

this week

Sunday, October 23

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
 4:45 p.m. Communications Committee Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Conference, The Judeo-Christian Faith, Bible Skills, No-Bible Drill

Monday, October 24

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*
 7:45 p.m. Adoption Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 25

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:15 p.m. GROW: W-Team, ELP Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 a.m. MOPS
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 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, Student Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, October 29

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

October 26, 2016

Ham, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, roll, 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.



10310 South Sheridan Road | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133
 918.299.0904 | southtulsa.org

Sharing the
 Good News about
 Jesus in our
 community and
 around the world

more

Girls in Action - Our Mission Challenge for October is to bring jars of peanut butter (15-18 oz) for the Ministry Center. Wednesday will be our last night to collect. Right now we have 71 jars. Help us get to over 100. Bring your peanut butter donations on Wednesday.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - During October the Personnel Committee encourages the congregation to demonstrate their love and appreciation for our pastor and his family, Eric and Rebecca Costanzo, by showering them with notes and gift cards to thank them for all they do. A basket, located at the Welcome Center, has been provided for your cards/gifts. ~Thank You!

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 in 2017. Deacon Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center and tables in the Worship Center. Completed forms are due by October 30.

Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal - Today 1:30-2:45 p.m. block all of Scene 4, 2004, pages 20-27; 2:45-3:30 p.m. review all of Scene 3, pages 13-20, rehearse music and choreography from Scene 3; 3:30-4:00 p.m. Finale - ALL CAST.

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.

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

the channel

10.23.16
 volume XXVI, no. 43
southtulsa.org



8:30AM Worship

Sing to the King
Cornerstone
Welcome
Great are You Lord
Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone
Church Matters
Greeting One Another
Message Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Response *Lord I Need You*
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Holy Ground
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Welcome and Prayer
Before the Throne of God Above
Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb
Choral Worship *Lord Most High*
Church Matters
Greeting One Another
Here I Am to Worship
Message Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Response *Jesus Is Lord of All*
Giving *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
Blessing

The Shema - Week 1

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

In my opinion, no other passage in Scripture better describes what it means to live out God's message everywhere and at all times than the *Shema*.

Jesus was asked, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answered with a verse from the *Shema*.

The *Shema* is the passage of Scripture every Jewish adult and child, both then and now, knows best of all. The *Shema* is like a pledge of allegiance - a pledge that God is the One True God. The *Shema* is to a Jewish believer what John 3:16 is to a Christian. Orthodox Jews say the *Shema* upon rising in the morning, before meals, in worship, and before going to bed at night. The *Shema* is the first prayer a Jewish child is taught to pray, and the last words one hopes to say before death.

So what is the *Shema*? The *Shema* comes from **Deuteronomy 6** as Moses is preparing the younger generation of Israelites to enter the Promised Land - a land Moses would not enter himself. In Hebrew, the word *shema* means, "hear". **Deuteronomy 6:4** begins with this word..."Hear."

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**).

For the next five Sundays, we will look at the *Shema* together in our morning messages and in my Channel columns. This most central and pivotal of all Old Testament Scriptures teaches us that we, as God's people, must learn to love and serve Him with every part of us - with our heads, hearts, hands, homes, and our whole lives.

Mission Moments

Mario Mino, Campos de Suenos - Guatemala



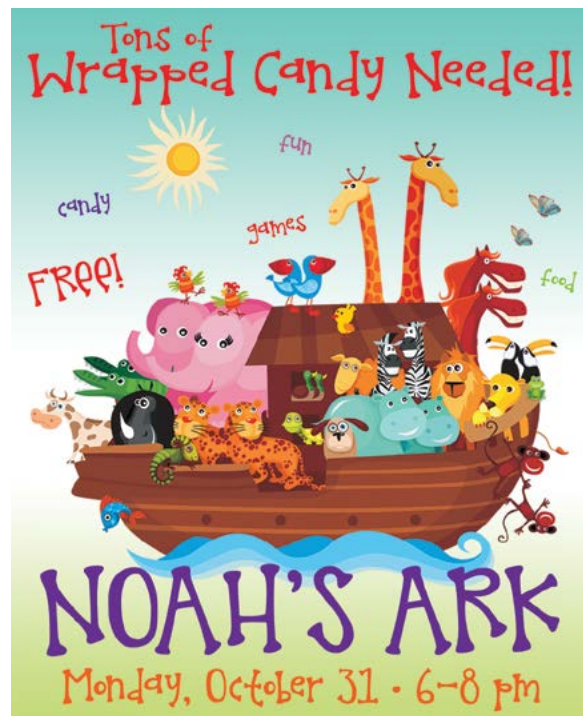
Dina is one of our young helpers, she is extremely happy because she found out that she is getting

a scholarship to continue her education. We recently had an Independence Day run with our youth and another with the little ones. Before the run, several of the children prayed for the President. We know God was pleased with their sincere prayers.

Crazy Choir Daze #2

Stuffed Animal Day

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal to children's choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at 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.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Commitment

Commitment seems to be a word of antiquity these days, or at least it seems that fewer people are willing to fully dedicate themselves to something or even worse someone. Loyalty to anything seems to be almost taboo in a culture where personal autonomy has been exalted as king. But, it is important to understand that commitment is a good thing! As a matter of fact it's a freeing thing.

Faith may not be a word that comes to mind when you mention commitment, but this is in fact at the very heart of faith. The Reformers studied in depth the Greek word for "believe," and through their study laid out three Latin words that give the accurate picture of Biblical faith. These words were, *notitia* - simply having the information and understanding it; *assensus* - intellectual assent or agreement; and *fiducia* which simply means commitment. It is "the crucial, most vital element of saving faith in the biblical sense, that of personal trust." It refers to "a fiduciary commitment by which I put my life in the lap of Jesus."

When we commit our lives to Him we experience joy and peace of the power of God transforming our life. In a world of growing non-commitment we must go against the trend in order



to show the world there is someone worth committing to. We must resolve to live with complete dedication which points to a powerful savior. The only hope for a hurting world is to show them that a commitment to Christ is a path paved with joy and freedom! Therefore, place your life in the lap of Jesus and experience true life with an eternal purpose!

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

Welcome New Member



Ricky Ketchum, by letter

Christmas Dinner Theater Tickets On Sale Saturday

You may begin purchasing Christmas Dinner Theater tickets online at southtulsa.org on Saturday, October 29. The special link for members will be sent to you in the South Tulsa Online

Announcements on Friday afternoon. Tickets

may also be purchased in the Commons beginning Sunday, October 30, 9:00 a.m. The Christmas Dinner Theater will be on December 1-3, 7:00 p.m., reserved seating only. Tickets are \$15 each. This includes dinner and the musical drama. There is also a free matinee on Saturday, December 3, 1:30 p.m. You will also need reserved tickets for this production. Buy tickets for yourself and a friend and be a part of this exciting outreach ministry!

Join us for Quarterly Conference Tonight at 6:00 p.m.



last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	1,164,947
Actual MFP Receipts	979,734
General Fund	53,245
Building Fund	1,190

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	522
Youth	79
Children	87
Preschool	71
Unclassified	10
Total	769

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's, Precept 51

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	24
People Helped	249

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,771
(U.S. 1,596; International 1,175)	
Retirement Center Ministry	139
(11 locations)	
ON DEMAND Views	870
(U.S. 501; International 369)	

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Eric Costanzo, Pastor
eric@southtulsa.org

Mary Ann Stephens,
Music Associate
maryann@stbc.net

Philip Stephens, Music
philip@stbc.net

Karen Pirtle, Youth
Associate
karen@stbc.net

Dave Bender,
Administration & Media
dave@stbc.net

Dru Finley, Discipleship
& Development
dru@stbc.net

Please email all Channel
submissions to Kim Hayes
at kim@stbc.net by 10:00
a.m. on Wednesdays

Connie Faurot, Children
connie@stbc.net

Debbie Steen, Preschool
debbie@stbc.net

ON THE COVER

Logan Short and Jim Davis