

this week

Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

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
 12:10 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Youth Handbells, Stewardship Mtg.
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, A New Day at South
 Tulsa Leadership Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Judeo-Christian Faith, Bible Drill,
 Bible Skills, Student Gathering

Monday, April 10

6:45 a.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Mothers in Prayer
 6:15 p.m. GROW R-Team

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 a.m. ELP Training Workshop
 9:00 a.m. MOPS, ELP Kinder Camp,
 Ladies Exercise Class
 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 13

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry Ladies Night Out
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 15

11:00 a.m. FIT Easter Egg Hunt

WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 12, 2017

*Chick-fil-A night! Chicken sandwiches, waffle
 potato fries, 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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VBS TEACHERS - There will be a "Galactic Starveyors" VBS Training Clinic on Tuesday, April 25, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at South Tulsa Baptist.

NEW EXERCISE CLASS - Our newest recreational ministry is a low-impact/intermediate exercise class meeting Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays in our upper student ministry room from 8:30-9:20 a.m. Getting onto floor is required. Have fun, get in shape, and enjoy smoothies after the workout.

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.

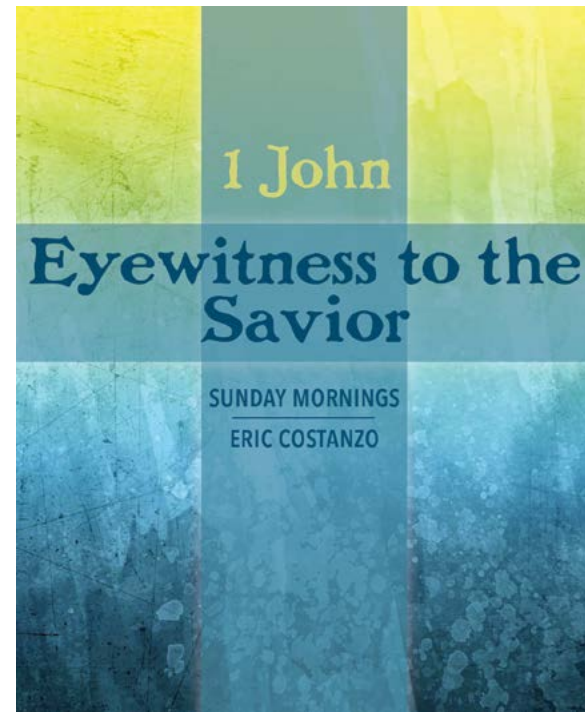
GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS APRIL 17 - Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

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.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Everlasting God
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
Never Let Go
O Praise the Name
Faith Story Joel Greenway
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson
Message 1 John 4:1-12
Response *May the Words of my Mouth*
New Commitments - New Members
A New Day at South Tulsa
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

A New Day at South Tulsa
Worthy Is the Lamb | Thine Is the Glory
Holy, Holy, Holy
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
Faith Story Joel Greenway
Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs
Scripture - Dru Finley
To See the King of Heaven Fall
The Power of the Cross
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | Mercy
Giving *Achieved Is the Glorious Work*
Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson
Message 1 John 4:1-12
Response *I Surrender All*
New Commitments - New Members
Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed
Blessing

What kind of King do you expect Jesus to be?

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Today is Palm Sunday, a day we as modern-day Christians celebrate as the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is a reminder that the cross is near, and thankfully the empty tomb is not far behind it.

It was the cross, however, that brought about a perplexing halt to the celebration that began on the first "Palm Sunday."

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, riding on a small mount, the people were laying down coats and branches along His path while shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The Pharisees told the people to be quiet, but Jesus told them that if humans were silent, rocks would cry out His praises.

Hang with me for some Scripture references for just a moment. Jesus was treated like a king riding towards victory, much like Jehu in the Old Testament (2 Kings 9:13). Clearly they saw this as a "Triumphal Entry." The praise the people offered was a direct quote from Psalm 118 - a psalm about the expected Messiah - and clearly most people were exclaiming something they did not fully comprehend. Did they even realize that Jesus was fulfilling prophecy from some 500 years before by riding into Jerusalem in the way He did (Zechariah 9:9)?

But most people missed it. The same people shouting "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday were shouting "Crucify Him!" just days later. Jesus was not the King they expected. He did not come to conquer, He came to complete God's mission. He did not come to be served, but rather to serve. He did not come to free people from Rome, He came to free them from sin.

Jesus' purpose was not to ride into Jerusalem to display human power and glory, but rather to lay down His life for God's glory.

May Jesus' example, life, death, and resurrection define who we are as His followers and the message we proclaim. May His resurrection be most welcome in our lives as we look towards Easter next week!

New Members



Ken & Jan Holcomb, by letter

May 7 - Promise U

The Children's Choir Grades 1-6 Spring Program is Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. Grades 2-6 will present *Promise U*. We have t-shirts for each child. They are \$10 each.

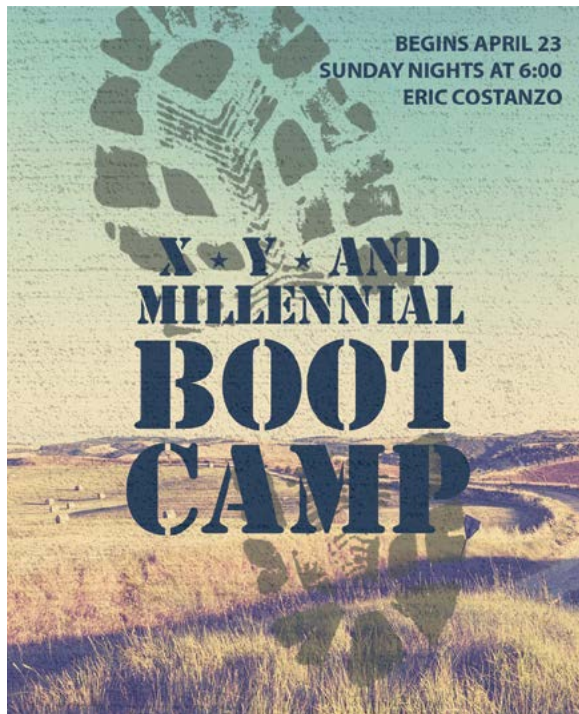
Checks may be made to STBC. Please put in the memo section "children's choir."

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.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Make Today Count

There's a reason people use the term "time flies." It really is unbelievable how fast time moves. And as we all know, it seems to speed up with every year that passes. Sometimes it can even be disheartening when you see where you're at today and realize how much time has passed. It is in those moments that the feeling of squandering time sinks deeply into our mind and frustration overwhelms our heart. But, within those moments of frustration there is hope, and the good news is you still have the ability today to choose how you will live!

Today is a gift - make sure to Seize the Day! Today is the moment of time that God has given us to make a mark on this world, not for ourselves but for His name. It was in the 1989 movie *Dead Poets Society*, the English teacher John Keating, famously says: "Carpe diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary." As Christians our goal is not necessarily to make our lives extraordinary, but for Him to be seen extraordinarily through us!

Maybe you look at life and wish you would have done things differently. If that is the case take Paul's advice when he said, "one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 23:13-14). When he came to know Christ he realized that he had a new lease on life. He didn't look backward and worry about what he had or hadn't done, instead he made it is goal to make today count! Today is the first day of the rest of your life. You can seize the day! So, live your life with the purpose that Christ has given to you, and make today count!

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

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ladies Night Out

Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship as we play bunko and meet new friends together Thursday, April 13, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the home of Karen Tucker. Menu: hot chicken salad and party French bread. Sign up or call Sherri if you can come, bring a salad or dessert, or to ride the bus that leaves at 6:00 p.m.

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

FALLS CREEK 2017 - REMNANT - June 19-23
Speaker: Wade Morris, Worship: Mike Romero,
Cabin Speaker: Robert Smith, Cost: \$150

A New Day Lunch

Our students are preparing a delicious lunch to earn money for A New Day at South Tulsa. Join us on Sunday, April 30 for pot roast, carrots, potatoes, salad, rolls and dump cake! Just put the money you would normally spend on a great lunch out in the basket for A New Day.

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last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	2,923,739
Actual MFP Receipts	2,790,000
General Fund	49,874
A New Day at South Tulsa	6,021

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	532
Students	84
Children	95
Preschool	82
Unclassified	10
Total	813

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 129
Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	176
Salvations	1

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	4,958
<i>(U.S. 3,305; International 1,653)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	98
<i>(9 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	907
<i>(U.S. 605; International 302)</i>	

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