

this week

Sunday, March 12

Belize Mission Trip, March 11-18
 8:30 a.m. Worship, Baptism
 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
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:15 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. A New Day Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith

Monday, March 13 *Spring Break*

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 14 *Spring Break*

10:00 a.m. Mothers in Prayer, Kingdom Explorers Ladies Prayer Group
 6:15 p.m. GROW R-Team

Wednesday, March 15 *Spring Break*

4:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 p.m. NO Bible Study & Prayer
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, March 16 *Spring Break*

9:30 a.m. Precept *Isaiah Part 2*
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day, Women's Bible Study *Joy Beyond Agony*
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Explorers Fellowship
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Isaiah Part 2*

Friday, March 17 *Spring Break*

6:00 p.m. Empty Nesters 3 Fellowship

Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER
 March 15, 2017

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SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE - Wednesday, March 15 there will be NO Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells, Children's Choirs and Youth Choir rehearsals; NO Mission Friends, Girls in Action or Royal Ambassadors; NO Student Worship or Adult Bible Study & Prayer.

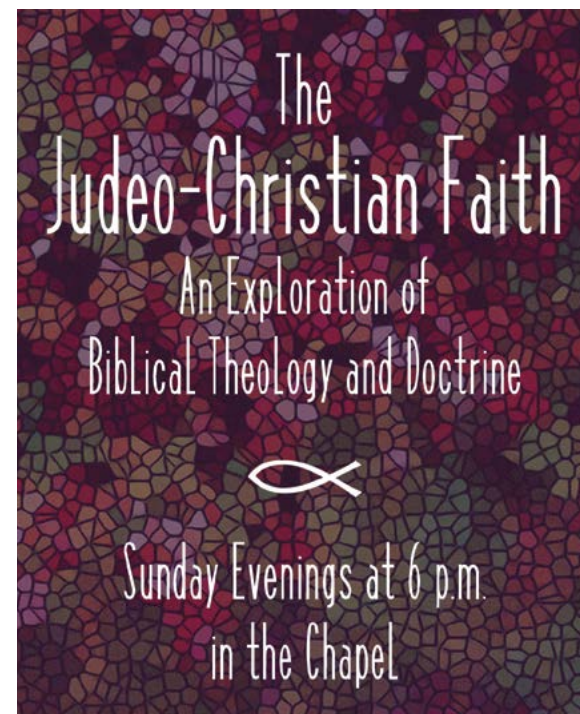
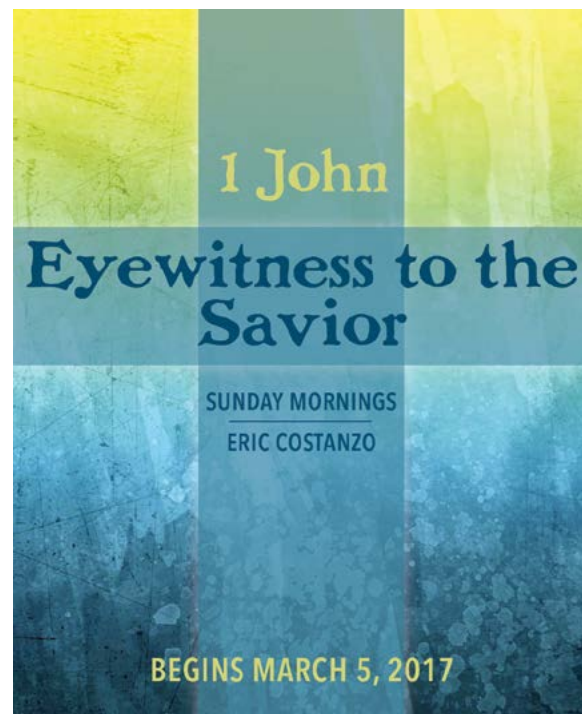
TODAY'S FLOWERS - The beautiful flowers on the altar today have been given by Mark and Paula Meese in loving memory of Paula's sister - Susan Clay, nephew - Isaac Clay, and grand-nephew - William Clay.

MENTORS MEN'S MINISTRY - Join us on Monday, March 20 or Wednesday, March 22 for a time of men's Bible study and fellowship. We will begin the ten session study, STEPPING UP: A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD. Morning and evening times are available - choose Mondays 6:45-7:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, March 20-May 22 or Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. in room B121, March 22-May 24. Sign up online at southtulsa.org/men or at the sign-up table in the Commons. The cost for the class is \$10.

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

SUMMER MUSIC FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - SMAK - June 12-16, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., for kids who have finished grades 1-6. PreSMAK - June 12-14, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., for ages 3 years-Kindergarten. Enroll online at southtulsa.org.

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



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8:30AM Worship

77 Seconds @ South Tulsa
Awesome is the Lord Most High
How Great Thou Art
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
Baptism Heidi Moore
Your Name
My Victory
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading
Faith Story Rich Conrad
Message 1 John 2:1-11 Eric Costanzo
Response *Show Us Christ*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

77 Seconds @ South Tulsa
Fairest Lord Jesus
Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley
Greeting One Another
Here I Am to Worship, At the Cross
There Is a Redeemer
Choral Worship Redeemer
More Precious than Silver
Giving *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
 Adult Handbell Choir
Scripture Reading
Faith Story Rich Conrad
Message 1 John 2:1-11 Eric Costanzo
Response *Shine on Us*
New Commitments - New Members
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Unlikely Leaders

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

A dear friend in our church recently shared with me this fun little fictional letter sent to Jesus by a group calling themselves "Jordan Management Consultants," after Jesus had sought their help to identify candidates to serve as leaders in His "organization." As we talk more about John, Jesus' disciple, I hope you will enjoy this look into the unlikely leaders chosen by Jesus.

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop, Nazareth 25922

From: Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir: Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization.

It is the staffs opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

Sincerely, Jordan Management Consultants

(From: *Eating Problems for Breakfast* by Tim Hansel)



Girls in Action

Congratulations to our Girls in Action for receiving the Platinum BGCO Mission Challenge Award for completing seven mission projects.

Our March project is collecting money to fill "Care Bair" Bags for the Bair Foundation. The bags will be given to children as they go to a new foster care home. Each bag will cost \$10 to sponsor. Our goal is for each girl to sponsor at least one bag. Please send your donations to GA by March 22 in an envelope marked "Care Bair." Girls in Action will purchase the bags and all of the contents: brush/comb, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, coloring book, crayons and a stuffed animal. Our GA girls will pack the items in the bags on Wednesday, March 29. Please help us reach our goal of 65 bags! Contact Kim Hayes (918-269-6414) if you have questions. Thank you for always supporting missions!

What's in Your Purse?

Ladies Luncheon & Purse Exchange

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017
11:00 am to 1:00 pm | South Tulsa Gym
Speaker Karen Wright

Bring a gently used purse to exchange or donate to the Ministry Center and learn more about what Christian women need to carry to be prepared for all God has in store for us.

RSVP by March 18 @ southtulsa.org or sign up in Sunday Bible Study class

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

Stepping Up

We've all heard the stories of courageous acts. Many of them inspire us. There are tales of people running into a burning building in order to rescue a child, or someone diving into icy water to rescue a drowning person. We love to hear these stories because they speak of the courageous human spirit that sometimes seems to be lacking in our world. But, what if I were to tell you that sometimes the most courageous thing is to simply stand to lead your family and friends by walking with Christ?

Courage is more than having some uncommon, extraordinary experience, sometimes it is simply doing the right thing. And, we need more people to stand and do the right thing no matter the cost. Often it is the little things that matter most! Webster's dictionary defines courage as, "mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty." As Christians, we can show courage by exhibiting perseverance in our everyday walk with Christ. We can live in such a way that proves that we are "not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation!" Our families need to see this courage! Our coworkers need to see this courage! Our world needs to see this courage!

Courage needs to live in every Christian to persevere for the Name of Christ. Beginning March 20 we will be hosting the class "Stepping Up" to challenge and encourage the men of our church to live as courageous men. "Today, more than ever, the world needs godly men. Men who will step up and courageously lead at home, at church, at work, and in their communities. That's the message of *Stepping Up*. In a world where too many men are shrinking back, *Stepping Up* gives men vision and tools to live godly, courageous lives." Are you willing to step up? Sign up for a Monday morning or a Wednesday night class (\$10) at southtulsa.org/men and join us as we strive together to step up!

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

last week

GIVING

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| Ministry Financial Plan | 2,583,828 |
| Actual MFP Receipts | 2,521,939 |
| General Fund | 65,104 |
| Building Fund | 2,337 |

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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| Adults | 534 |
| Students | 76 |
| Children | 105 |
| Preschool | 91 |
| Unclassified | 10 |
| Total | 816 |

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 204

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

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| Volunteers | 23 |
| People Helped | 131 |
| Medical Clinic | 11 |

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

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| LIVE Views | 5,478 |
| <i>(U.S. 3,652; International 1,826)</i> | |
| Retirement Center Ministry | 102 |
| <i>(9 locations)</i> | |
| ON DEMAND Views | 1,006 |
| <i>(U.S. 671; International 335)</i> | |

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