

this week

Sunday, September 11

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
 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
 12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Auditions
 2:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leadership
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Stephen Ministry Supervision
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Stewardship Mtg.
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, September 12

6:45 a.m. Mentors 33 *The Series*
 9:30 a.m. Precept *Covenant*
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
 7:00 a.m. Precept *Covenant*

Tuesday, September 13

6:45 a.m. FIT Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Mothers in Prayer
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
 6:15 p.m. GROW Begins

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 a.m. ELP Camp Kinder
 9:00 a.m. MOPS, ELP Planning Day
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 1:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ladies Prayer
 4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells
 4:30 p.m. Children's Chimes
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:00 p.m. LACE Bible Study Fellowship
 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 15

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept *Isaiah 1*
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Precept *Isaiah 1*

Friday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

September 14, 2016

Fried shrimp, baked potato bar, hush puppies, salad, 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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Mentors Men's Ministry - Join us for 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. A hot breakfast will be served each week!

A Luncheon in Your Honor - Our Deacon body will recognize the Widows and Widowers of South Tulsa Baptist Church at a luncheon on Sunday, October 2, following the 10:50 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by September 26, 918-299-0904.

Guatemala - A mission trip to Guatemala is planned for February 2017. Please pray about going to minister to those in Santa Maria de Jesus and Campos de Suenos. Contact either Joe Donelson or Robert Shain for more information or to be a part of this South Tulsa Baptist Mission team.

Beginning Today! "Jonah, The Reluctant Missionary" begins this morning and "The Judeo-Christian Faith: An Exploration of Biblical Theology and Doctrine" begins tonight 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.

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

SUNDAY MORNING
SERMONS
BY DR. ERIC COSTANZO

Jonah
THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY

BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS**

a survival guide for navigating the holidays
after the death of a loved one

Monday, September 19, 2016
1:30-3:30 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM | STBC Conference Room

GRIEF SHARE

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8:30AM Worship

I Will Follow
Because He Lives
How Great Is Our God
Doxology (Amen)
Introduction to Men's 33 *The Series*
Message Jonah 1:1-3
Response *Once Again*
Introduction to New Sunday Night Series
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Baptism
Holy Spirit, Rain Down
To God Be the Glory
Morning Prayer and Welcome
Feed My Sheep Christy Pue
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
With All My Heart
Choral Worship *We Are the Church*
Jesus, Name Above All Names
Message Jonah 1:1-3
Response *Trust and Obey*
Blessing

Remembering

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Today is September 11. For those of us who were alive and aware on this date 15 years ago, this day on the calendar will forever be 9/11.

My son Noah and I recently visited the 9/11 museum and memorial while in NYC, and we went to the top of the new Freedom Tower at One World Trade Center. The range of emotions we experienced included: sadness, anger, amazement, and eventually thankfulness. A few weeks later we visited the Murrah Building bombing memorial in OKC and experienced similar feelings.

At both of those venues, the memories of those days came flooding back. Days like 9/11 and April 19, 1995 are "burned into our brains," and those memories will likely remain imprinted as long as we have our faculties about us.

With everything I remember about those days, however, I often reflect on the changes I thought they would bring about. After both events, people from around the world felt more unified and connected for a time. Churches of all different flavors looked for ways to work together to shine light into the darkness.

Things were different, and we all said things like, "We will never be the same."

The question I've had, after my recent visits of remembering, is: Are we different?

Sadly, I think no. A lot has changed since those tragic events, but most of our goals to improve have not panned out. In fact, I think we could argue we have gone backwards in many ways.

Thankfully, there is Good News that will endure any event or era, no matter the darkness. Jesus is that Good News. As **Hebrews 13:8** says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Even the most memorable events that affect us cannot bring about the change we all need. Only Jesus can do that. Jesus will never change, nor will His truth. And that is very good news indeed. The question is, will we be changed by Him? It's never too late, until it's too late.

Volunteers Needed

Our 2016 Car Show is September 18! Look for the volunteer sign-up table 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. 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 to bring a dessert in the Commons.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Pure Spiritual Milk

I can still remember the days that my sons were born! It is such an amazing thing to see a child for the first time, to hold them, to kiss them, to look at all of their tiny little features. Every bit of what they know is focused on their physical need, milk. They don't care about anything else; they just want milk. They don't care what they are wearing or what kind of car will take them home. Their sole desire is to have the one thing that they need, milk.

1 Peter 2:2 says, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation." In other words, the thing that you need most is spiritual sustenance. Your ultimate need is the spiritual food that will give you life and growth, the Word of God!

Do you long for the Word of God like that? Have you let this life and world distract you from your greatest need?

Make time to read and listen to His Word! It is the one thing that will sustain and keep you moving toward knowing your Savior. So be relentless for His Word and "long for the pure spiritual milk," your very life depends on it!

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



New Members



Philip & Julie DeYoung, by statement

What is Christmas Dinner Theater?

Christmas Dinner Theater 2016 is a 25-year tradition at South Tulsa Baptist Church. You enter the Commons to the sounds of lovely Christmas music performed by the Adult Handbell Choir and then move into the transformed gym to enjoy an elegant candlelit dinner in a festive atmosphere followed by Heirlooms, a fun musical that the whole family will enjoy. A Broadway musical style stage production, traces a family's journey of faith across four generations.

Performances are December 1-3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with a free matinee on Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. All seats are reserved. Tickets for the evening performance/dinner are \$15 per person. Tables on the main floor seat nine, balcony tables seat four. Tickets will go on sale October 30, 2016.

Christmas Dinner Theater Script Check Out

Today, on the west end of the Commons, Christmas Dinner Theater scripts are available to check out/preview to see which part fits you the very best. There will be parts available for children as young as 3rd grade through adults. When you check out a script, you may also sign up for a five-minute audition spot this afternoon, September 11, 1:30-5:00 p.m. Come and be a part of this exciting ministry!

Bad Girls of the Bible

Ladies, join us for this seven-week Bible study by Liz Curtis Higgs (light homework). Class begins Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in room D165 & 166. Contact Debby Arnold at darnold@capmgtco.com or call 918-639-5777 to order a book and be ready for the first class!

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	749,382
Actual MFP Receipts	605,254
General Fund	78,605
Building Fund	2,175

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	483
Youth	66
Children.....	81
Preschool.....	82
Unclassified.....	10
Total	722

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

133 Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers.....	16
People Helped	163
Medical Clinic.....	9

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,165
(U.S. 1,214; International 860; Retirement 91)	
ON DEMAND Views.....	644
(U.S. 377; International 267)	

MINISTRY STAFF

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Debbie Steen, Preschool debbie@stbc.net	

ON THE COVER

Kerry Cottrell and Glenn Foster