

this week

Sunday, March 5

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, Discover Class
 10:50 a.m. Worship, Baptism
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:00 p.m. Belize Mission Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Youth Handbells, Legacy Committee
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leadership
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Stephen Ministry Supervision, Committee on Committees
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Leadership Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith, Bible Drill, Bible Skills, Student Gathering
 7:00 p.m. East Asia Mission Report/Reception

Monday, March 6

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Spiritual Gifts*

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon & Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. GROW G-Team

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:00 a.m. MOPS
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 10:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
 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, March 9

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 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, March 10

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, March 11

Belize Mission Trip

WEDNESDAY DINNER

March 8, 2017

Italian baked chicken, rice, vegetable, roll, 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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EAST ASIA MISSION TRIP REPORT - Join us just after the evening service tonight, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to hear how God moved through our mission team on their recent trip to East Asia. Light refreshments will be served.

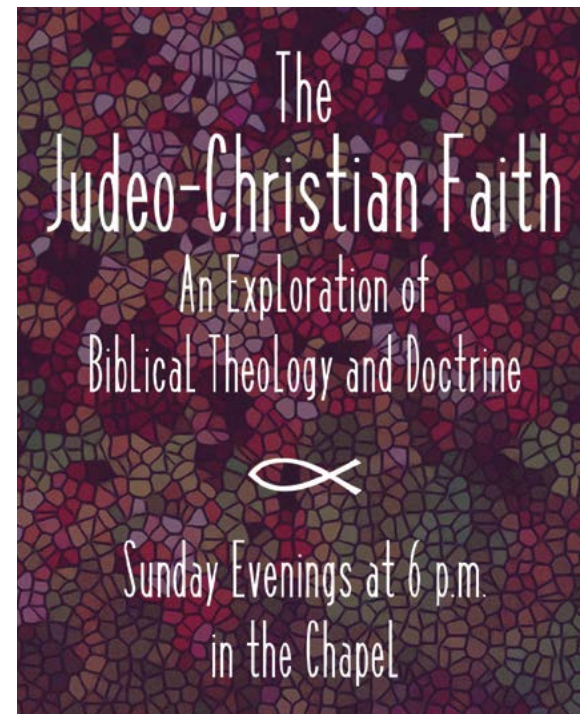
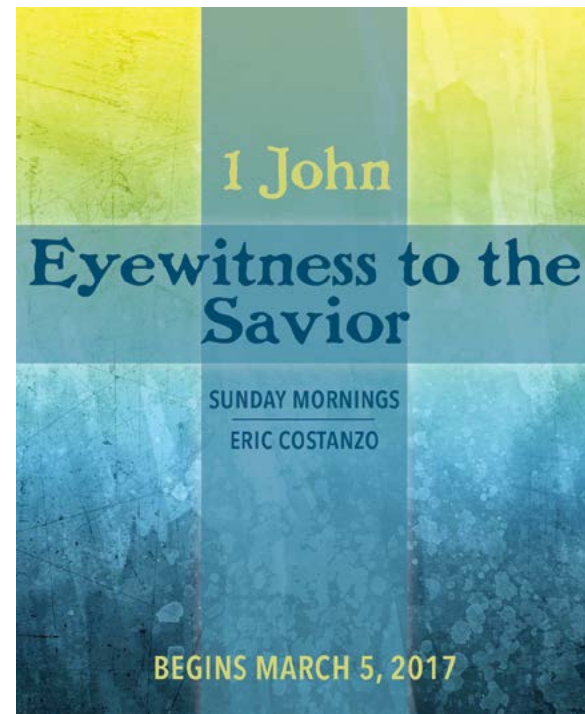
MENTORS MEN'S MINISTRY - Join us Monday, March 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45-7:45 a.m. for a time of men's Bible study and fellowship. Donuts, bagels and coffee will be served. We will be previewing our next study - STEPPING UP: A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD. Morning and evening times will be available - choose Mondays 6:45-7:45 a.m. March 20-May 22 or Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. March 22-May 24.

MUSIC MINISTRY LADIES NIGHT OUT - Enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship as we play bunko and meet new friends together Thursday, March 9, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the home of Sharolyn Sorrels, co-hosted by Ronda Brown. The "Irish Blessing" menu includes: Irish stew, shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, garlic butter biscuits and dessert. Sign up in the Sanctuary Choir room or call Sherri, if you are able to attend or would like to ride the bus. All you need to bring is yourself!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: WHAT'S IN YOUR PURSE? - Join us for a Ladies Luncheon and Purse Exchange in the South Tulsa Gym with special speaker Karen Wright. Bring a gently used purse to exchange. Please RSVP by March 18 at southtulsa.org or sign up in your Sunday Bible Study class.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY - Join us on Tuesday, March 7 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch together and have a time of Bible study.

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



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8:30AM Worship

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I Will Follow

O Praise Him

Welcome and Prayer Matt Wolff

Never Once

Greeting One Another

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading Noah Costanzo

Faith Story Pat Bolding

Message 1 John 1:1-4 Eric Costanzo

Response *Before the Throne*

New Commitments - New Members

Commissioning of Belize Mission Team

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

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Baptism Yuqing Wu

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Commissioning of the Belize Mission Team

Change My Heart, O God

Choral Worship *There Is a Fountain*

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Giving *In This Very Room* Violin-Emily Haynes

Scripture Reading Noah Costanzo

Faith Story Pat Bolding

Message 1 John 1:1-4 Eric Costanzo

Response *Jesus Paid It All*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Eyewitnesses to Jesus

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

A good story is powerful. A good story draws us in, captivates our imagination, and often sticks with us long past its telling.

True stories are even more impactful, especially when they come from an eyewitness. When someone who was there can describe how things looked, sounded, and felt, we almost never forget. There is nothing quite like a person who can say, "I was there. I saw it. I experienced it, I know what it felt like."

The true stories recorded about Jesus in the New Testament came from eye-witnesses; from men and women who were there and experienced these things first hand.

John the Apostle was one of those eyewitnesses. As a disciple of Jesus, John was among those who remained closest to Jesus throughout his adult life. John was not only among the twelve, he was part of the inner circle, if you will. He was a part of the triumvirate of disciples - Peter, James, and John - who were with Jesus at pivotal moments when the other disciples were absent.

John said, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life" (1 John 1:1).

John has given us not only an eyewitness account, but also deeply meaningful descriptions of how Jesus redefines every part of the story of our universe. John talks about light and darkness and the True Light that is Jesus. John talks about pursuing Christ above our own interests and the sinfulness around us, and what it means to love each other in unity.

1 John is rich and powerful. Commit yourself and your family to be here in these weeks leading up to Easter as we dig into John's eyewitness account, and together discover more about what it means to have a full life in Jesus.

Belize Mission Lunch Today! - Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables.



A New Day at South Tulsa

A New Day at South Tulsa is our church's strategy to pay off our existing debt by the end of 2018, if not before.

At South Tulsa, we believe God has called us to be excellent stewards, or managers, of all the resources with which we have been blessed. For the last several years, our church has been faithfully paying off debt that was obtained as a result of completing our current campus. We have been blessed with wonderful facilities, and every square inch has been dedicated to doing God's Kingdom work each day of the week.

At our current payment rate, our debt is scheduled to be paid off sometime during 2021. Beginning with Easter 2017, we are putting into action a plan to pay off our current debt (beginning at around

\$1,850,000) in 18 months or less. This will free up some \$40,000 monthly in our church budget to go towards missions, ministry programs, and church family needs. Our goal as a church is to eliminate debt and stay out of debt.

But there is more. We also know that many families in our church and in our community are also likely struggling with debt constraints. So, as a part of A New Day at South Tulsa, we are offering several segments of Financial Peace University© so that families can also begin to experience debt elimination and financial freedom alongside our church emphasis.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church and families. Will you join us in this commitment and look forward expectantly to our celebration at the end?!

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

Key Dates Coming Up:

- April 2, 2017** - Challenge Day for children and students
- April 16, 2017** - Commitment Day for entire church family on Easter Sunday
- April 19, 2017** - Our first Wednesday section of Financial Peace University begins at 6:00 p.m.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

His Grace is Sufficient

It is interesting, that even when you lose someone to death they never really leave you. It's been 22 years since my brother died tragically, yet I still think of him nearly every day. What once was a life that I loved, looked up to, and strived to be like is no longer available to me. Death may physically take someone from you, but the experiences, the memories, and even the bond never really leave you.

I was reminded of the difficulty of death by an email of someone who asked me to pray for him and his family as they mourn the one year anniversary of their son's death. When I hear of such tragedy, there is an undesired fraternity of sorrow that unites you in a strange bond of feeling one another's pain. But, with this fraternity, in the midst of the suffering you are able to point them to hope.

One of the most powerful things that I learned through the death of my brother is the hope that His Grace is sufficient! That may sound like a pithy thing to say in the moment of tragedy, but for the Christian there is power here! **2 Corinthians 12:9** tells us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Though you may feel weak, know that the child of God has the power of the creator holding him firmly in His grasp!

So, when you are weak cling to His Grace! When you are unable to hold yourself up, know "His Grace is sufficient" is more than a pithy saying, it is the thing that will carry you through so that people will see His power and you will sense His presence! In all of life's painful circumstances call upon the God whose Grace is sufficient!

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



Welcome New Members



Jim & Barbara Lassiter, by letter



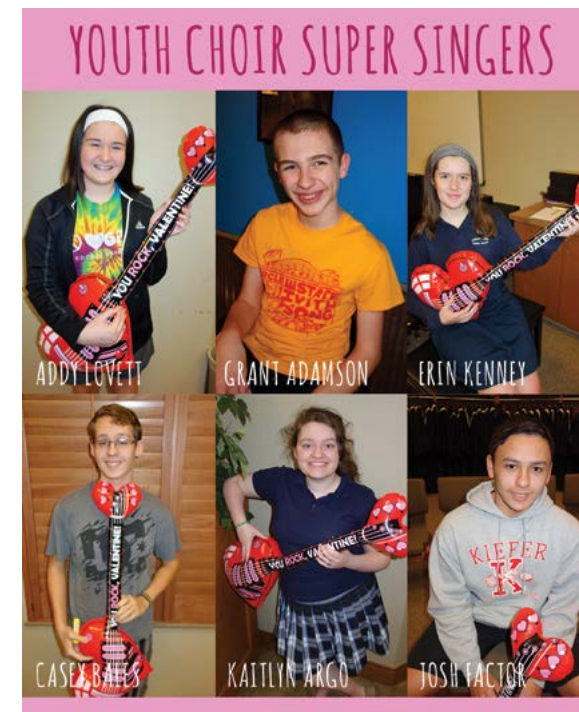
Matt & Laura Forney, by letter

Mission Moments

Mario Mino, Guatemala

"... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness..." We began the year with a powerful retreat with our older children and youth! God has placed specific things in our hearts to make a long lasting change! There is much to do as we serve the Lord in this community.

Please pray for: Continued good health and energy; the water shortage in Santa Maria due to dry season; God's provision of food for the children; vocational discipleship programs (woodworking, sewing and computer/English lab); discipleship of our youth; in-depth discipleship of our team and helpers.



last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	2,490,181
Actual MFP Receipts	2,445,817
General Fund	87,298
Building Fund	860

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	490
Discover Class	11
Students	74
Children	100
Preschool	88
Unclassified	10
Total	773

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 202

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	206

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	4,081
<i>(U.S. 2,721; International 1,360)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	143
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	859
<i>(U.S. 573; International 286)</i>	

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