

# this week

## Sunday, February 12

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  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
 12:00 p.m. Belize Mission Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Youth Handbells  
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble  
 6:00 p.m. Partner Ministry Forum, Bible Drill, Bible Skills

## Monday, February 13

9:30 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, February 14 - Valentine's Day

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 10:00 a.m. Mother's in Prayer, Kingdom Explorers Ladies Prayer  
 6:15 p.m. NO GROW

## Wednesday, February 15

9:00 a.m. ELP Kinder Camp, ELP Planning 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  
 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, Stewardship Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

## Thursday, February 16

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 17

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Ordination and Brunch

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

February 15, 2017

*Chicken and noodles, 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 CENTER WORK DAY** - Our students will be serving at the Ministry Center on Monday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and drinks provided.

**BELIZE MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING** - February 19 at 5:00 pm. in the Student Room.

**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.

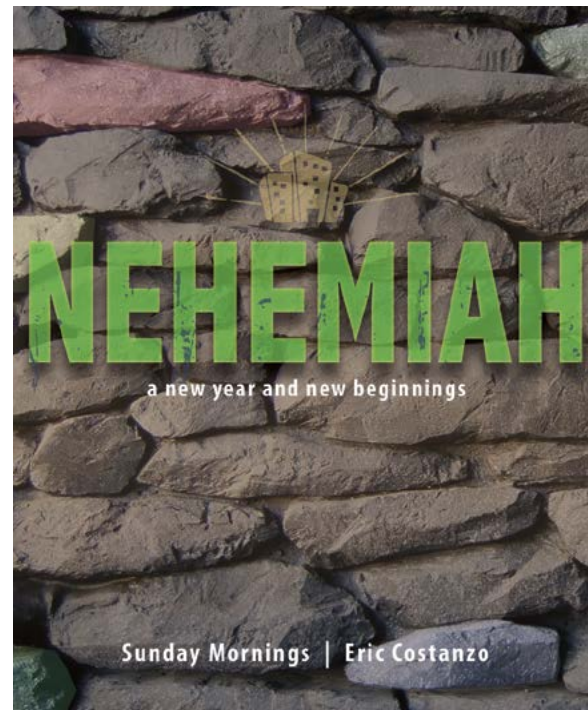
**PARTNER MINISTRY FORUM: TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 12** - Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel as we learn more about our partner ministries and ways that we can be involved. We will be hearing from: the Ministry Center, DaySpring Villa, Hope Pregnancy Center, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Tulakogee, 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.

**GOLF CART MINISTRY** - Be the first smile that guests and church family see on Sunday mornings at South Tulsa. Additional drivers are needed for the golf carts. Contact the church office if you would like to serve.

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



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## 8:30AM Worship

**77 Seconds@SouthTulsa**

*Today Is the Day*  
*Holy Is the Lord*

**Welcome and Prayer**

*Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*  
*Hosanna (In the Highest)*

**Greeting One Another**

**Scripture Reading** Kelsey Thompson

**Message** Nehemiah 7:73b-8:10

**Response** *Just As I Am - I Come Broken*

**New Commitments - New Members**

**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

**77Seconds@SouthTulsa**

*Ancient Words*  
*How Firm a Foundation*

**Prayer and Welcome**

**Message in Song** *Man After Your Own Heart*  
 Rod Brown, Nicole Brown

*Great I Am with Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Greeting One Another**

*The Joy of the Lord*

**Scripture Reading** Kelsey Thompson

**Message** Nehemiah 7:73b-8:10

**Response** *All That Thrills My Soul*

**Giving** *Doxology* Laurie Lightbody

**New Commitments - New Members**

**Blessing**



## Hatred, Retribution, and Forgiveness, pt. 2

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

In last week's column, I ended with the questions: *Does God actually "hate" some people? If so, does that mean we could or should also? Or should we live by the old adage, "Hate the sin and not the sinner"?*

In the Hebrew scriptures, the word *senah*, often translated as "hate," is used regarding God's sentiments towards those who pursue evil with their whole lives. *Senah* is not hatred in the sense that we often use it, which includes deeply embedded bitterness and personal animosity towards another person. *Senah* is a robust opposition towards wrongdoing and injustice. God expects His people to be against evil in the same way. At times, *senah* was used generally against all who do wrong (**Psalm 5:5, Psalm 97:10**). Other times it was used regarding God's opposition to a specific group of people who were known for oppression, like the Edomites (**Malachi 1:3**).

One of the most important and least-known uses of *senah* comes from Proverbs 6:16-19: *There are six things the LORD hates (senah), seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.*

The meaning of *senah* is less our understanding of deep hatred and more the idea of opposition and rejection. God is against noses turned up in the air. He rejects lying. He hates the harming of the innocent. He does not put up with evil schemers and those who are eager to do wrong. He stands against false witnesses and habitual liars. He opposes trouble-mongers.

No wonder Nehemiah prayed against Sanballat and Tobiah: *"Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight..."* (**Nehemiah 4:5**). Having evil in your heart, practicing it with your hands, and destroying others as a result evokes the *senah* of God.

God does not hate people. God hates evil, injustice, and their proliferation. And so should we.

## Belize Mission Lunch Today!

Support our students going on a mission trip to Belize over Spring Break by attending the Belize Mission Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Just after the 10:50 a.m. worship service a wonderful barbecue lunch with pulled pork, brisket, and more will be served. Just place the money you would normally spend going out to lunch in the basket.

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

## Nehemiah Wall of Food

FOR THE MINISTRY CENTER - Have you walked down the Jesus hallway to see our building progress? The wall of food is being built - don't miss out! Please join us through the end of 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.

## Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

### Stand Out

If you've ever traveled overseas you know that American tourists typically stick out like a sore thumb. Even so, there are many people who go to great lengths when they travel to try and blend in. After all, when in Rome do as the Romans, right. Christians should be able to relate to this. After all Peter tells us that we are "aliens" in a foreign land. But, blending in was never intended as an option for Christians who are aliens in a world they don't belong to!

The reality is, that the world wants you to look and think like the culture you're in. **Romans 12:2** tells us, *"Do not be conformed to this world (or culture), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."* "Be conformed" refers to an outward expression that does not reflect what is within. It was used as masquerading as something you're not. In other words, Christians are to be who they have been made to be in Christ, and not attempt to "blend in" with a culture that is going the opposite direction as their Savior.

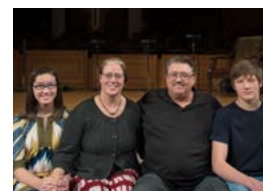
The tough question to ask is, are you in the world or is the world in you? Who is shaping your identity? Rather than blending in, the Christian should embrace who they've been made to be and stand out for the Glory of God!

We've been given the greatest gift of being able to reflect the Savior who has given us life, therefore *"let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

(**Matthew 5:16**).

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

## Welcome New Members



Bret, Teri, Benjamin Simpson, by letter  
Abigail Simpson, by baptism

## Discover Class

New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend a two-week class Sunday, February 26 and March 5 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room. This class is designed to give you a look into the history and heart of South Tulsa Baptist Church, and let us get to know you better. Please RSVP to the church office, 918-299-0904 by February 22 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

## New Snack Ministry

A new snack ministry was launched with the Jenks Public School's English Language Learner program as part of our Refugee and International ministry. On Mondays and Wednesdays 36 students will now receive snacks packed in special bags from our church. The bags are packed on Monday mornings at the church, if you would like to help please contact the church office. A teacher sent this message: "Thank you so much for bringing snacks for our English Language Learner students who attend after school tutoring. They were so excited! The girls really liked the heart shaped pretzels! Your church has truly blessed these precious children. Thanks for your generous gift to our students." The students featured on the cover are from Myanmar, Syria, Iraq and Turkey.

**MISSION IGNITION**

**MISSIONS EVENT FOR KIDS GRADES 1-6**

First Baptist Church, Tulsa | [bgco.org/missionignition](http://bgco.org/missionignition)  
Please contact Connie Faurot at 918-299-0904 to register.

**march 4, 2017**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

**\$5 before MARCH 1 \$10 after**

**SOUTH TULSA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**MARCH 4, 2017**

## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,278,024
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	2,257,903
General Fund . . . . .	76,457
Building Fund . . . . .	2,160

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	508
Students . . . . .	69
Children . . . . .	95
Preschool . . . . .	81
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	763

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 245

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	30
People Helped . . . . .	92
Medical Clinic . . . . .	14

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	1,641
<i>(U.S. 1,092; International 549)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	114
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	396
<i>(U.S. 264; International 132)</i>	

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Students impacted by new snack ministry