

this week

Sunday, September 25

Guatemala Mission Trip, 9/25-10/1
 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 Rehearsal
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. The Judeo-Christian Faith
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

6:45 a.m. FIT Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:15 p.m. GROW: W-Team

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 a.m. MOPS
 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
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Ladies
BS-Entrusted, Ladies BS-Bad Girls
 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, FIT/Staff Meeting
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program,
 Precept: *Isaiah 1*
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:00 p.m. Bible Art Journaling
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Precept: *Isaiah 1*

Friday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, October 1

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

September 28, 2016

Hamburgers, French fries, 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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CDT All-Cast Rehearsal - Today 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the gym. The costume team will be here to get the details for each person's costumes. We need each cast member to be present.

GriefShare: New Session Begins September 26 - Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the STBC Conference Room.

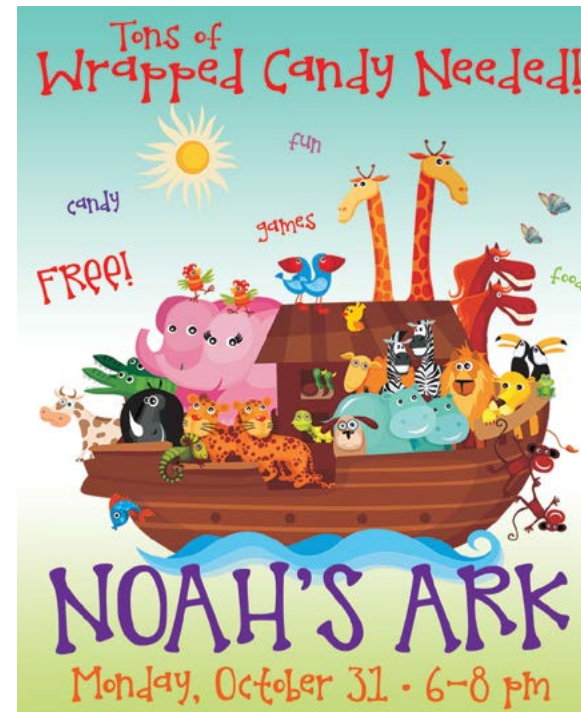
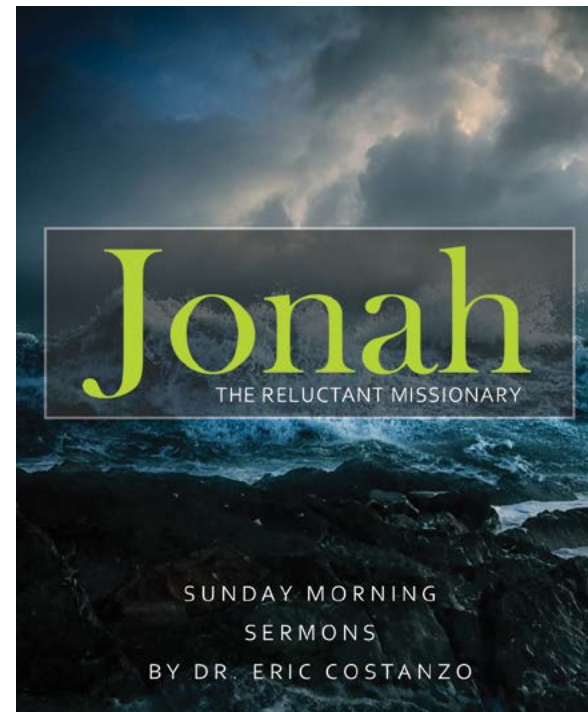
Guatemala Mission Trip Report - Sunday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Celebrate with our September team currently on mission in Guatemala.

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

Ladies Bible Art Journaling Workshop - Thursday, September 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. No child care/No Fee. Come and enjoy the fellowship as we work on our pages and learn together. If you have never come before please register online.

Mandatory Belize Mission Meeting - Sunday, October 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in going on our High School Belize Mission trip over spring break, please attend this mandatory meeting for parents and students. Come, ask questions and hear everything you need to know to make your decision.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Your Grace is Enough

He is Exalted

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At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Be Unto Your Name

Greeting One Another

Message Jonah 1:17-2:10

Response *I Surrender All*

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Revelation Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Morning Prayer and Welcome

Choral Worship *Never Once*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Church Matters

Greeting One Another

Be Exalted, O God

Message Jonah 1:17-2:10

Response *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Worship in Giving *El Shaddai*

Blessing

Representing Christ This Election Season

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Well here we are, in the most vociferous period of another presidential election season. This is not a topic I have looked forward to addressing in any fashion, but the time is upon us. Ignoring it will not make it go away.

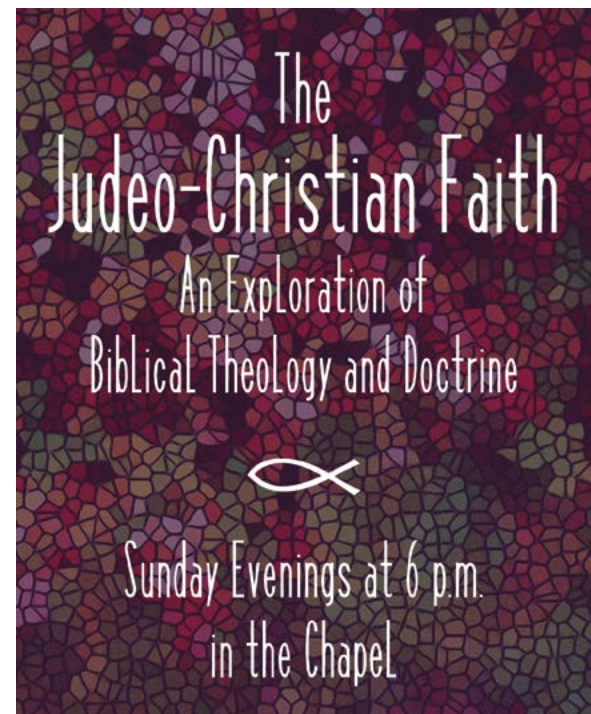
As your pastor, I do not believe it is my responsibility, or my place, to influence your political opinions. Clearly our spiritual and moral beliefs should influence those opinions, but I choose not to play politics.

That being said, I cannot imagine a more polarizing election than we face right now, and so my prayer for all of us is that we will speak, act, and vote as people who represent Christ first and foremost.

As people who follow and serve the one true King, Jesus, we represent Him everywhere and in everything. We also represent South Tulsa Baptist Church. This is true when we are on social media, communicating online, texting, or in person.

So as your pastor, I want to ask a few things from all of us for the next two months as we represent Christ together:

- Let's show the love of Christ in our words, actions, and attitudes. (1 John 4:7)



- Let's treat every person with proper respect, no matter his or her opinions. (1 Peter 2:17)
- Let's demonstrate the fruit that the Holy Spirit produces - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Let's not proliferate fear, but instead proclaim our complete trust in God who is fully in control. (1 John 4:18-19)
- Let's pray for our leaders, pray for others, and pray for God's wisdom in this election. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

And let's remember, above all, Who we represent. We represent Christ before and above any other person, party, or system.

Russell Moore, who has been a welcome voice of reason in our denomination, had this to say about leading our children during this tumultuous election season:

"Keep the gospel the gospel. Show your children what matters most to you, and that's the kingship of Jesus that is not of this world...Make sure they see from you that you know that, while the gospel has social and political implications, politics is not the gospel."

For more of Russell Moore's article, "How to Talk to Your Children About Election 2016," visit <http://www.russellmoore.com/2016/09/07/talk-children-election-2016/>

Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma

South Tulsa Baptist Church will host the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma in concert on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. These men represent music ministries of Southern Baptist Churches from all around our great state. Most are presently active in leading churches in music and worship every week. The 150 voice choir and 30 member instrumental ensemble, directed by Dr. Randy C. Lind, will present traditional anthems, hymn arrangements and original songs commissioned for the group.

There is no admission charge and a love offering will be taken. Sign-up forms will soon be available to help with greeting, parking, and food service.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

The Question

The world is full of questions. It's probably safe to say that there are more questions than answers. They say that there is no such thing as a dumb question... well that's debatable. One thing is for sure, there are questions that are far more important than others. There are questions that carry implications for all of life. Out of all the questions in the world, one rises above them all as the most important and essential question, that every person must ask and answer... "Who is Jesus?"

This question is such an essential question that Jesus Himself posed it to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9:20). For Peter, the answer resounded with a response that would change his life forever, "the Christ of God!" The reality is, you can't have an answer like that and go on living the same way that you always have!

C.S. Lewis made an argument that there are only three viable options for the question, Jesus is either a liar, lunatic, or Lord. He knew that the only true option was, Jesus is Lord. So, let us rightly answer this question for ourselves, so that we might pose this most important question to those around us...Who do you say Jesus is?

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

Crazy Choir Daze #1

Sportswear Day

Wednesday, September 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m., kids can wear the colors or clothes of their favorite sports team to children's choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels in the "The Directions Store." Children have received wooden nickels throughout the month for their attendance, bringing a visitor to choir, being Choir Member of the Week, saying their memory verses or singing the Hymn-of-the-Month. Choir Leaders are also encouraged to wear their *Choosing God's Way* t-shirt.

New Members



Pat & Des Bennett, by letter



Clarence and Wanda Bruce, by letter

Thank You

Thank you to all the many volunteers and captains who pitched in and worked tirelessly on what was our largest Car Show ever! From parkers, registration, food service, grillers, kitchen help, custodial staff and STBC ministers and staff your willingness to serve does not go unnoticed on earth or in heaven.

~Glenn & Pam Foster, event coordinators and Jim & Donna Grisham, advisors

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.

Help is needed with the Christmas Dinner Theater **COSTUMES!** If you would like to help, please call Ginger Rogers at 918-406-2913 or Mary Ann Stephens at 918-299-0904.

Ordination

An Ordination Council and Luncheon for Parker and Kade Goforth will take place October 8-9 here at South Tulsa Baptist Church. Ordained ministers and deacons are invited to join our council on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Parker and Kade will share a faith story in the services on Sunday morning, followed by a luncheon for their family and ordained ministers.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	897,254
Actual MFP Receipts	720,680
General Fund	50,960
Building Fund	1,215

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	512
Youth	74
Children	87
Preschool	80
Unclassified	10
Total	763

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

309
Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's, Precept

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	21
People Helped	338
Medical Clinic	12
Salvations	2

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	1,991
<i>(U.S. 1,196; International 664; Retirement 131)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	727
<i>(U.S. 405; International 322)</i>	

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ON THE COVER

Car Show