

# this week

## Sunday, January 29

East Asia Mission Trip (1/26-2/7)  
 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  
 10:45 a.m. Belize Training  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells  
 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble  
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Planning Mtg.  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble  
 6:00 p.m. January Bible Study-Malachi,  
 Bible Drill & Bible Skills, Student Fellowship

## Monday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells  
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*

## Tuesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:15 p.m. GROW W-Team

## Wednesday, February 1

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  
*Sermon on the Mount*  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open  
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship  
 6:30 p.m. GA, RA, Mission Friends  
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra, Boys Basketball

## Thursday, February 2

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program,  
 Precept *Isaiah Part 2*  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day, Women's Bible  
 Study *Joy Beyond Agony*  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Precept *Isaiah Part 2*

## Friday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, February 4

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

February 1, 2017

*Fajitas, Mexican rice, refried beans, all the trimmings, guacamole, cheese dip and chips, 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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## more

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY** - Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, February 7 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch together and have a time of Bible study.

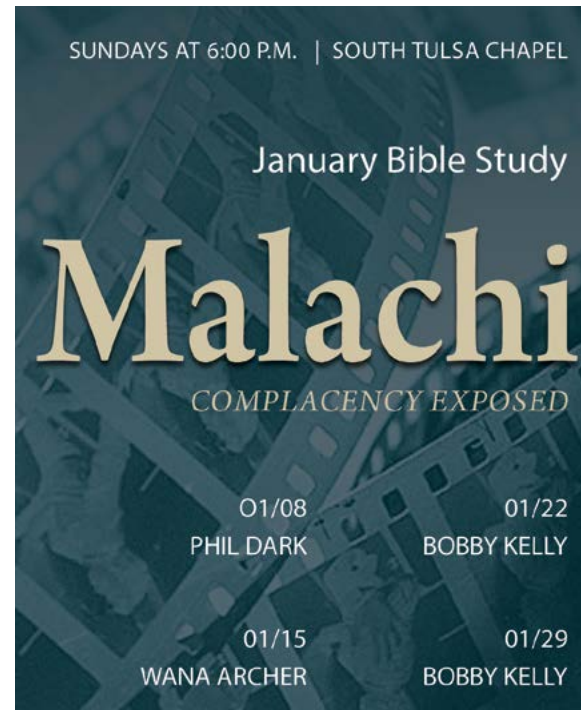
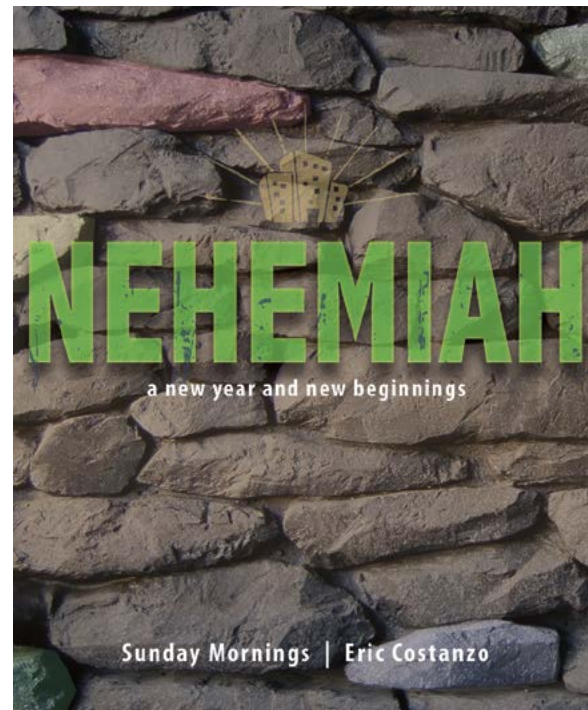
**PARTNER MINISTRY FORUM: FEBRUARY 12** - Join us on Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel as we learn more about our partner ministries and ways that we can be involved. We hope to have the following participating in the forum: the Ministry Center, DaySpring Villa, Hope Pregnancy Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Tulakogee, and Disaster Relief.

**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. Walk down the Jesus hallway each week to see our building progress!

**BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP** - Thursday, February 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Contact Denise Curtiss for more information.

**BABY SHOWER FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER** - Girls in Action is hosting a baby shower for Hope on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in room D261. We want to bless them with gifts for their "Positive Bags." Please bring unwrapped gifts of baby wash, baby shampoo, onesies, pacifiers, baby socks, bibs, or other small baby items.

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



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8:30AM Worship

**77 Seconds@SouthTulsa**

*Sing Sing Sing*  
*Open Up the Heavens*  
**Welcome and Prayer**  
*Mighty to Save*  
*Lead Me to The Cross*  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Andrew Kliewer  
**Message** Malachi 2:17-3:5 Bobby Kelly  
**Response** *Nothing But The Blood*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

10:50AM Worship

*What You Gonna Preach?* Mixed Ensemble  
*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*  
**Prayer and Welcome**  
*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*  
*Refiner's Fire*  
*Alleluia (Glory, Honor, Majesty)*  
**Greeting One Another**  
*Sanctuary*  
**Scripture Reading** Andrew Kliewer  
**Message** Malachi 2:17-3:5 Bobby Kelly  
**My Response** *Purer in Heart*  
**Worship in Giving** *Morning Has Broken*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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# Our Responsibility towards Justice and the Needy

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

In the 4th century, the Roman Emperor Julian, who saw all faith as pointless, actually paid God's people a compliment: "For it is disgraceful when no Jew is a beggar and the impious Galileans [i.e. Christians] support our poor in addition to their own."

What an incredible tribute to our forebears in faith - that their care for the poor was noted by an emperor who hated everything they believed. Julian noticed they not only cared for the poor in their own circles, but among their religious adversaries as well.

Nehemiah's example in caring for the poor is on the same level. When he learned that those who had returned to Jerusalem were not following the proper rules of *peah* ("corners") and *tzedakah* ("charity") as described in Leviticus 19 and Deuteronomy 15, he was angry. They were not treating their own people with justice and were charging interest when they should not have been; so he stepped in and demanded justice (cf. Nehemiah 5:1-19).

As God's people and followers of Jesus, it is our responsibility to care about injustice and to care for the needy. Why? For a few reasons.

1. God said so.
2. God cares about injustice and people who are in genuine need.
3. Like both the Jews and Christians, our authentic compassion and action on behalf of justice/need demonstrates God's love to others.

In the end, Nehemiah believed that his work to promote justice and compassion was part of his call from God. As a result, it was only God that he sought to please: "Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people" (Nehemiah 5:19).

**EXTRA:** The Hebrew laws regarding the poor are simple, practical, and brilliant. To read more about these principles, including *Tzedakah* and *Peah*, see <http://ericcostanzo.me>.

## COULD YOU BE A MATCH FOR Stephen Ministry?

Have you been thinking about a ministry into which God may be calling you? Are you someone with the gift of mercy, compassion, and faith? Do you have a desire to truly help hurting people? If so, then Stephen Ministry may be just the place for you. Please come to an informational meeting about Stephen Ministry training this Sunday afternoon, January 29 from 2:00-4:00 in the Conference Room. At the meeting you will learn more about the training process for Stephen Ministers. Please pray about your part in this and then come learn how you can make a difference in people's lives through this great ministry.



## Thank You

The family of Faye Hicks is very grateful for the many acts of kindness shown to our family in her home-going. We appreciate the many who visited her the past four years in the nursing home, the staff and others who made the service special, those who prepared food for the family lunch, the flowers, calls and cards; but more importantly, your prayers. ~ Leon & Regina Hicks

**Partner Ministry Forum**

**Sunday, February 12 @ 6:00 pm**

The Ministry Center, DaySpring Villa, Hope Pregnancy Center, Tulakogee, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Disaster Relief

## Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

### Now is the Time

I can remember the events of my youth very vividly. As a matter of fact it seems like just yesterday that I was playing football, sitting in my youth group, and walking across the stage to receive a diploma, but the reality is that those days are far gone. It is hard to understand where the time has gone. Benjamin Franklin once said, "You may delay, but time will not, and lost time is never found again."

This reflects Paul's message: "You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep" (Romans 13:11). In effect he is saying, "this is the moment that God has placed you on earth, and it is only for a limited time so don't waste it. Your opportunity is brief, so do not look at time with a complacent and apathetic attitude. Instead live with the purpose of accomplishing all that God has created you to do through Christ Jesus." He is calling for the church to wake from spiritual sleep, from unresponsiveness and inactivity concerning the things of God. Maybe they had forgotten who they were in Christ and began to live in the everyday monotony of life while forgetting to daily look to their Savior. Paul had to remind them today matters! How they live now matters!

This is a message not only for the church that existed two thousand years ago, this is a message for us. We too must be reminded to wake up! Look around you, the time is vanishing. So, don't get lulled to sleep by the everyday monotony of life, rather realize that now is the time to "work the works of Him who sent Christ" (John 9:4). The Father has given us our lives for such a time as this. So, wake up, be alert, be prepared, and live for that great purpose that Christ has saved you for, His Great Name and Glory!

(Read Dru's full article at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) or watch the video under the "Media" tab.)

**Mark your Calendar - Kingdom Explorer's Ladies Prayer Meeting: Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m., D171 off the Gym.**

## Welcome New Member



Crucina Freeman, by letter



Robert & Nancy Wadlow, by letter

## Keyboard Festival

South Tulsa will host the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Keyboard Festival on Saturday, February 11. About 150 students and their families are involved each year as these students play at different times throughout the morning. Each participant receives a critique of their playing. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and to shuttle critique sheets to the festival secretary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Philip Stephens in the church office.

## I'm a Christian Now!

Children who have recently accepted Christ or are asking questions, are invited to attend "I'm a Christian Now!" class. This class will meet February 5, 12 and 19 during the Bible Study hour. This class will help the children begin to understand what it means to be a Christian, the importance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, their role as church members, how to grow as a Christian and the importance of spending time with God. Contact Connie in the church office today to enroll your child in this class. The class size will be limited to six children.

## Malachi

Join us as Bobby Kelly concludes our January Bible study on Malachi tonight in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,149,553
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	2,107,913
General Fund . . . . .	80,169
Building Fund . . . . .	1,670
Lottie Moon to date . . . . .	78,433

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	511
Students . . . . .	74
Children . . . . .	93
Preschool . . . . .	84
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	772

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 219

Adult, Youth, Precept

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	23
People Helped . . . . .	343
Medical Clinic . . . . .	15
Salvations . . . . .	1

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	5,676
<i>(U.S. 3,783; International 1,893)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	111
<i>(9 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	981
<i>(U.S. 654; International 327)</i>	

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