

# this week

## Sunday, April 16 - Easter 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, Baptism  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
 6:00 p.m. NO Evening Service

## Monday, April 17

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 18

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Team Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace  
 6:15 p.m. GROW O-Team, ELP Leadership Mtg.

## Wednesday, April 19

8:30 a.m. ELP Training Workshop  
 8:30 a.m. 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  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open  
 6:00 p.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*, Financial Peace  
 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 20

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. Bible Art Journaling Workshop  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:00 p.m. Middle School Activity

## Saturday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Builders Fellowship

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 19, 2017

*Fajitas and all the trimmings, 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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# more

**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 and get in shape.

**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.

**MISSIONS RECOGNITION SERVICE** - Join us as we recognize our Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends on Wednesday, May 10 at 5:45 p.m. in the 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.

**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

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

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**REMNANT**

FALLS CREEK 2017

WADE MORRIS speaker | MIKE ROMERO worship | ROBERT SMITH cabin speaker

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## 8:30AM Worship

**Resurrection Video**  
*Victory in Jesus*  
*Jesus Messiah*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Dru Finley  
**Faith Story** Lisa Fuller  
*Christ Is Risen*  
*Forever*  
**A New Day at South Tulsa**  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Bob Ball  
**Message** 1 John 4:13-21  
**Response** *In Christ Alone*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

**Resurrection Video**  
**Baptism** Ethan Sharp, Isabel Warren  
*Easter Song* Mixed Ensemble  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Matt Wolff  
*Crown Him King of Kings*  
**A New Day at South Tulsa**  
*Christ Arose*  
**Choral Worship** *Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed*  
**Giving** *Crown Him with Many Crowns/*  
*Man of Sorrows*  
**Faith Story** Lisa Fuller  
**Scripture Reading** Bob Ball  
**Message** 1 John 4:13-21  
**Response** *Because He Lives*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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# Why Easter Sunday?

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

In churches all across the world, including ours, attendance will be higher today than at any other time of the year. What makes this day so special?

1. First and foremost, Easter is about **Jesus**. As soon as Jesus left the Church in the hands of His disciples, they immediately began proclaiming the Good News about Him. And right from the beginning, the Good News they shared was about His resurrection:

**Acts 4:33a:** "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

2. Easter is about **faith**.

Believing that Jesus raised Himself from the dead is a requirement to have full and eternal life in God (Romans 10:9-10), but it is not necessarily an easy thing to believe. It requires faith and trust in something we cannot see. Our faith is not blind faith, however. As Paul says below, the resurrected Christ was witnessed by many:

**1 Corinthians 15:4-6:** "He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and...he appeared to...more than 500 of the brothers and sisters..."

3. Easter is about the **future**.

Through Jesus' resurrection, we have a promise from God that those who trust in Christ will also be made alive from the death of sin and live forever with God (Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 1 Peter 1:3). This promise was also given through the Hebrew Scriptures and prophets like Isaiah:

**Isaiah 25:8:** "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces."

4. Easter is about **family**.

Our celebration of the resurrection reminds us of the hope we share as families in our homes and as a church family.

**Romans 6:5:** "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

**On Easter we say: He is Risen! He is risen indeed! Easter is about Jesus.**

# 5K/Family Fun Run

Join us for the South Tulsa 5K/Family Fun Run on Saturday, May 6, 2017 with race check in at 8:00 a.m. and the 5K from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and the Family Fun Run from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. followed immediately by our Family Fun Day. All race proceeds benefit feeding the children of Santa Maria de Jesus in Guatemala. Costs: \$30 per runner for the 5K, \$20 per adult participant for the Family Fun Run, \$10 per child with adult for Family Fun Run. For more information or to register, please go to <http://southtulsa.org/5k>.



# X, Y, and Millennial Boot Camp

**Beginning on Sunday evening, April 23**

Why are so many families unchurched? Why have so many young adults left the church never to return? How can our adults of any age be used by God to help bridge the gap between the Church and younger adults? This 5-week class, taught by our pastor Eric Costanzo, will explore the worldviews of younger generations of adults. Class will meet on Sunday nights in the Chapel from 6:00-7:00 pm.



# New Members



Kendall, Jamie, and Lola Jones, by letter

# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

# Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

**A hill on which to die!**

Long ago there was a hill. This hill established the most essential foundational truth. This hill was the most momentous event that has ever occurred. So much so, it changed the entire course of history! This event is so consequential it is "A hill on which to die!"

There are very few things that we can apply this type of a phrase to. It is this figurative phrase we are only willing to apply to the most absolute and essential things. It means that we are willing to stand and fight for the thing we know to be true. "A hill on which to die" is more than a pithy saying, it is a declaration of putting everything on the line to defend what is most important.

The hill we must defend was not an actual hill but a tomb. And it is not just any tomb, but an empty tomb. The hill we must be willing to die on is the Resurrection. Without the resurrection the church has no hope! Without the resurrection the church has no reason to meet. Paul said, "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:14,17,20)! This is our hope! This incredible truth is what gives us joy, peace, freedom, and purpose! This is our hill, therefore celebrate the victory, dig your heels in and be ready to defend!

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

**Preschool, Kindergarten and Children's Music**

# End-of-the Year Programs

**Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.**, Gym, Grades 1-6 Music program, Grades 2-6 present *Promise U!*  
**Wednesday, May 10, 5:45 p.m.**, Chapel, Preschool and Kindergarten choirs present *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*.



# last week

## GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,982,711
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	2,848,884
General Fund . . . . .	58,883
Building Fund . . . . .	6,636

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	561
Students . . . . .	77
Children . . . . .	102
Preschool . . . . .	94
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	844

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 134

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	32
People Helped . . . . .	130
Helped at Clinic . . . . .	10
Salvations . . . . .	1

## WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	5,511
<i>(U.S. 3,674; International 1,837)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	133
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	1,059
<i>(U.S. 706; International 353)</i>	

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