

# this week

## Sunday, February 19

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. Youth Handbells  
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Belize parent Mtg.  
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith, Bible Drill, Bible Skills  
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council, Student Gathering

## Monday, February 20

9:30 a.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*  
 10:00 a.m. Students at Ministry Center  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells  
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*

## Tuesday, February 21

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

## Wednesday, February 22

9:00 a.m. MOPS, ELP Kinder Camp  
 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

## Thursday, February 23

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*  
 6:00 p.m. FIT Women's Fellowship  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Art Journaling  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, Precept *Isaiah Part 2*

## Friday, February 24

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, February 25

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

February 22, 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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**CRAZY CHOIR DAZE #5 CRAZY SOCK DAY** - Wednesday, February 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to wear crazy socks to Children's Choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at The Directions store. Children have received wooden nickels throughout the month for their attendance, bringing a visitor to choir, being Choir Member of the Week, saying their memory verses or singing the Hymn-of-the-Month. Choir Leaders are also encouraged to wear their *Choosing God's Way* t-shirt.

**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 next week as we collect non-refrigerated foods (canned goods, boxed goods, jarred goods, etc.) to complete our wall for families served by our Ministry Center.

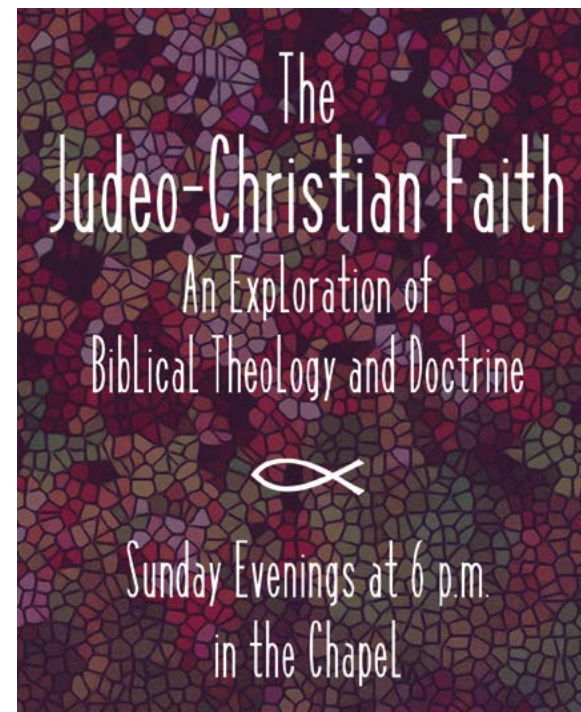
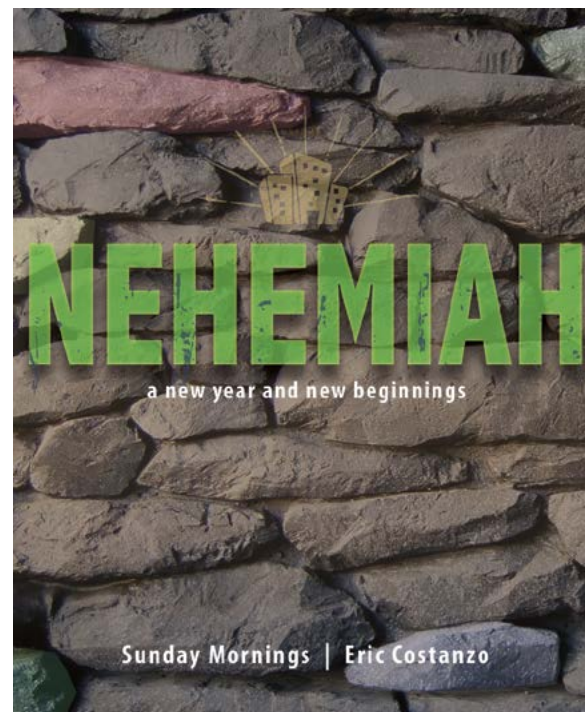
**STUDENT MINISTRY CENTER WORK DAY** - Our students will be serving at the Ministry Center on Monday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and drinks provided.

**BELIZE MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING** - TODAY, 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.

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

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



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## 8:30AM Worship

### 77 Seconds@SouthTulsa

*We Crown You*  
*10,000 Reasons*

### Welcome and Prayer

### Deacon Candidate's Video Testimonies

Lance McCarver, T. J. Remy

*I Stand Amazed*

### Greeting One Another

**Scripture Reading** Maddie Crancer

**Message** Nehemiah 12:27-31a

**Response** *Glorious Day*

### New Commitments - New Members

**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

### Message in Song Ladies Ensemble

*Can't Carry These Burdens Alone*

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

### Prayer and Welcome

*Holy Is He*

**Video Testimonies** Lance McCarver, T. J. Remy

### Affirmation of Deacon Candidates

### Choral Worship

*His Life for Mine with Jesus Paid It All*

**Giving** Ladies Handbell Choir

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Scripture Reading** Maddie Crancer

**Message** Nehemiah 12:27-31a

**Response** *Jesus Is the Song*

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## Biblical Literacy

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

I had a seminary professor who used to ask his students and congregations to turn to the book of First Hezekiah. It was quite amusing to watch upper-level ministry students flip through their “textbooks” looking for a title that sounds Bible-worthy and yet is not one of its books.

I believe biblical literacy to be one of the most important health indicators in a church. Many Christians mean well when asserting their opinions but actually know very little about why they hold their beliefs and opinions.

The general literacy rate in the U.S. is estimated at 99 percent---the highest it could possibly be. We are a ridiculously affluent culture from a historical perspective, and we have more access to information than anyone ever has. We stand as the most equipped civilization in the history of the world in terms of information—religious or otherwise.

And yet our “church people” are arguably the most biblical and spiritually illiterate people to date. Why is that? Perhaps our over-saturation with the Christian faith has caused us to take for granted just how essential the Scriptures are for being the people God has called us to be.

In Nehemiah 8 and following, the people were hungry for God’s Word. They could not get enough of it. They would listen for hours, and spend hours more learning how to interpret and apply what had been read to them.

Can we even imagine how the entire world would change if every genuine follower of Christ began to seek God’s Word out of a genuine hunger to hear from Him?

I invite you this evening to join us in the Chapel as we continue our study of the Judeo-Christian Faith. For the next several weeks, we will dive deeper into the Bible and its teachings that apply to every area of our lives. I hope you will make a commitment to join us!

“Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!”... (Nehemiah 8:6a)

## Welcome New Member



Cindy Seay,  
by statement

## 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.

## Mentors Men’s Ministry

Join us Monday, March 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45-7:45 a.m. for a time of men’s Bible study and fellowship. Donuts, bagels and coffee will be served.

**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

## Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

### The Story

Movies are a big part of our culture. Ever since motion pictures began people have flocked to the theater to watch the silver screen, but why? There are many reasons that people may give, but the biggest one is that we love a good story. Stories speak to us, they tug at our emotions. They are a form of entertainment, but more than that they speak of life and display messages of struggle and triumph, sorrow and joy, and often an overwhelming hope. A good story will draw us in to the point that we feel as if we are a part of the story.

What many don’t realize though, is that we are living out a story every day of our lives. But, this story is not merely the one that we paint on our individual canvases, it is the one that God has set into motion. As Christians, we must understand that we not only possess the greatest story ever told, but we are living as part of that great story!

Scripture paints the story of a grand metanarrative that begins with God creating the world and ends with the worship of the Most High once He has made all things new. The key is not to get lost to the point that we miss our own lives within the pages of Scripture. You see, you have a place in the storyline of Scripture. God desires that you would be involved in His great plan of Redemption. So, when you look at the pages of Scripture, don’t see it as some ancient book that has no relevance for your life. Rather, as you read the words of the Bible know that God had you in mind when He wrote them. Realize that this incredible story about the Almighty God who deserves our worship, desires to place you in the heavenly kingdom in order that you might have the thrill and honor of worshiping Him! So, make sure that this story is alive in your life, but also strive to make it come alive to those who have yet heard!

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

## 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.

## Chili Cook-Off

March 4, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### South Tulsa Fellowship Hall

Do you think you make the BEST chili? Let us be the judge! Enter a pot of your best in our Chili Cook-Off to support the Belize Mission Trip. The top three participants will win prizes!

To enter the contest pay \$25 for your pot of chili to be tasted and judged. Everyone else is invited to eat chili provided by the

Student Ministry (\$5/person) and to sample all the chili that has been entered into the competition. Register chili by Friday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. online ([southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) - under events/food services) or by calling the church office. Please arrive with your chili at 10:30 a.m. Winners to be announced at 12:30 p.m.



**South Tulsa Baptist Church celebrated 35 years of ministry on February 14, 1982-2017.**

**SOUTH TULSA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**MARCH 4, 2017**

## last week

### GIVING

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . | 2,348,743 |
| Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .     | 2,300,481 |
| General Fund . . . . .            | 42,578    |
| Building Fund . . . . .           | 805       |

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Adults . . . . .       | 528 |
| Students . . . . .     | 77  |
| Children . . . . .     | 109 |
| Preschool . . . . .    | 77  |
| Unclassified . . . . . | 10  |
| Total . . . . .        | 801 |

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 269

Adult, Student, Precept, Women’s

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Volunteers . . . . .    | 32  |
| People Helped . . . . . | 183 |

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

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| LIVE Views . . . . .                   | 2,580 |
| <i>(U.S. 1,720; International 860)</i> |       |
| Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .   | 123   |
| <i>(11 locations)</i>                  |       |
| ON DEMAND Views . . . . .              | 1,161 |
| <i>(U.S. 774; International 387)</i>   |       |

### MINISTRY STAFF

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