words of Jesus:

"Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? . . . But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

(Matthew 6:27, 33-34, NIV)

I wish I could say this was the last time that worry consumed me. I was barely in my twenties back then! Since then, adulthood has been fraught with many more concerns and their gravity has only increased as new responsibilities emerge. I have often been tempted to try and take back whatever control I think I've lost. When I do so, however, I often remember Rachel's words, which bring me back to the words of Jesus.

Worrying profits a person nothing. If we seek the life that God has for us; the life that follows in step with His leadership, everything we need has already been provided. Amazingly, God has a way of allowing us to enjoy the ride at the same time. If you are willing to be led by God, you will always be in the right place.

Car Show 2016: 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 will be needed for registration, parking, kitchen help, and the children's area. Three golf carts are needed for the day, please let us know if you have one we can use. We have online registration for our exhibitors, members and guests. Save time and go online now at southtulsa.org and complete your registration.

Car Show Desserts

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: 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. Sign up in the Commons.



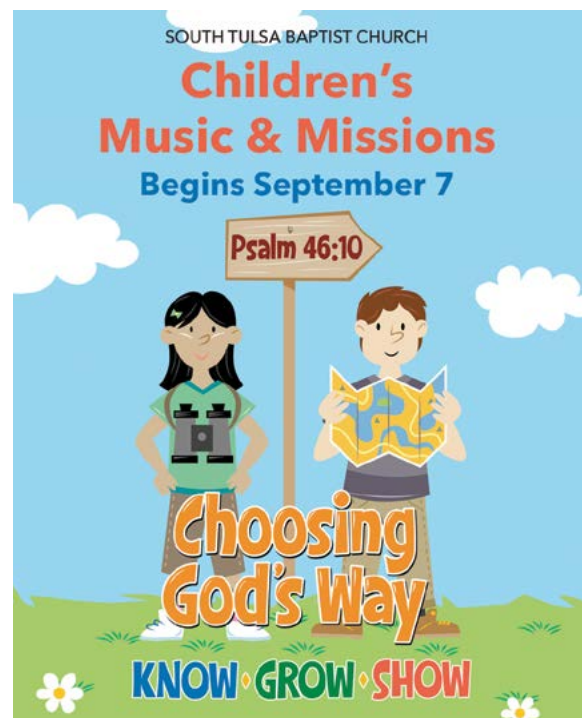
Keep Christianity Strange

by Dru Finley

I've seen a lot of strange things in this world, and I'm sure that you have too. I think it's safe to say that it seems to be getting stranger every day that we live. Just look around and you will see a country that looks very different from the one that you grew up in. Values are different, and people are different. It is easy for us to stand in a place of judgment over our culture and deem it as strange, bizarre, or against the norm. But, consider that much of the world looks at evangelical Christians and thinks we must be the strangest people they have ever seen. From your vantage point that may sound contradictory, but we must consider that someone that lives faithfully to the truth of God's Word may be the strangest creature on this planet, and that's a good thing.

So be strange in such a way that the world knows who you belong to. Show them that your strangeness leads to hope and peace that gives purpose to life. Live the type of strange life that reveals to the world just how incredible God really is.

(Read Dru's full article at southtulsa.org under Thinking Christian, or watch the Thinking Christian video under the resources tab.)



New Members



Connie Coleman, by letter



Harold & Terry Nixon, by letter



Brad & Celeste Rosenthal, by statement

Mentors- New Study

Men, you are invited to Mentors on Monday, September 12 at 6:45 a.m. as we begin a 6-week study, 33 *The Series, Volume 1: A Man and His Design*. There are so many voices out there that are telling you what it means to be a man. Discover God's design for men with a clear definition and inspiring vision of Authentic Manhood. **This study will be each Monday morning September 12-October 17.** Donuts, bagels, and coffee are served - all you need to bring is yourself!

Youth Choir begins on September 7 at 5:30 p.m. for all 7th-12th grade students!

Prayer and Letters of Encouragement

The Guatemala mission team is leaving September 24. Mario Mino, Pastor Gabriel and Pastor Mike Watkins have been praying about starting a Christian 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. Please place your letter in an envelope and give it to Robert Shain, Joe Donelson or leave it at the church office.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	675,445
Actual MFP Receipts	526,649
General Fund	45,967
Building Fund	1,110

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	547
Discover Class.	25
Youth	87
Children	96
Preschool	78
Unclassified	10
Total	843

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 114

Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	310

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	1,603
<i>(U.S. 1,186; International 297; Retirement 120)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.	735
<i>(U.S. 588; International 147)</i>	

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