

this week

Sunday, February 5

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
 12:15 p.m. Committee on Committees Mtg.
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leadership Mtg./
 Stephen Ministry Supervision
 5:00 p.m. Student Super Bowl Party at
 Thompson's Home
 6:00 p.m. NO Evening Service

Monday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Ministry Meeting
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Bible Study & Lunch
 6:15 p.m. GROW G-Team

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 a.m. MOPS
 10:00 a.m. Children's Committee Mtg.
 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 9

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*
 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry Ladies Night Out
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Precept *Isaiah Part 2*

Friday, February 10

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Keyboard Festival
 10:00 a.m. FIT Crafts for Homebound

WEDNESDAY DINNER

February 8, 2017

*Mini meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable,
 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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STUDENT MINISTRY SUPER BOWL PARTY TONIGHT - Meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. to ride together to the Thompson's home for our Super Bowl party, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Guys bring a 2-liter of pop, girls bring a dessert.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: WHAT'S IN YOUR PURSE? - Plan now to attend a luncheon and purse exchange Saturday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Save the date, details to follow.

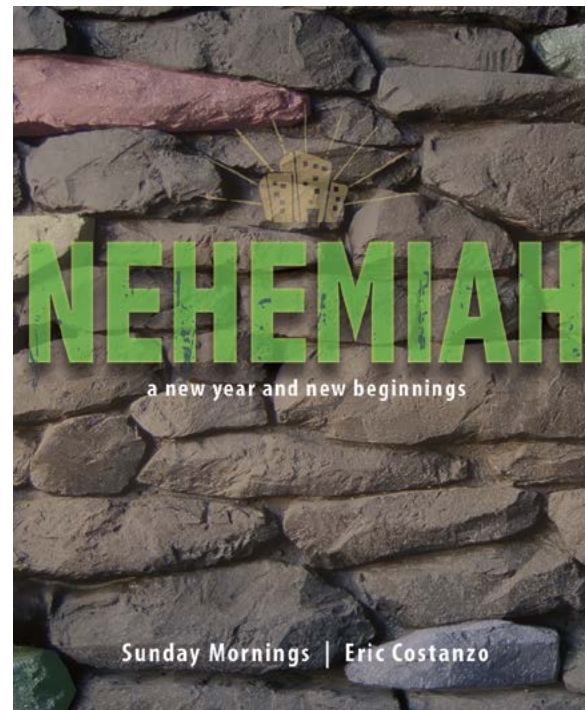
SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY - Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, February 7 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch together and have a time of Bible study.

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.

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 will host 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

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How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)

Our God

Welcome and Prayer

We Believe

Come As You Are

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading Ashley Conrad

Message Nehemiah 6:1-16 Dru Finley

Response *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Worthy Is the Lamb

The Church's One Foundation

Prayer and Welcome

What I Know Lauren Elias & Emily Milton

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

He Knows My Name"

Alpha and Omega Solo - Rod Brown

Greeting One Another

I Sing Praises

Scripture Reading Ashley Conrad

Message Nehemiah 6:1-16 Dru Finley

Response *Calvary Covers It All*

Giving *Here I Am to Worship*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Hatred, Retribution, and Forgiveness, pt. 1

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

As Mack stormed out of our Bible study group, he exclaimed: "I don't care what you say about Jesus, or what Jesus said; I can't do that!"

We had just been discussing the Sermon on the Mount, and Jesus' instructions that we should love and pray for our enemies and those who persecute us. Mack had battled homelessness for years after serving our country in the military. He had grown significantly in many ways since joining our group, but many of his feelings towards his enemies were still very raw. He was not prepared to forgive his enemies, and "turning the other cheek" was not in his survival repertoire.

When Mack stormed out of our Bible study, perhaps he misunderstood what Jesus meant by love and forgiveness for our enemies. Throughout the Scripture, there are many calls for justice against those who are enemies of God and His people. Nehemiah is a great example of this.

Nehemiah's prayers regarding his enemies, Sanballat and Tobiah, are also very raw. At times they seem unforgiving. Let's not forget, by this point in the story Sanballat and Tobiah had made legitimate threats on Nehemiah's life. Nehemiah prayed against the men and their cohorts: "Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done..." (Nehemiah 6:15a).

Did Nehemiah hate his enemies? Perhaps the answer is both "yes" and "no." In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word *senah* (pronounced "say-nah") describes the sentiments of a person towards his or her enemy. Interestingly, this word, which is often translated as "hate," is attributed to God on multiple occasions, in every case referring to God's opposition towards habitual evil and those who practice evil as a part of their lifestyle.

So does God actually "hate" some people? If so, does that mean we could or should hate them also? Or should we live by the old adage, "Hate the sin and not the sinner"? I will answer this question from Scripture next week...

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!

Thank You

Church family, Your kind expression of sympathy is greatly appreciated at the loss of my mother, Marjorie "Margie" Durbin. She attended the satellite services from Legends Assisted Living for the past four years of her life!

~In Christ, Mary Ferguson & Family

Praying for One Another

If you would like to receive our daily email prayer list, please contact the church office, carolyn@southtulsa.org. A weekly, printed prayer list is also distributed on Wednesday nights that can be found at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

MISSION IGNITION

MISSIONS EVENT FOR KIDS GRADES 1-6

First Baptist Church, Tulsa | bgco.org/missionignition
Please contact Connie Faurot at 918-299-0904 to register.

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» 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Missionary Speakers • Bible Skills Games • Inflatables • Archery
Mission Challenge • Mission Projects • Open Racing • Worship • Lunch

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Focus

Have you ever seen a stereogram? Those are the pictures that appear to be nothing more than a chaotic and disorganized variety of colors and patterns, but within the chaos is a hidden three-dimensional picture. With a stereogram you have to focus on one thing in order for the three-dimensional image to come into view and the picture to make sense. The key is focus.

Paul tells us in Romans 8, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit." In other words, those who know Jesus Christ focus all of their attention on Him until everything else in life makes sense. It is our focus on Christ that clarifies the rest of the world around us. As matter of fact, Paul goes on to say, "to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." It is when we set our focus on Christ that the purpose of life comes into view, and we have peace even through the midst of what seems to be chaos!

Maybe you're at a point in life that your world seems blurry, resembling a chaotic stereogram. Know that clarity comes by focusing your mind on the things of the Spirit. So, when

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you feel like your life is chaotic and disorganized, focus on the Savior! Put your mind in His Word! Allow His Spirit to have your full attention so that He might bring all of the chaos of this crazy world into the view of His greater plan for your life! For, it is when we gaze upon Him and give Him all of our life that He can turn the chaos into clarity!

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

Welcome New Member



Otis (Harold) Barnes,
by statement

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ladies Night Out

Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship as we play bunko and meet new friends on February 9, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Judy Disch. The theme is "All things Red." Dinner will be Mike's BBQ brisket sandwiches, baked beans, and potatoes. Please sign up in the Sanctuary Choir room if you can come, bring a salad, raw veggies or dessert, or if you want to ride the bus.

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.

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

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GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	2,207,305
Actual MFP Receipts	2,175,842
General Fund	67,939
Building Fund	535
Lottie Moon to date	88,943

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	544
Students	82
Children	92
Preschool	78
Unclassified	10
Total	806

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 197

Adult, Youth, Precept

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	235
Salvations	1

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,502
<i>(U.S. 1,659; International 843)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	129
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	616
<i>(U.S. 410; International 206)</i>	

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