

this week

Sunday, November 27

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
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal,
 NO Evening Worship

Monday, November 28

9:30 a.m. Precept: *Covenant*
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:30 p.m. GriefSare
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Precept: *Covenant*

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater
 Community Night

Wednesday, November 30

4:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Youth Choir
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Library Open
 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study, GA, RA,
 Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

Friday, December 2

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

Saturday, December 3

1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Matinee
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

November 30, 2016

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CDT COMMUNITY NIGHT - This Tuesday, November 29, we will host those in need from various organizations in our community for "Community Night." Last year over 300 people from across our city attended. Our guests will be picked up, given a wonderful meal and will be the first to see this year's Christmas Dinner Theater performance. It will cost over \$5,000 to accomplish this ministry evening. If you would like to help with the finances you may designate your offering to South Tulsa, on the memo line write "Community Night." Help us give provide gracious hospitality to all, and portray the love of Christ as our Christmas gift to these precious people.

CRAZY CHOIR DAZE: LOTTIE MOON OFFERING DAY - Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to bring money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Children's Choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at the Directions store.

SCHEDULE CHANGE THIS WEDNESDAY - Please note there will be NO Fellowship Dinner, Children's Choir Chimes or Children's Handbells on November 30. All Children's Choirs, RA, GA, and Mission Friends WILL meet.

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.

LIBRARY CLOSED - The South Tulsa church library will be closed Wednesday, November 23 through Sunday, December 4 for Christmas Dinner Theater.

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

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\$150,000

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South Tulsa Baptist Church | Christmas Dinner Theater 2016

Heirlooms
 December 1-3 at 7:00 pm
 Free Matinee December 3 at 1:30 pm

Reserved Seating Only
 Tickets \$15

Tickets on sale at
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8:30AM Worship

Join Us @SouthTulsa
When I Think About The Lord
 Cornerstone
 Welcome
Great I Am
It Is Well With My Soul
Advent Candle Storms Family
Church Matters
Greeting One Another
Message Luke 1:5-25
Response *In Christ Alone*
New Commitments - New Members
 Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Join Us @SouthTulsa
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Advent Candle Sweaney Family
Prayer and Welcome
 Jack Rogers *A Cradle in the Shadow of a Cross*
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Oh Children Come
Church Matters
Greeting One Another
Emmanuel
Message Luke 1:5-25
Response *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*
Giving Stephen Goforth *O Holy Night*
New Commitments - New Members
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The First Week of Advent - HOPE

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the season where we focus our minds and hearts on Jesus Christ and His birth. The word Advent means "arrival." For centuries, Christians have used the weeks before the celebration of Christmas to prepare and anticipate the arrival of the Messiah, the Anointed One. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the Anointed One arrived. This is good news!

For these weeks leading up to Christmas, our hope is that you and your family will take intentional time to prepare your hearts for celebrating Jesus' birth. You will notice that many of our families are involved in worship through lighting the candles and giving the prepared readings. We have also put together a devotional booklet with weekly readings for each family in the church that can be picked up in worship or is available for download on our church website at southtulsa.org. These devotionals are designed for each member of the family to participate and contribute. Each day has readings for different members of the family, Scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments, a prayer time, and a family activity to do during the week. I encourage you to do them on Sundays after church, so that it is a priority at the beginning of each Advent week.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we focus on the word HOPE. Jesus was and is the only hope for the brokenness in our world. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate His birth, we proclaim that Jesus is the Good News. As Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David." (Luke 1:68-69)

Advent is also a time to remember Jesus' promise that He is coming back again. The way we live during this season and every season matters. It truly is a blessing to be God's people! May God bless your family richly during this Advent season.

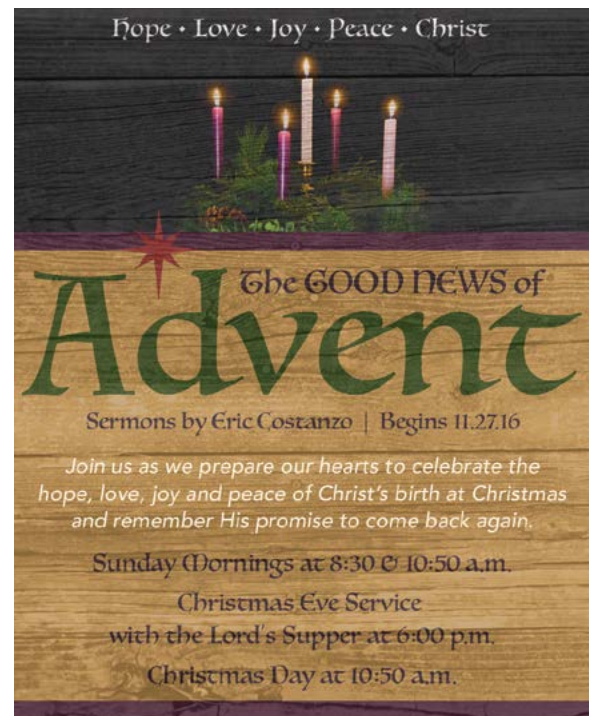
SHOPPERS for Women in Recovery

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to shop for 127 children of Moms who are currently in Women In Recovery. To those of you who missed out on volunteering to shop for a child - you are not too late.

We will be hosting a party on December 17 for the children of Moms who have graduated from Women In Recovery. At this party each child will be receiving a game and a book. If you are interested in signing up to shop for these items - signup sheets are at the Welcome Desk in the Commons. I will get you the list of suggestions either by email or delivered to your Sunday School Class.

CDT Centerpieces

Christmas Dinner Theater Centerpieces, a musical snow globe with a nativity scene inside, may be purchased online for \$15. They may also be reserved and purchased in the church office. Reserved/purchased snow globes may be picked up in the Commons on Sunday morning, December 4.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Is Your Struggle Worth the Struggle?

You can't be human and not have some sort of struggle in your life. It's all around us. Some is good and beneficial, some is extremely painful. There are always struggles we will have to face. If you have ever played an athletic sport, been in the military, had a job, had a brother or sister, had kids of your own, or loved someone and desired the best for them, you know what it means to struggle.

Struggling doesn't always mean something bad. It can mean something good. Paul told the Colossians, "I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you." He struggled in such a way that was for their good. His love for the Lord and for the church lead him to a life that was willing to agonize over the well being of the saints.

So know that your struggle can have purpose! Your struggle can help to change a life! Just as Paul, struggle in such a way that could help to encourage, connect, and point people to the only hope in life, Jesus Christ! Make sure that your struggle is truly worth the struggle!

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

Welcome New Members



Adele Baker, 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 December 4 & 11 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room. This class is designed to give you a look into the history and heart of South Tulsa Baptist Church, and let us get to know you better. Please RSVP to the church office, 918-299-0904 by December 2 if you plan to attend.

Turkeys for Needy Families in Tulsa!

Each year we partner with the Tulsa Christian Ministers Alliance to provide turkeys for families in North Tulsa. Our goal is to raise \$4,000. To help, please mark your check or online gift with "turkeys" in the memo line. The turkeys will be distributed on Tuesday, December 20 at Booker T. Washington High School. Thank you for blessing others with your giving - these families need all of us!



last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	1,506,882
Actual MFP Receipts	1,396,448
General Fund	123,951
Building Fund	1,800

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	498
Youth	125
Children	90
Preschool	80
Unclassified	10
Total	803

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	
People Helped	

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	10,918
<i>(U.S. 2,761; International 8,157)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	152
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	2,597
<i>(U.S. 879; International 1,718)</i>	

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