

this week

Sunday, October 2

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
 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
 12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:15 p.m. Widow's & Widower's Luncheon
 1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leadership Mtg.
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Stephen Ministry Supervision, Committee on Committees
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. The Judeo-Christian Faith

Monday, October 3

6:45 a.m. Mentors 33 *The Series*
 9:30 a.m. Precept: *Covenant*
 10:00 a.m. FIT Play Time
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells
 7:00 a.m. Precept: *Covenant*

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
 6:15 p.m. GROW: G-Team
 6:30 p.m. MOPS Leadership Team

Wednesday, October 5

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
 4:15 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. Mission Friends, GA & RA Mission Speaker, Student Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept: *Isaiah 1*
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:30 p.m. ELP Daddy Date Night (3A-PreK5)
 7:00 p.m. Precept: *Isaiah 1*
 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:30 p.m. GA Pajama Party

Saturday, October 8

1:00 p.m. Goforth Ordination Council
 5:00 p.m. FIT Date Night

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

October 5, 2016

Italian baked chicken, rice, vegetable, salad, roll, 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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2017 Deacon Nominations - Members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are asked to prayerfully submit names of those persons whom they feel should serve as deacons. Deacon Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center and tables in the WC. Completed forms are due by October 30.

Ordination - An Ordination Council and Luncheon for Parker and Kade Goforth will take place October 8-9 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.

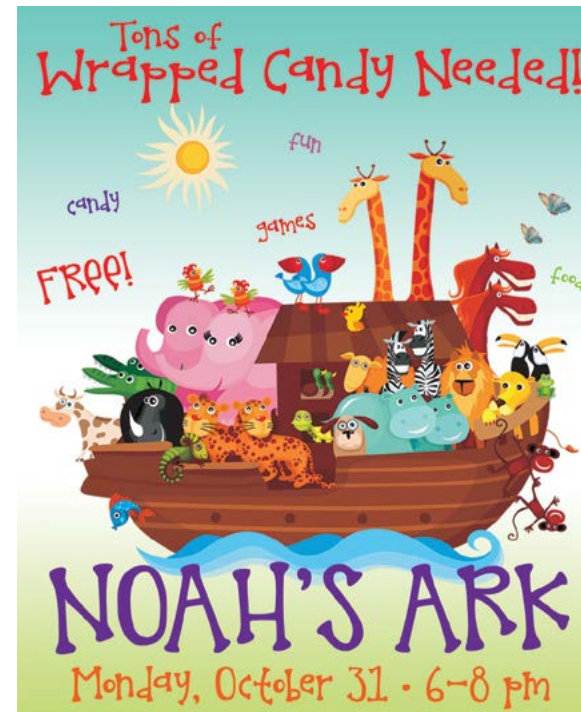
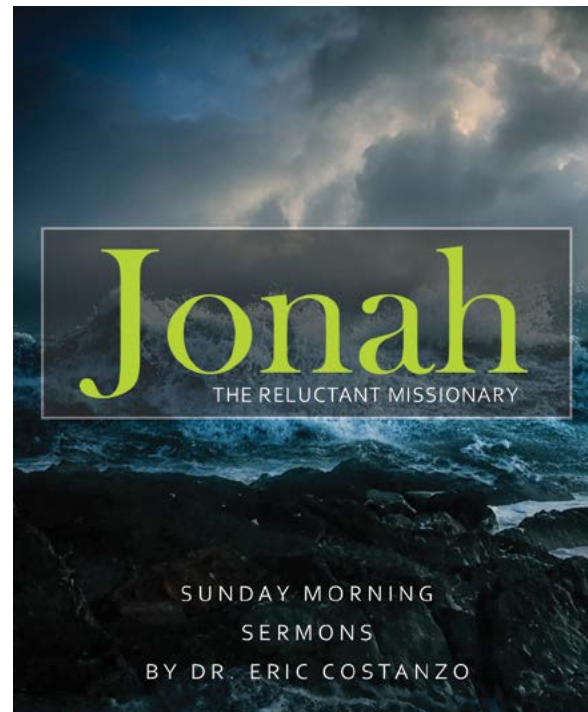
Costume Needs for the Christmas Dinner Theater - One female military uniform (2000-present). Please bring to Mary Ann Stephens in the church office.

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

Check It Out! - The STBC Library has many overdue books! From 2000 - 2015, 190 books have been lost or not returned. We will be sending overdue notices soon, so please check your home libraries to see if you have any STBC Library books and return them as soon as possible.

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

This Is Amazing Grace
O Praise Him

Welcome and Prayer

In Christ Alone

Victor's Crown

Greeting One Another

Message *Jonah 3:1-10*

Response *Above All*

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Ancient Words

How Firm a Foundation

Welcome

It Is Well with My Soul Lori Carver

There Is a Redeemer

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

Choral Worship *Raise Your Hands*

Prayer and Greeting One Another

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Message *Jonah 3:1-10*

Response *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Worship in Giving *We Will Glorify*

Blessing

God Is In Control

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Last Sunday I introduced "Church Matters," during which I shared my heart about Who we should represent in the upcoming election season. If you did not hear my talk or read my Channel article, both are available at ericcostanzo.me.

In every election season, there are always many voices calling out for our attention. Often times, the extreme voices on either side seem convinced that their person or party will heal all of our ills, and that the other side's person or party will lead us to our ultimate destruction. I am confident that our "fate" is not in the hands of any person or party, and I choose not to ever put my faith in a human or human institution above God - Who I believe to be actually in control.

I am reminded of what St. Augustine wrote, which has been restated by many who have followed, including the Reformers, regarding our responsibility as Christians to be good citizens while remaining true to our biblical roots. In *City of God*, arguably one of the top 5 most important Christian writings of all time, Augustine addressed several issues facing both Christian and non-Christian citizens who lived in the crumbling Roman Empire.

Augustine reminded the Christians of his day that their hopes would neither be fulfilled

nor dashed by any human being(s). Their ultimate trust was to be in God, and God alone. Only He could deliver them from the darkness that seemed to be enveloping their culture and threatening their security.

Augustine also implored his fellow-believers to proclaim their undeniable allegiance to the eternal Kingdom of God over the temporal kingdom of earth. He argued that God's people should always be consumed with pleasing Him first, as opposed to being self-serving and earthly-focused. With our focus on God and His Kingdom, Augustine said, we are not dependent on anything a human can or cannot do.

As a result, we are free to follow the instructions of another great Christ-follower, the Apostle Peter: "Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17).

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. 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.

Senior Adult Luncheon: First Tuesday of the month, October 4 at 11:15 a.m. Join us for a wonderful lunch and time of Bible study.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, join us on October 16 as we gather together from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel and get better acquainted with Rebecca Costanzo! We will do this over light refreshments and in an informal setting. Rebecca has graciously agreed to answer some of our inquisitive questions. Child care for preschoolers will be available, please email bjwohl@cox.net the names and ages of children attending by Wednesday, October 12. We hope to see each and every one of you! Let's fill the Chapel!

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

He is Lord!

In 1963, Leslie Gore recorded the song "You Don't Own Me." Although this is merely a song about not letting a boy control her life, this attitude has come to reflect our society's view on personal autonomy.

We live in a society where personal autonomy is King. Personal autonomy has become an individual monarchy where every person has built their own kingdom. What this really means is that we are living amongst a mass of insurrectionists, because there is only One King and One Lord!

Because He is Lord, we do not have the authority to tell Him what we will do with our life. A.W. Tozer declares, "My brethren, we are not allowed to come to Jesus as shrewd, clever operators saying, 'We will take this and this, but we won't take that!' ...It is either all of Christ or none of Christ! I believe we need to preach again a whole Christ to the world - a Christ who will either be Lord of all or who will not be Lord at all!"

We must have an authentic confession that proclaims He is Lord. It is up to us, who have made this magnificent confession, to live in a way that proves not only that He is Lord, but that He is my Lord!

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

Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills and Bible Drill

Begins Sunday, October 9

Through games, crafts, recreation and music, 1st - 3rd graders will learn the books of the Bible, the divisions, Bible verses, Bible stories and 5 Key Passages. They will also practice finding verses in their Bibles. Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills will meet in D265 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

4th - 6th graders will learn names and sequence of the 66 books, 10 key passages and 25 Bible verses this year. Bible Drillers will meet in D269 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

New Members



Rachel Ellsworth, by letter

Lon & Sharon Critchfield, by letter



Discover Class

New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend a two-week class today and October 9 at 9:40 a.m., in the Family Room. Eric Costanzo, Dru Finley and others from the ministry staff will be leading.

Ready for Some Fun?

The Ministry Center is closing the Clothing Closet this Monday and Tuesday (10/3 and 10/4) to get caught up for our busy fall season. Help is needed sorting, folding and restocking clothing. We also have a need for volunteers in the Pantry during the next few weeks. If you want to serve the Lord working in a wonderful, rewarding place with other amazing volunteers, The Ministry Center is for you. If you can help or need additional information, please contact Alice Bones at alice@ministry-center.org or by cell phone to 918-720-5419. [The Ministry Center, 312 S 33rd W Ave, Tulsa, OK 74127. "His Heart . . . our hands."]

Congratulations!



Keelyn Marie Pace was born Tuesday, September 20 to parents, Chris and Tesh Pace, weighing 7 lb 9 oz and was 17 3/4 inches! Her excited brothers and sister are Landon, Logan and Kaylee.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	971,191
Actual MFP Receipts	779,429
General Fund	58,749
Building Fund	1,375

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	500
Youth	75
Children	90
Preschool	74
Unclassified	10
Total	729

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	392

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,434
(U.S. 1,564; International 737; Retirement 133)	
ON DEMAND Views	1,021
(U.S. 534; International 487)	

MINISTRY STAFF

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ON THE COVER

Christina, a young mother who accepted Christ last week in Guatemala, and her baby Kendric.

Student Led FOOD DRIVE for The Ministry Center

WE ARE COLLECTING FOODS LIKE:
peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned meat, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, tomato sauce, crackers, mac & cheese, dried beans, ramen-noodles, rice, canned chili, stew, ravioli, tomatoes, beans, tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, etc...

Please place the food in the tubs around the building.

BRING LOTS TO FEED THE HUNGRY!