

# this week

## Sunday, March 26

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  
 12:15 p.m. Youth Handbells  
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Family Com. Mtg.  
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith, Bible Drill, Bible Skills  
 7:00 p.m. Belize Mission Trip Report

## Monday, March 27

6:45 a.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*  
 8:30 a.m. ELP Training Workshop  
 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 28

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:15 p.m. GROW W-Team

## Wednesday, March 29

8:30 a.m. ELP Training Workshop  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 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  
 6:00 p.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*  
 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 30

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day, Women's Bible Study *Joy Beyond Agony*  
 2:00 p.m. Glenn Martin Memorial Service  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, March 31

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, April 1

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

March 29, 2017

*Mini meatloaf, twice-baked mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll, 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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community and  
around the world

## more

**NEW CLASS** - The best way to connect in a church like South Tulsa Baptist is to find a Sunday Bible Study class. If you have not found a group, consider a new Adult Bible Study class that will begin on Sunday, April 2 at 9:40 a.m. in room B123-124. Steve Streich and Steve Beck will be leading this class through the Explore the Bible study series. Come find your small group community!

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING** - Disaster Relief Training will be held on April 1 at New Beginnings in Bixby beginning at 8:00 a.m. for: Orientation, Feeding Line, Chainsaw, Clean Up/Debris Removal.

**SUNDAY, MAY 7** - Children's Choir Spring Program, Grades 1-6, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. Grades 2-6 will present *Promise U*.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10** - Preschool/Kindergarten program, Ages 3-6, and Missions Recognition Service (Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends) 5:45 p.m., Chapel.

**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.

**LADIES BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP** - Thursday April 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Denise Curtiss at denise77@cox.net.

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY** - Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, April 4 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

### A New Day at South Tulsa

*When I Think About the Lord  
Nothing but the Blood*

**Prayer and Welcome** Matt Wolff

**Faith Story** Rachel Osborn

*Never Once*

*Revelation Song*

**Church Matters** Eric Costanzo

**Greeting One Another**

**Scripture Reading** Bob Ball

**Message** 1 John 2:26-3:3

**Response** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**New Commitments - New Members**

**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

### A New Day at South Tulsa

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*  
Mixed Ensemble

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Prayer and Welcome** Eric Costanzo

**Greeting One Another** Majesty

**Faith Story** Rachel Osborn

*The Solid Rock*

**Church Matters** Eric Costanzo

*Broken and Spilled Out*

*Solo - Christy Pue, Lori Carver*

*Behold, What Manner of Love*

**Giving** *Variations on 'Holy Manna'*

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# I Am Not Ashamed of the Good News, Pt. 2 of 3

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

**Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."**

Could it have been fear of persecution which caused the early Christians to shrink away from boldly proclaiming Jesus? As I wrote last week, because Jesus was executed as a criminal, it was likely both unsavory and unsafe to be numbered among His followers.

Actually, I think there was more. Remember, Paul was writing to a group of Christ-followers **in Rome (Romans 1:15)**. Many of them were becoming known as "Christ-ians," or "like Christ," because they claimed to want to be just like their Lord, Jesus Christ.

They also claimed that Jesus was God in the flesh of human beings, which we might imagine to have sounded strange. The truth is, however, this was nothing new for the Romans. They had a plethora of gods and goddesses, including their Caesars who also claimed to be gods walking among them. Gods were everywhere from the Roman perspective. The Roman gods were power-hungry and power-full. They were bloodthirsty and constantly at war with each other. Many of the Caesars were the same way, and they had the wealth and power to accomplish almost anything.

The problem for Christians was that Jesus was nothing like their gods. He was different. Perhaps embarrassingly different.

If Jesus was truly a king, why did He not fight for His kingdom? If Jesus was truly a king, why was He poor and humble. He wasn't even a citizen of Rome, the greatest empire the world had ever known. How powerful of a king could He really be? He certainly couldn't be classified as a god.

Following a king like this could be quite embarrassing indeed. They must have had to decide which kingdom was more important; which is a decision we face too.

**Conclusion next week...**

# Welcome New Members



Heidi Moore, by baptism



Brody Smith, by baptism

## Belize Mission Trip Report Tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Crazy Choir Daze #6

## Crazy Shoe Day

Wednesday, March 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to wear crazy shoes to Children's Choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at the Direction's 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.



# Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

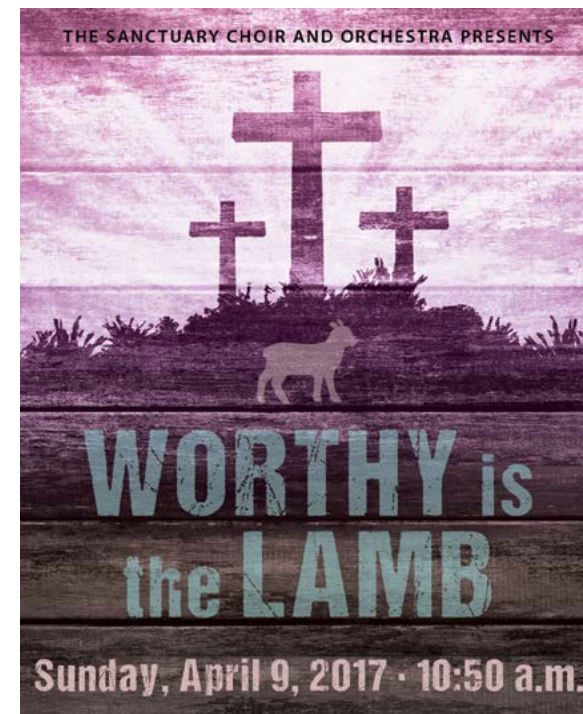
## Peace

Life can be a whirlwind of chaos. And within the chaos is often struggle, pain and distress. It's not surprising to anyone that life can be hard. There is joy and happiness in life, but within those times of chaos it's sometimes hard to see the joy, and all you need is a little peace.

At the end of Romans 15, Paul pauses to write a prayer to God on behalf of the Roman Christians. He says, "May the God of peace be with you all. Amen" That may seem like a simple little prayer, but it says a lot. It says that God is God, and He can calm your storm! Though you may be in the midst of the storm God can calm your heart, and will hold you close to Him!

The greatest peace comes from the God of Peace, and this peace is overwhelming. Paul describes it as a peace that "surpasses all understanding." Sometimes it is when we are most distressed and hurting that we are most able to sense this peace. In other words, God is often closest when life is most chaotic. If you are in a place where the chaos is overwhelming, call out to the God of Peace who can calm your storm or at the very least He'll calm your heart in the midst of the storm!

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



# A New Day AT SOUTH TULSA

A New Day at South Tulsa is our church's strategy to pay off our existing debt and train our families to manage their finances from a biblical standpoint.

Our goal as a church is to eliminate debt and stay out of debt. Our goal as families is to have a healthy approach to finances and giving while increasing our generosity.

You can read more at <http://southtulsa.org/a-new-day>



## Here are some key dates coming up:

**04/02/17** - Challenge Day for children and students

**04/16/17** - Commitment Day for entire church family on Easter Sunday

**04/18/17** - Our first Tuesday section of Financial Peace University begins at 6:00 p.m.

**04/19/17** - Our first Wednesday sections of Financial Peace University begins at 6:00 p.m.

**04/23/17** - Our first Sunday sections of FPU and Financial Freedom begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Financial Peace University** is financial expert Dave Ramsey's nine-week money class. Learn practical ways to pay off debt, overcome your fear of budgeting, and create a savings plan to replace retirement worries with financial peace. Cost: \$100 per individual/couple.

**TUESDAY Nights** (4/18-6/13) 6:00-7:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY Nights** (4/19-6/14) 6:00-7:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY Nights** (4/23-6/18or25) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Financial Freedom**, a video seminar taught by Jim Sammons, has helped thousands of people avoid financial disaster as they have understood what the Bible teaches about money and have begun to apply those principles. A great choice if you have already completed Financial Peace University (or would like to dig deeper into Scriptures about Biblical stewardship). Cost: \$50 per individual/couple.

**SUNDAY Nights** (4/23-6/25) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Enroll now, online at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) or at the table in the Commons.**

# last week

## GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,771,122
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	2,651,374
General Fund . . . . .	75,987
Building Fund . . . . .	1,130

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	510
Students . . . . .	71
Children . . . . .	76
Preschool . . . . .	79
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	746

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 42

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	23
People Helped . . . . .	161
Medical Clinic . . . . .	7

## WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	4,591
<i>(U.S. 3,061; International 1,530)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	122
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	698
<i>(U.S. 465; International 233)</i>	

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