

this week

Sunday, April 2

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, Baptism
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:15 p.m. Youth Handbells
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Stephen Ministry Supervision, Committee on Committees
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith, Lord's Supper, Bible Drill, Bible Skills, Student Gathering

Monday, April 3

6:45 a.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*
 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, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. ELP Training Workshop
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 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
 6:00 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, April 6

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, April 7

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:00 p.m. RA Race & Lock-In

Saturday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Stephen Ministry Training
 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Sunday Teacher Thank You Dinner

WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 5, 2017

Poppyseed chicken, baby roasted 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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LADIES SUMMER BOOK CLUB - Plan now to join us for a summer book club beginning in May.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP - Please pray about being a part of our fall mission trip to minister to the people of Guatemala, October 14-21, 2017. Contact Joe Donelson or Robert Shain for more information or to be a part of this team.

GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS APRIL 17 - Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

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*.

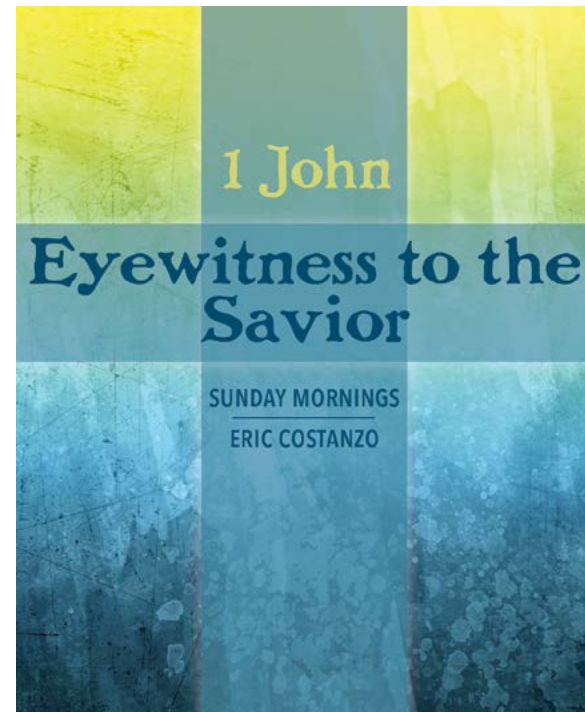
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - Preschool/Kindergarten Choir program, Ages 3-6, and Missions Recognition Service (Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends) 5:45 p.m., Chapel.

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 - Join us 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

Meet with Me
Open Up the Heavens
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
How Great is our God
Your Great Name
Faith Story Don Akin
Scripture Reading Liying Xu
Message 1 John 3:11-18
My Response
I Surrender All

New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

A New Day at South Tulsa

Baptism Abigail Simpson
Message in Song *Holy Spirit* Youth Choir
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
How Majestic Is Your Name
Faith Story Don Akin
In Christ Alone
Choral Worship *Man of Sorrows*
You Are My King
Giving *Crown Him Lord of All* Ladies Handbells
Scripture Reading Liying Xu
Message 1 John 3:11-18
Response *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

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

In the Roman Empire of Paul's day, power was everything. If Jesus was truly a king and a master worth following, He should have demonstrated an unapologetic level of clout.

From my favorite preacher, John Chrysostom (d. 407CE):

The Romans were consumed with the weight of their riches, their empire, and their victories. They considered their kings to be equal to the gods, and so they even called them such. For this reason, they worshiped them with temples and with altars and with sacrifices...

Paul preached about Jesus as the true King who had no bodyguards, who was not encircled in wealth; but instead died as a culprit with robbers and endured many other inglorious things. It is likely that some of those in the church at Rome were hiding their beliefs and pretending to not know these unspeakable and great things. So, for this reason, Paul says, 'I am not ashamed,' precisely so that the Roman believers would themselves not be ashamed.

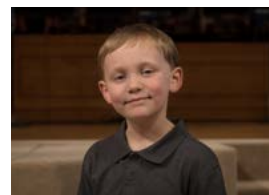
What kind of King do we expect Jesus to be? Does He represent for us nothing more than a champion of our causes, our leanings, or our preferences? Is He a King who serves to make us more comfortable and more prosperous?

Are we, as His followers, embarrassed about our faith or even tempted to suppress our true beliefs because they make us feel out of place in the world?

May we remember that the Gospel is simple, but not easy. Jesus promised us that we will have "trouble" in this world if we truly follow Him closely, and that is not easy. May we always pursue His Kingdom and not our own little kingdoms.

But may we also remember, as Paul reminded the earliest Christians, that Jesus is not ashamed to be our Lord. He is not ashamed to be our King.

Welcome New Members



Ethan Ostendorf, by baptism



Isabel Warren, by baptism

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given in honor of the five-year anniversary of Gary Drumb's liver transplant and in loving memory of his donor Diana. We, his family, celebrate God's gift of his life and pray many others will consider organ donation as well. Thanks to so many here at South Tulsa who have prayed for us all these years! ~Love, Laura (wife); Holly and Jeff Hall (daughter) and children Reid, Hutch, and London; Angela and Cotton Dunlevy (daughter) and children Jackson and Libby Bivins, Jude and Maycee Dunlevy; Beverly and Robert Fuller (sister)."

RA Father/Son Lock-In & Race - Friday, April 7. RSVP to Brad Fuller, 479-790-8338 or bfuller2003@gmail.com.

A NEW DAY AT SOUTH TULSA
Commitment Day - Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
CHURCH DEBT ELIMINATION

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PERSONAL AND FAMILY FINANCIAL TRAINING FROM SCRIPTURE

Sunday, Tuesday or Wednesday Night Sunday Night

FINANCIAL FREEDOM FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Begins 4/18, 4/19, 4/23 Begins 4/23

Enroll Now @ SOUTH TULSA.ORG

Promise U T-Shirts

for 2-6 grade Choirs

Time is fast approaching for the presentation for *Promise U*, Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. We have t-shirts for each child. They are \$10 each. Checks may be made to STBC. Please put in the memo section "children's choir." You may bring your check to children's choir on Wednesday evenings. We are excited about the presentation of *Promise U*!

A Luncheon in Your Honor

The Deacon Body will recognize the Widows and Widowers of South Tulsa Baptist Church at a luncheon on Sunday, April 23, following the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by April 18 to Cindy in the church office, 918-299-0904.

Join us tonight at 6:00 as we celebrate the Lord's Supper in the Chapel.

Easter Sunday

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 16 for Early Worship at 8:30 a.m., Sunday Bible Study at 9:40 a.m. and Worship at 10:50 a.m. There will be NO evening service or activities.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

WORTHY is the LAMB

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - 10:50 a.m.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Grace

There are not many things that excite us more than getting a gift. Just watch the face of a person when they receive an unexpected present from a friend. There is a sense of surprise, gratitude, and joy. We may not put it in these terms often, but by receiving a gift we are experiencing grace. Grace is often described as unmerited favor, or getting what you don't deserve. We attribute grace, rightfully so, to the salvation that we receive from Christ, but it is far more than that. To borrow from cousin Eddie's wisdom, it's "the gift that keeps on giving."

Unfortunately, we often compartmentalize grace into the single act of receiving forgiveness and redemption, but this underestimates the incredible gift of grace. In concluding his letter to the Romans Paul said, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." He is not just making a statement hoping that they experience God's grace through salvation, they already had that. Rather he is telling them that all of the Christian's life is dependent upon God's grace!

The reality is grace is not a one time gift, it is the very thing that we are daily dependent upon in order to live the call that we have been given in Christ. Grace requires that we place our full dependence upon Christ who alone gives us the power to live this Christian life. This grace is great because it is freely given to those who are most undeserving. So, when you wake up in the morning bow before God to worship Him, and ask Him for the grace to live today so that the world might see the greatest giver of the greatest Grace!

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

April is...

Staff Appreciation Month! In April our church family expresses their appreciation for our wonderful ministerial staff. There is a basket at the Welcome Center for cards of appreciation, gift cards, etc. Thank you for loving on our staff! ~Personnel Committee

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	2,864,767
Actual MFP Receipts	2,720,689
General Fund	69,316
Building Fund	1,173

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	530
Students	71
Children	94
Preschool	90
Unclassified	10
Total	795

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 137

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	214

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	4,968
<i>(U.S. 3,312; International 1,656)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	127
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	806
<i>(U.S. 537; International 269)</i>	

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