

# this week

## Sunday, April 23

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, Deacon/Widow/  
 Widower Lunch  
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Bible Drill, Ladies Ensemble  
 5:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship, Student Gathering,  
 Bible Skills  
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

## Monday, April 24

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 25

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace  
 6:15 p.m. GROW W-Team  
 7:00 p.m. VBS Training

## Wednesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m. MOPS  
 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 27

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 28

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:30 p.m. GA Gals & Pals Party

## Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. FIT Service at Ministry Center

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

April 26, 2017

*Chicken spaghetti, salad, vegetable, French bread, 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

**GIRLS IN ACTION GALS & PALS "WHERE IN THE WORLD?"** - GA girls and a special (adult) guest are invited to dress up in their best detective attire and join us for our Gals & Pals Party. Enjoy a wonderful dinner, activities, photo booth, prizes and more. Please purchase tickets (\$7.50 each) online at southtulsa.org or at church through Wednesday, April 26!

**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.

**CRAZY CHOIR BACKWARDS DAY** - Wednesday, April 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to wear something backwards to children's choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at the Directions Store.

**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.

**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)

JUNE 19-23 | \$150

**REMNANT**

FALLS CREEK 2017

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

**A NEW DAY**  
AT SOUTH TULSA

Commitment Day - Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017  
CHURCH DEBT ELIMINATION

&

PERSONAL AND FAMILY FINANCIAL TRAINING  
FROM SCRIPTURE

Sunday, Tuesday or Wednesday Night      Sunday Night

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

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## 8:30AM Worship

Join Us @ South Tulsa  
*O Worship the King*  
*Our God*

**Prayer and Welcome** Eric Costanzo

**Baptism** Brody Smith

**Guatemala Report** Oscar Palencia

*Abide with Me*

**Family Dedication** Halle Smith

**Greeting One Another**

**Scripture Reading** Erin Zimmerman

**Message** 1 John 5:13-21

**Response** *Amazing Love*

**New Commitments - New Members**

**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

Join Us @ South Tulsa  
**Baptism** Ethan Ostendorf

*Was It a Morning Like This* Ladies Ensemble  
*How Firm a Foundation*

**Prayer and Welcome** Matt Wolff

*No Other Name*

**Guatemala Report** Oscar Palencia

**Choral Worship** *The Power of the Cross*

Duet - James and Debbie Nance

*I Stand in Awe*

**Giving** *And the Clouds Break* Curtis Simmons

**Scripture Reading** Erin Zimmerman

**Message** 1 John 5:13-21

**Response** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

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# Small Blemishes

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

The newest, longest, non-stop flight in the world began a few weeks ago. It is a 9,000-mile, 17-plus hour flight directly from Doha, Qatar to Auckland, New Zealand. As I mentioned last Sunday, I have been on one of the longest non-stop flights myself - 16 hours from Doha to Dallas. We flew on the same plane - a Boeing 777-200LR, and spent a full day on the Persian Gulf in Doha as part of our longer trip spent in India.

We not only flew over civilization, but also over the Sahara and several other deserts. As we continued over miles of sand in all directions, I kept seeing what I thought were small dark ponds or lakes. I knew this could not be right, but was sure I was not seeing desert mirages from 30,000 feet! It took me a few moments (I can be a little slow) to notice that the dark spots were underneath the clumps of cumulus clouds scattered below us, casting their shadows on the desert sand. The shadows of the clouds looked like small blemishes on what otherwise looked like a cream-colored silk sheet not completely straightened out.

Tiny blemishes. In comparison to the enormity of the desert, they should have been insignificant. And yet, the sand looked tainted by them.

Many times even the smallest blemishes can taint the overall goodness of a community of faith like ours. As we come to the end of 1 John today, we've seen that the churches to which he was writing were blemished. Still, John spoke the truth in love and with gentleness. He reminded them of two key concepts: 1.) We must never stop confessing that Jesus is Lord; and 2.) Our love for God must always be paired with our love for others. As we leave the writings of John and move on towards the writings of another Apostle - Paul - may we keep these key truths at the forefront of our hearts and minds.

*NOTE: As a part of this series - both on Palm Sunday and Easter - I mentioned the Isenheim Altarpiece and its powerful illustrations of Christ's identification with our suffering through His death and the hope He has given us through sharing in the victory of His resurrection. You can read more from me about the altarpiece on my personal website - [ericcostanzo.me](http://ericcostanzo.me).*

# 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 at South Tulsa.

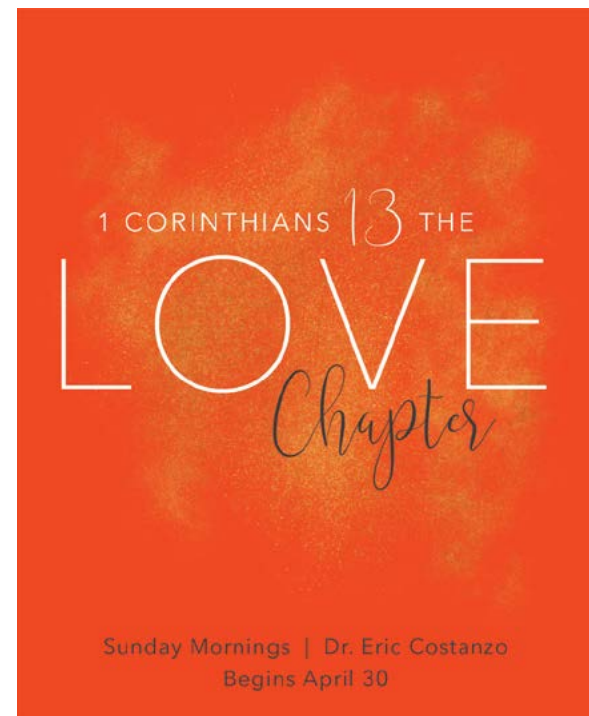


# The Love Chapter

**Sunday Mornings Beginning April 30**

What can ancient words from nearly 2,000 years ago teach us about love in the 21st Century? 1 Corinthians 13 has been called THE LOVE CHAPTER, because within its verses are truths about love that stand the test of time. The Love Chapter defines and describes love in such a way that it guides our relationships with our friends, our children, our spouse or significant other, our coworkers, people with whom we struggle or of whom we are afraid, and even our enemies.

As followers of Jesus, the most important word that can ever describe us is the word LOVE. In a culture that offers so many mixed up definitions of the word, it is more important than ever that God's love defines our message and our lives.



# Preschool, Kindergarten and Children's Music Programs

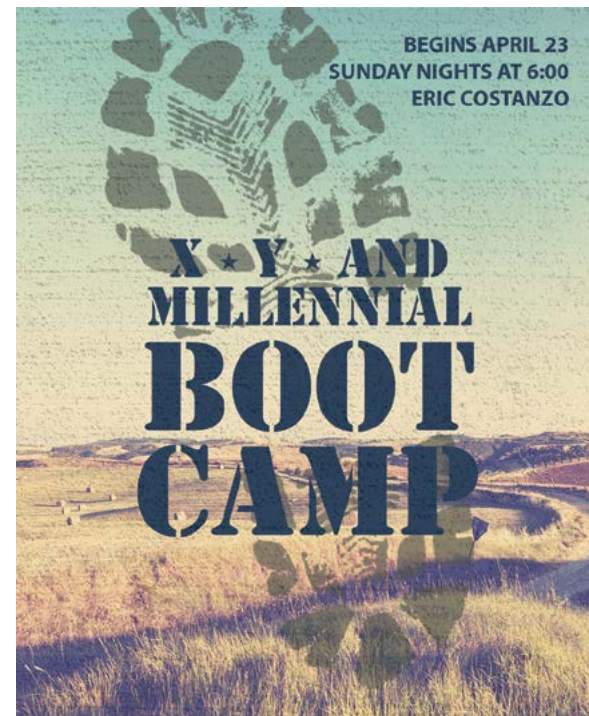
**Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.**, Gym, Grades 1-6 Music program, Grades 2-6 present *Promise U!* We have *Promise U* t-shirts for each child for \$10 each. Checks may be made to STBC with "children's choir" in the memo section.

**Wednesday, May 10, 5:45 p.m.**, Chapel, Pre-school and Kindergarten choirs present *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*.

**Deacon/Widows/Widowers Luncheon - Today following the 10:50 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.**

# 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>.



**VBS Training Clinic - Tuesday, April 25, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at South Tulsa Baptist.**

# Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

**Join Him**

For most young teenage boys there is a particular person they look up to, even to the point of idolizing them. For me, the idolized figure was not a famous person, it was my older brother. I did everything that I could to be like him. I can remember the feeling of pride when he would ask me to join him in anything. I thought I was the most important person in the world at that moment, all because he wanted me to join him.

As Christians, there is only One person that we are to idolize and seek to pattern our life after...Jesus Christ. He is the only one worthy for us to look to as our example. He not only set us free from sin and death, He lived a perfect life that we are to strive to imitate. Even Paul called the Corinthians to imitate his own example only because he was seeking to imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

But, within the imitation we have an invitation! Not only have we been given incredible mercy, we have been given an incredible privilege. The God of the universe who has called us His children by the blood of Christ, has also called us to join Him in His work! Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 4:1, "having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." He is saying that it is through mercy that God allows us to become part of His plan and His work. We have been given the great privilege to help God in His work!

Two questions every Christian should ask themselves are, "Am I striving to imitate Christ?" and, "Do I recognize ministry as God's act of mercy to allow me to join Him?" The ministry of God is not for a select few, rather it is for all of those who name the name of Christ. To those, God says, "Come join me!" This is why He gave you life. But, more than that, this is what defines your life. Therefore, look around you, see where God is at work and join Him in His work!

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

# last week

## GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	3,041,684
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	2,912,165
General Fund . . . . .	63,281
A New Day at South Tulsa . . . . .	144,614

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	513
Students . . . . .	73
Children . . . . .	101
Preschool . . . . .	94
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	791

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 235

*Adult, Student, Precept, Women's*

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	23
People Helped . . . . .	211

## WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	4,611
<i>(U.S. 3,074; International 1,537)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	104
<i>(10 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	1,159
<i>(U.S. 773; International 386)</i>	

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