

this week

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
10:50 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

No Evening Activities

Thursday, December 29

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31



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!

GriefShare

New session begins January 16, groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 28, 2016

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DAYSRING 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.

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. Contact Cathy McCourt, cathy@southtulsa.org or Dave Bender, dave@southtulsa.org 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 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - There will be NO Children's or Youth Choir rehearsals or Children's Missions (RA, GA, Mission Friends) December 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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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING™

OUR CHURCH GOAL:
\$150,000

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10:50AM Worship

Prelude

Merry Christmas from South Tulsa Baptist

Baptism Abigail Costanzo

Program Emphasis

Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come

Prayer and Welcome

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Bethlehem, Galilee, Gethsemane

Philip Stephens

Greeting One Another

Emmanuel

Message Eric Costanzo

Advent: A Long Awaited Promise

Luke 2:22-40

Response *Child in the Manger*

Worship in Giving *Away in a Manger*

Kaye Cole, Emily Haynes

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Postlude

Advent - CHRIST

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

As Advent comes to a close, I have prayed each week that all of our families would be blessed by our intentional observance of this season. Seasons like Advent and Lent help us get into rhythms. We are able to slow down the torrid pace of our lives and the insanity of our busy schedules to think about Christ and what His life, death, and resurrection mean for our universe.

Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, and Christ. These are the words we've focused on throughout our Advent Sundays. We've also seen the way God used others in the first Advent story, like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, the magi, and later Simeon and Anna. As we've studied the Scriptures, we've also examined several of art history's most renowned Advent works. Below I have listed each of our Advent paintings and the Scriptures on which they are based. I hope they have been and will continue to be meaningful to you.

Elizabeth and Mary - *The Visitation* - Rogier van der Weyden - early 1400s (**Luke 1:41**)

Gabriel and Mary - *The Annunciation* - Lorenzo Lotto - 1527 - (**Luke 1:26-38**)

The Shepherds - *The Portinari Triptych* - Hugo van der Goes - late 1400s (**Luke 2:16**)

The Magi - *Adoration of the Magi* - Andrea Mantegna - c. 1500 (**Matthew 2:11**)

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus - *The Holy Family with Angels* - Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn - 1645 (**Luke 2:39-40**)

Simeon and Anna - *Simeon and Anna Praise the Infant Jesus* - Arent de Gelder - c. 1700 (**Luke 2:25-38**)

The end of Advent is followed closely by the end of another year. This is also a reminder that we await a Second Advent. Jesus Christ will return again, and He will bring the fullness of God's Kingdom with Him.

As we prepare for 2017, may we be inspired to live out the Good News about Jesus with the Second Advent always in mind.

Coming next: Nehemiah: A New Year and New Beginnings.

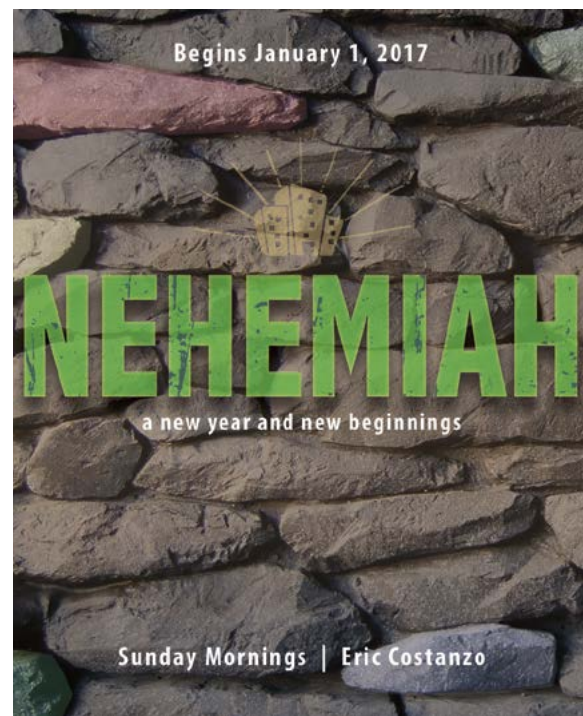
Children's Choir

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 and grade one 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!

"Nehemiah Wall" of Food *for the Ministry Center*

Please join us throughout the months of January and February as we collect non-refrigerated foods (canned goods, boxed goods, jarred goods, etc.) to build our wall for families served by our Ministry Center as we study Nehemiah on Sunday mornings. Make sure and walk down the Jesus hallway each week to see our building progress!



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Merry Christmas!

Today is the day! People are declaring peace on earth and good will to men. Many people are singing songs about the day, but we sing songs about the Savior! We sing songs of worship today for the greatest reason of all, we are free! The real reason to celebrate today is that He is here, and because He is here we can truly have a peace that gives life!

Today is more than symbolism, it is D-day for the soul! Today is about the hope of spiritual deliverance and eternal life. It is the rescue of our souls from punishment! It is freedom for eternity! We celebrate Christmas Day as the act of ultimate love whereby a just and righteous God came to do for us what we were incapable of doing for ourselves. We celebrate the coming Messiah for what He has done to bring to us a righteousness not of our own and apply it to our lives, in order that we might stand before a Holy God and live!

With this gift, Eden can be restored! Paradise is no longer lost! Because of this great day there is hope that we might live the life of knowing and walking with God! So, today as you are surrounded by friends and family, rejoice with them that Christ has come! Rejoice with them that His life on this earth means life for you in heaven! Most importantly, as you celebrate today don't leave Christ in the manger, but place Him in the highest place of worship in your heart and life, as the conquering Savior and King of Kings.

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

Thank You Melanie

South Tulsa and our staff would like to express our deep appreciation for Melanie Ketchum and her more than 11 years of service to our church. Melanie has been a joy to work with and a model of excellence. We join her in celebrating this new opportunity and season of her life!

Welcome New Members



Matt, Shiloh, Preston & Bennett Wolff, *by letter*



Mike & Betty Lawrence, *by letter*

YEC - Youth Evangelism Conference

Students, join us as we head to Falls Creek on Sunday, January 15! We will leave immediately following Sunday Bible Study. You will need a change of clothes, toiletry items, bedding and pillow. Plus bring \$20 for meals. We will be back Monday at 6:00 p.m.

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.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	1,833,359
Actual MFP Receipts	1,676,028
General Fund	69,343
Building Fund	455
Lottie Moon to date	34,976
Turkeys to date	2,030

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	299
Youth	63
Children	68
Preschool	65
Unclassified	10
Total	505

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 122

Adult, Youth, Precept

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	18
People Helped	192
Salvations	3

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	3,369
<i>(U.S. 2,236; International 1,133)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	129
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	1,118
<i>(U.S. 742 ; International 376)</i>	

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