

# this week

## Sunday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Worship, Lord's Supper  
 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, Lord's Supper  
 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, Bible Skills, Bible Drill  
 7:15 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

## Monday, October 31

1:30 p.m. Ladies Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Noah's Ark

## Tuesday, November 1

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon/Bible Study  
 6:15 p.m. GROW: G-Team

## Wednesday, November 2

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, November 3

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept: Isaiah 1  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 6:30 p.m. Men's Ministry "Man Cave"  
 7:00 p.m. Precept: Isaiah 1, Men's Basketball

## Friday, November 4

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, November 5

11:30 a.m. Wedding Shower-Samantha Pogue

## WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU

November 2, 2016

Poppy seed chicken, baby roasted 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.



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

## more

**Refugee Ministry Meeting led by Pastor Eric Costanzo** - Sunday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel before our Sunday evening activities. We will discuss our first steps to reach refugee families in our community with the Good News about Jesus. Please pray about joining us.

**Christmas Dinner Theater Tickets On Sale** - You may purchase Christmas Dinner Theater tickets in the Commons each Sunday in November beginning at 9:00 a.m. You may also purchase tickets online anytime and in the church office during the week. The Christmas Dinner Theater is 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!



**Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal** - Today 1:30-2:45 p.m. Rehearse Scene 1 and 2 All Speaking, Singing and Choreography; 2:45-4:00 p.m. Rehearse Scenes 3 and 4 Speaking, Singing and Choreography, 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.

**2017 Deacon Nominations** - Completed forms are due today, October 30.

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

**NOAH'S ARK**  
 Monday, October 31 • 6-8 pm  
 South Tulsa Baptist Church  
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 Reserved Seating Only Tickets \$15  
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## 8:30AM Worship

Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus  
 We Believe

Welcome

Lead Me To The Cross

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Greeting One Another

Message Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Response Nothing But The Blood

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

## 10:50AM Worship

You Are My King  
 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Welcome and Prayer

Choral Worship Create In Me A Clean Heart

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Greeting One Another

With All My Heart

Message Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Response My Jesus, I Love Thee

Worship in Giving I Will Sing of Your Love

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# The Shema - Week 2

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

As we saw last week, the passage known as the *Shema* (**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**) begins with a command: "Hear." As the ancient rabbis often pointed out, God started with "hear," and not "speak." The *Shema* is the heart of the Law, yes. But it is also Grace. It is a gift from God to His people. This is one of the most consistent themes of the Scriptures - that God always takes the initiative. He makes the first move.

The next verse in this passage begins with a second command: "Love." *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength* (**6:5**).

But can you really command someone to love? Compulsory love does not jibe with the definitions our culture prefers. Love is often expressed as temporary, conditional, and self-serving. We love people and we love Starbucks®. We love our car and we love our pets.

That's why God demonstrates love that is completely different. God's love is *chesed* love - covenant love.

Covenant is my favorite biblical word because it describes perfectly the love God has for us and expects from us. The term covenant was used in nearly every walk of life in the ancient world - including: family, marriage, agriculture, business, governance, and religion. To enter a covenant was to do more than simply give one's word. Covenant represents the very nature of one's being - it truly is "heart, soul, and strength."

That's why I love the word. God modeled covenant love before He commanded it. And He never stopped. God continually maintains His covenant love even when we as human beings fail to honor our end. So much so that in Christ, God fulfilled both the divine AND human sides of covenant.

God loved us first, and God loves us always. He never fails to keep His promises, even when we fail to keep ours. God commands us to love because He modeled covenant love first. *We love because He loved us first* (**1 John 4:19**).

That's *chesed*. That's the kind of love God commands in the *Shema*.

# Welcome New Member



Nathan & Breah Copeland, by letter

Bill & Terri Clayton, by letter

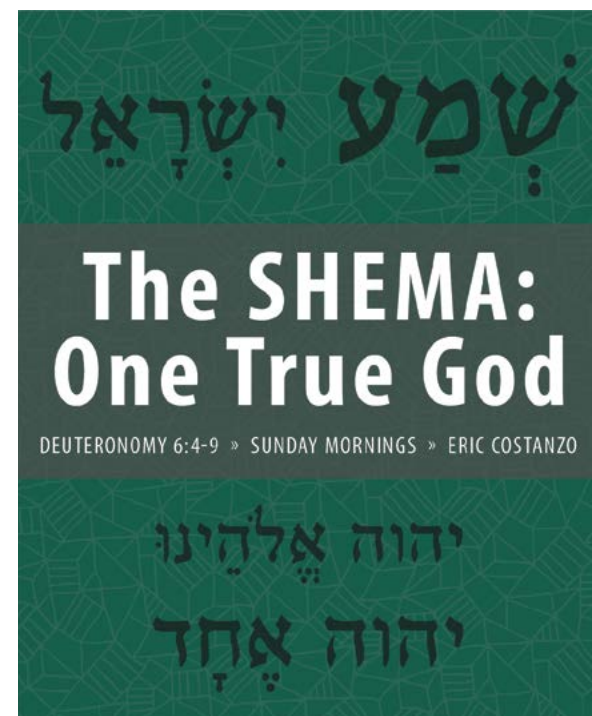


not pictured: Tom & Sarah Reid, Hannah & Tommy, by letter

# Creatives Volunteer Meeting

**During Youth Mission Lunch**  
**Sunday, November 20, 12:30 p.m.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for anyone willing to volunteer to assist with our worship services. This includes anything from the words for the screen, to running the sound board, to being a part of the praise band or choir. Grab your lunch in Fellowship Hall and join us in Lower Youth room B123/124/125.



# Man Cave

When people hear the term "Man Cave" they think of a room full of toys, TVs and food, a place where a guy can be a guy, so to speak, and be around other guys. This is partly what we intend for Man Cave, but much more importantly we believe that men need each other to encourage one another to a greater commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ! Paul says in 1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." We believe acting like men means to act like Jesus, and Man Cave at STBC is about spending time with other men to cultivate friendships that will encourage a closer walk with Christ. Join us Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the STBC youth room.



# Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

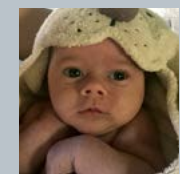
## All There

"You're here, but you're not here." Have you ever heard that statement from your spouse or a friend? It is the reality that your body is present, but your heart and mind are somewhere very far away. This can be a serious issue when it comes to an authentic relationship



# Inside South Tulsa

Leon and Regina Hicks announce the birth of their new grandson, Roman Hicks who was born on his great-granddad Boggs' birthday, August 31. He weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz. Congratulations to his parents, Jerod and Jordan Hicks and great-grandmother Faye Hicks.



## Wedding Shower

You're invited to a His & Hers Couple's Shower for Samantha Pogue and Erick on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at STBC. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Target. Please RSVP to Chris Fransisco, 918-724-5016 by November 2.

with someone. We need to be all in when we are with someone. It is not a matter of merely being present, but to be fully engaged.

It is no different when it comes to the worship of the one true Holy God. We must make sure that our hearts are involved, and that He is at the center of all we do. In Matthew 15, Jesus shows the danger of religiosity and merely going through the motions of tradition when He says, "You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

The danger is always lurking for us to merely give lip service or go through the motions. But, we must fight this and strive to give Him all of our hearts at every moment, especially those moments that we purposefully come to meet with Him! After all, He gave all of Himself that we might partake in the most incredible life possible, so that we might give all of ourselves to declare He is worthy!

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

# last week

**GIVING**

Ministry Financial Plan	1,229,532
Actual MFP Receipts	1,057,672
General Fund	77,938
Building Fund	1,606

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Adults	492
Youth	70
Children	82
Preschool	70
Unclassified	10
Total	724

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES** 207  
*Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's, Precept*

**THE MINISTRY CENTER**

Volunteers	25
People Helped	298
Medical Clinic	10
Salvations	1

**WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE**

LIVE Views	4,384
<i>(U.S. 2,384; International 2,000)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	130
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	1,054
<i>(U.S. 572; International 482)</i>	

## MINISTRY STAFF

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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
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Debbie Steen, Preschool debbie@stbc.net	

## ON THE COVER

Noah's Ark - join us tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.