

this week

Sunday, December 18

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
 12:15 p.m. Advisory Council
 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir Caroling at the Jail
 5:30 p.m. FIT Christmas Party
 6:00 p.m. NO Evening Service

Monday, December 19

1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

Thursday, December 22

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 with the Lord's Supper



Girls in Action

Lottie Moon Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas Card box is available now through January 8, in the Commons for distribution of cards to the church family. Just put the "postage" in the mailbox on top. All of the money collected will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Don't forget to check the box for cards others may have left for your family!

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 21 or December 28, 2016

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2016 GIVING - Thank you for giving sacrificially this year. To receive contribution credit for 2016, gifts must be postmarked or received via online or by text giving to the church on or before December 31. The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30. Gifts of stocks and mutual funds must be received into the church's brokerage account by December 31. Please initiate the transfer with your broker no later than December 22 to ensure giving credit. Contact Cathy McCourt, cathy@stbc.net or Dave Bender, dave@stbc.net for account information.

PRECEPT: SPIRITUAL GIFTS - Mondays beginning January 9, at 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Workbooks can be purchased soon for \$27 in the church office. Please complete lesson one prior to first class. Contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

CAROLING AT THE JAIL - About 50 Adult Choir members will carol at the David L. Moss Correctional Facility this Sunday evening (12/18). The group will sing in different pods followed by a brief evangelistic message. The group will also sing outside the more restricted areas so that those inside can hear. A big thank you goes to Kristi Davis for making these arrangements.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - There will be NO Children's or Youth Choir rehearsals or Children's Missions (RA, GA, Mission Friends) December 21, 28 or January 4. Children's Choirs and Children's Missions will resume on January 11, 2017.

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

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The GOOD NEWS of
Advent

Join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the hope, love, joy and peace of Christ's birth at Christmas and remember His promise to come back again.

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day at 10:50 a.m.

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8:30AM Worship

Glory to God
 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Welcome
 What Child Is This
 Holy Spirit
Advent Candle Osborne Family
Greeting One Another
Message Matthew 2:1-12
Response I Need You More
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Baptism Aynabel Warren
 Mixed Ensemble African Noel
 Angels We Have Heard on High
Advent Candle Curry Family
Prayer and Welcome
 The First Noel
 Mary Did You Know?
Choral Worship All Is Well
Greeting One Another
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Message Matthew 2:1-12
Response I'd Rather Have Jesus
 Giving Sing We Now of Christmas
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

Advent - PEACE

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Perhaps you have had this experience. You complete a task, activity, or encounter, and think to yourself: *There is nowhere else I should have been than right there, doing what I was doing.*

This is a picture of PEACE. The overwhelming sense that you are right where you should be; all is well; and you could do this forever. We feel this way when we have been with someone special, or after experiencing truly quality family time, or after a meaningful worship experience. Many of us have felt this way after having served someone else or having spent ourselves on behalf of Christ and others.

As Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Interestingly, these words are not recorded as part of Jesus' sayings in His biblical biographies - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. It is Paul who quotes these words in one of his farewell speeches as he described some of the men and women with whom he served, and who had become very dear to him.

Would others describe you the way Paul described his companions in ministry? Do you and your family experience the blessing of giving? Will you enjoy the kind of peace that accompanies serving and giving generously to others as this Advent season comes to a close?

Perhaps we could all use a little help to think outside of ourselves. In last week's article, I shared 3 N's - three warning signs that the true meaning of Christmas might be overshadowed by selfishness in our lives.

Today I want to propose replacing those 3 N's of selfishness with 3 N's of generosity. At first glance, these might sound familiar:

1. NEXT THING. The peace experienced while serving others makes us long for the next opportunity to do it all over again.
2. NOT ENOUGH. We could spend ourselves for countless hours and still never get enough.
3. NEVER AS GOOD. No matter what we get for Christmas, it is never as good as the satisfaction of putting others first.

DaySpring Villa

December is our designated month to focus on the ministry at DaySpring Villa, a faith based certified shelter for women suffering under domestic violence or human sex trafficking. For more information about DaySpring go to: dayspringvilla.com. The following items are greatly needed at this time: cake mixes, sugar, canned vegetables (especially green beans), lunch size chips for sack lunches, individual size snack cakes for lunches, and paper towels. A green container is located in the Atrium for your donations.

Children's Choir

Leadership Planning Meeting Sunday, January 8, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Children's Choir leaders, please bring your families and eat at the Belize Mission Lunch in Fellowship Hall after the 10:50 a.m. worship service. After lunch, all leadership will move to D-268 -269 for a brief time meeting together to receive your spring literature. Preschool choir teachers will then move to D-267 for a special teaching time with Janice Herrington. Then we will meet in individual choir rooms to plan for the first day of choir, January 11. Preschool childcare will be available by reservation only. Come and find out about the exciting plans for 2017!



Ladies Bible Study

The Sermon on the Mount

A video driven, 9-week course by Jen Wilkin begins Wednesday, January 18 from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in rooms D-165-166. What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount? Matthew opens this sermon with three chapters containing Jesus' longest recorded message in order to articulate what the life of a Christ-follower would look like. Both practical and profound, *The Sermon on the Mount* asks of us the same questions it posed to its original hearers. Please contact Debby Arnold, 918-639-5777 or darnold@capmgtco.com so that a work book can be ordered and available to you on our first class meeting.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship 10:50 a.m.

Christmas Dinner Theater

DVDs Available

A DVD of one of the performances of *Heirlooms* is now available. If you would like one, please contact the church office. You may also view the video in the drama section of the South Tulsa website southtulsa.org. Also, in the near future, Doug Brush will have available a DVD of photos and music from the Christmas Dinner Theater productions. We will let you know when this is available.

Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for the prayers and words of encouragement for our recent loss. Mom was 91 and passed away quickly and peacefully. We are very thankful for her strong Christian legacy of faith. The church meal and many notes have been greatly appreciated.

~In Christ, The family of Mary Nell Holden

Thank you for the love, cards, food, prayer and support given to me and my family during the unexpected loss of Peggy. ~ Johnny Knapp

Welcome New Member



Sharon A. Smith, by statement

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

The Glory of Christmas

There's just something about Christmas that makes most people have a feeling of joy and peace. And, when we experience this Christmas spirit it might be described as the Glory of Christmas. But we must be careful not to attribute glory to the wrong thing!

Moses presented God with one of the most powerful requests when he said, *"Please show me your glory"* (Exodus 33:18). He wanted to gaze upon the grander of God so that he might better worship God. That is the unique effect of seeing God's glory. You cannot gaze upon it without being affected. You cannot truly see it and not be changed! It is in Christ that we are able to see the radiance of God's Glory! And it is when we gaze upon Christ and know Him that we can be changed!

What we must not miss in the center of the Christmas celebration is that the incarnation of Christ is the very act of God showing us His Glory. It is Christ who has made it possible for us to experience the Glory of God in a way that allows us to come into the presence of God and fulfill what we were created for - worship! Christ came to show His glory so that His glory might come to our hearts, and that our hearts might be changed! This Christmas as we consider what this wonderful day is all about and realize all that God has done for us, let our prayer be "Lord show me your Glory," so that we might more fully and humbly worship Him!

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

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	1,748,174
Actual MFP Receipts	1,606,685
General Fund	67,554
Building Fund	1,475
Lottie Moon to date	23,615
Turkeys to date	1,640

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	536
Discover Class	11
Youth	83
Children	79
Preschool	75
Unclassified	10
Total	794

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 96

Adult, Youth, Precept

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	280

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,672
<i>(U.S. 2,101; International 571)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	138
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	1,217
<i>(U.S. 957; International 260)</i>	

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