

this week

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day
10:50 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Lunch & Bible Study

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. South Tulsa Boys Basketball

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, January 7

Belize Missions Lunch January 8

Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:50 a.m. worship service. All proceeds will benefit our student mission trip to Belize this spring break.

Reception for the Wolff Family

Let's welcome Matt Wolff and his family at a special reception following the 6:00 p.m. service next Sunday, January 8.

WEDNESDAY DINNER

January 4, 2017

Fried shrimp, baked potato bar, hushpuppies, 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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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!

BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP - Thursday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Contact Denise Curtiss for more information.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY - Kick off the new year at our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, January 3 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Eric will be speaking.

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

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 RA, GA, Mission Friends 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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10:50AM Worship

Introduction to Nehemiah Sermon Series

Program Emphasis

God Will Make a Way

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer and Welcome

Message in Song *Be Thou My Vision*

Andrew and Sarah Harper

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Greeting One Another

With All My Heart

Nehemiah 1:1-11 Drew French

Message Nehemiah: A New Year and

New Beginnings Eric Costanzo

Response *Take My Life, and Let It*

Be Consecrated

Worship in Giving *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

Kaye Cole, Mary Roberts

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Postlude

A New Year and New Beginnings

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

A friend of mine was recently lamenting to me that he had no idea what to buy his son for Christmas. He said, "What do you get for the kid who already has everything?" My friend took a shot in the dark on the gift, and simply hoped for the best.

This led to a great conversation between the two of us about how upside-down and over-accumulative our culture is. I said to my friend, "Whenever you figure out the answer to your question - 'What do you get for the kid who already has everything?' - let me know, because I am quite sure the answer will not be more stuff."

I am convinced we are all in need of some major changes.

A new year is upon us. Most if not all of us take this time to reflect, remember, and set goals to make this next year better than the one we just left behind. No matter how difficult the end of the last year was; the beginning of a new year gives us all a chance to be optimistic. This new year can be a new beginning. And I can think of no better book and person in Scripture to study at the beginning of a year than Nehemiah.

Nehemiah is such a relatable person. Nehemiah was overwhelmed with life and its responsibilities. He lived in a culture that was hostile to his faith. He longed to see things returned to the way God meant for them to be. He prayed, he trusted God, and he took risks. As God began to work in and through Nehemiah, several challenges emerged that could only be met by trusting in God.

Nehemiah set goals, made plans, and committed himself to the hard work God expected. As we would all expect, Nehemiah often met opposition, faced criticism, and even had threats made to his life. Yet he persevered.

One of the most common themes of this book is Nehemiah's continual prayer: "Remember me with favor, God." I am thrilled to spend the next two months studying this book, and my prayer for me, my family, and our church is that God would remember us with favor in 2017!

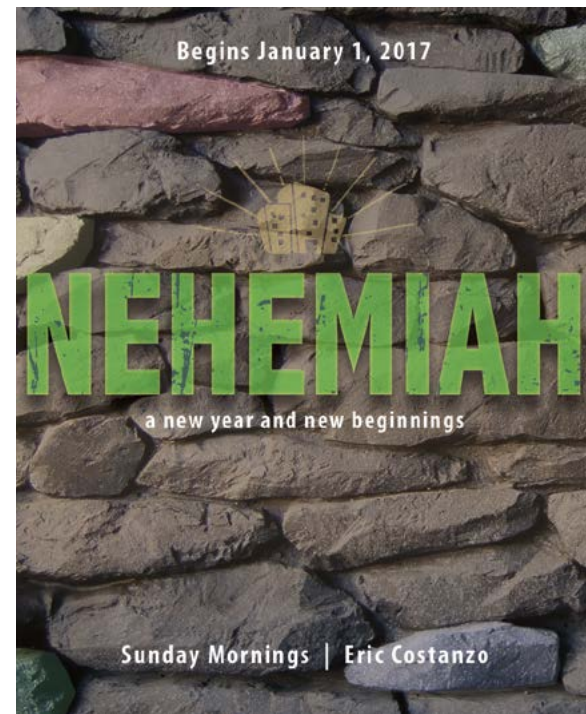
Children's Choir

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!



Inside South Tulsa

Congratulations Nathan and Sarah Sweaney on the birth of their new baby, Jonathan Dale Sweaney, born Tuesday, December 27, weighing 7lb 15oz and 21 inches.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

The "Do Over"

It is an amusing and enjoyable thing to watch kids play games together. One thing that will be present in most every game for kids is the "Do Over." It is basically the kid version of a Mulligan. It means that they have the opportunity to fix a mistake, and make the rest of the game better and more enjoyable.

New Year's is kind of like a "Do Over." We can't erase the things that have happened in the previous year, but we can work to make them new. Every year presents disappointments and the new year is a natural place where we can start fresh.

The incredible thing is that as Christians God is the One who makes "Do Overs" possible. John gives this comforting reality when he says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The Christian "Do Over" is not about erasing what has happened, but it is about refreshing our relationship with the Father enabling us to remain in a close walk with Him!

New Year's is a great time to call a "Do Over." But know this, you don't have to wait for a new year to do this, you should do it every day. As a matter of fact, Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The thing that is more powerful than a yearly renewal is a daily renewal! So, as you begin this new year place your life in Christ's hands and continue this practice each and everyday!

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

Youth Evangelism Conference

Students, join us as we head to Falls Creek on Sunday, January 15 for YEC! 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.

Welcome New Member



Abigail Costanzo, by baptism

Refugee and International Ministry Meeting

Pastor Eric will update on opportunities to minister to international and refugee families here in South Tulsa Sunday evening, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We will discuss lots of great things that have been happening and community connections that are developing with Jenks Public Schools and others. Please pray about joining us!

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? Jesus' longest recorded message articulates what the life of a Christ-follower should look like. Please contact Debby Arnold, 918-639-5777 or darnold@capmgtco.com so that a workbook can be ordered and available to you on our first class meeting.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan 1,918,544
Actual MFP Receipts 1,750,020
General Fund 73,991
Building Fund 3,920
Lottie Moon to date 55,434

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults
Youth
Children
Preschool
Unclassified
Total

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Adult, Youth, Precept

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers
People Helped
Salvations

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 1,710
(U.S. 1,442; International 268)
Retirement Center Ministry 75
(9 locations)
ON DEMAND Views 644
(U.S. 543; International 101)

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