

this week

Sunday, April 30

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. A New Day Lunch
 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Caregivers Meeting
 3:00-4:30 p.m. Laura Drumb Book Launch
 4:00 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Tulsa Metro Bible Drill
 5:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship with Quarterly Conference, Student Gathering, Bible Skills

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Lunch & Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
 6:15 p.m. GROW G-Team

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
 1:30 p.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
 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, May 4

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 4:00 p.m. FIT Men's Cook-Out at Wes Webb's

Friday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, May 6

8:00 a.m. South Tulsa 5K/Family Fun Run
 10:00 a.m. Family Fun Day

WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 3, 2017

Fried chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, 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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A NEW DAY LUNCH TODAY - Our students have prepared a delicious lunch to earn money for A New Day at South Tulsa. Join us today 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.

MEET THE AUTHOR - This afternoon from 3:00-4:30 in the Commons area Laura Drumb is hosting a Book Launch Party for her debut Christian novel, *From Now Until Forever*, which is being released soon as an e-book. All are invited to come and hear more about the book and meet the author!

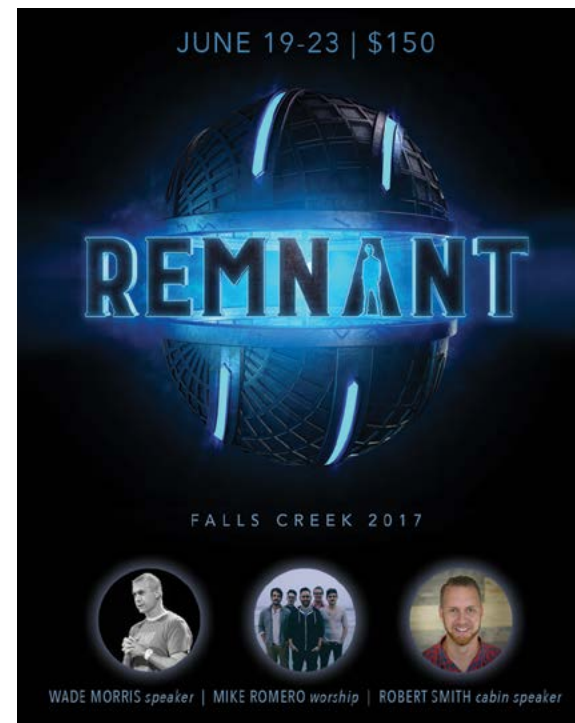
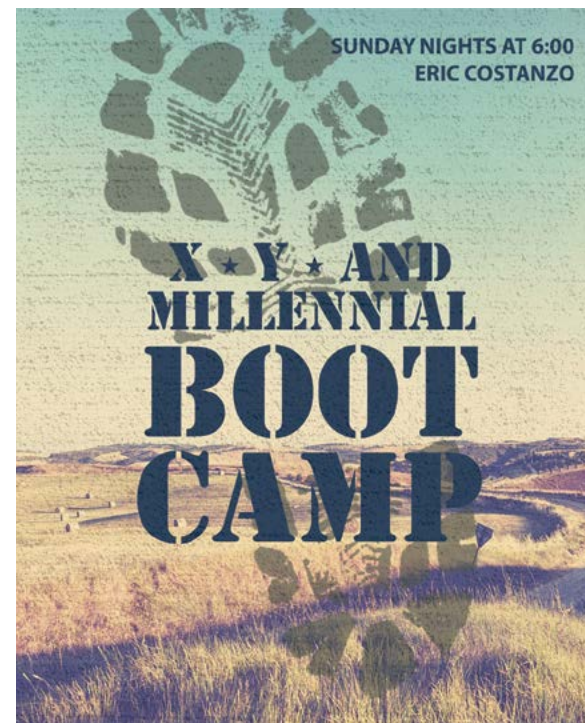
GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP - Please pray about being a part of our fall mission trip to minister to the people of Guatemala, October 14-21, 2017. Contact Joe Donelson or Robert Shain for more information or to be a part of this team.

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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY - Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, May 2 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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



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8:30AM Worship

A New Day at South Tulsa

Your Grace is Enough
10,000 Reasons

Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo

Stephen Ministry Prayer Time

All Creatures of Our God and King
My Victory

Greeting One Another

The Love Chapter Intro

Scripture Reading Noah Costanzo

Message 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Response *Before the Throne*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

A New Day at South Tulsa

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Greeting One Another *He Is Exalted*

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Stephen Ministry Prayer Time

Choral Worship *When I Survey the*

Wondrous Cross

I Love You, Lord

Giving *Blessed Assurance* Handbell Choir

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Welcome to the Love Chapter

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

It's been called The Hymn to Love.

It's been called Paul's Love Poem.

It's been called The Love Chapter.

As a result, 1 Corinthians 13 is most often used in weddings or to teach only about romantic relationships. But was romance Paul's primary aim in this text?

Throughout this chapter, the word love is mentioned 9 times. Each time Paul uses the word *agapē*, which is a word that means, among other things, Christ-centered love. Paul never uses the words for common love or romantic love one time in 1 Corinthians 13. *Agapē* is the kind of love that God has for us; and that He expects us to have towards each other.

Paul is not talking to couples, Paul is talking to the Church. With his own hand, Paul was writing God's words to God's people. Which means this chapter is also for US.

Is 1 Corinthians 13 about love between a man and woman? Absolutely. It is also about your children and grandchildren. And your parents and grandparents. And your friends. And your brother or sister in Christ. And your coworker. And your fellow student. And "those people." And even your enemy.

Without a doubt, we all have much to learn from these incredible verses. Throughout this series, you will hear this particular reading of 1 Corinthians 13 often:

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. (1 Corinthians 1-3, MSG).

Stephen Ministry

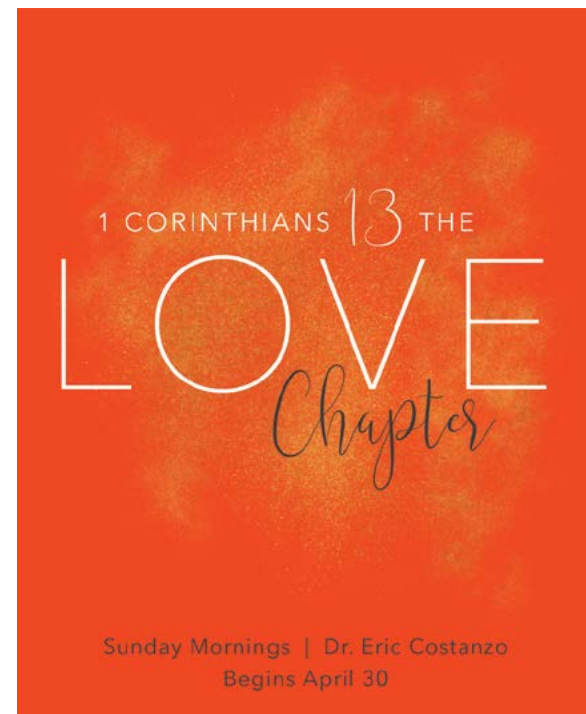
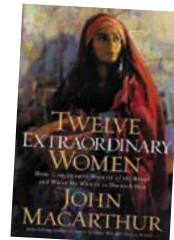
Stephen Ministers are available at South Tulsa to walk with anyone who is going through a difficult season in their life. If you would be interested in having a Stephen Minister, someone to talk with you and pray with you about whatever you are going through, please stop by our table in the Commons area between or after the worship services today. You can also call the church office at 918-299-0904 anytime to find out more about this ministry.

Also available at our table is a new book titled *Cancer-Now What?* written by the founder and director of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D. *Cancer-Now What?* is a comprehensive, easy-to-use practical guide for navigating the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings. The cost of each book is \$18.

Women's Ministry

Summer Book Club

Beginning June 1, we will be reading three books. The first book is *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible*, and *What He Wants to Do with You* by John F. MacArthur. For More information, please contact Cheryl Kenney, 918-850-6872.



5K/Family Fun Run

Join us for the South Tulsa 5K/Family Fun Run on Saturday, May 6. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m., and the Family Fun Run begins at 9:30 a.m. 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>.

Join us after the Fun Run for Family Fun Day from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The South Tulsa Family Committee has planned wonderful activities for everyone. There will be inflatables, sand play, bubbles, crafts, Popsicles, chalk art, and balloon animals for all. Bring Grandma and the neighbors. Come one! Come all! Celebrate your family.

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!*

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



Ministry Financial Plan

Please pick up a copy of our proposed 2017-2018 Ministry Financial Plan. Our plan has been developed by our committees and staff under our Stewardship Committee's leadership and has been approved by our Advisory Council. We will have question and answer sessions on Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. in room D165 and on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We plan to vote on the Ministry Financial Plan on Sunday, May 21, in both the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services without questions. The proposed plan is also available on our website on our church family page, southtulsa.org/church-family.

New Members



Tim & Lisa Remy, by letter

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Run to Win

One of the greatest and most well known sporting events in the world is the Olympics. It is an incredible thing to see athletes strain with all of their might and energy in order to win a race. These Olympians train for years to get their bodies in peak condition for one reason alone, to win.

The games are nothing new. The Greeks held two games, the Olympic and Isthmian games. Throughout his letters, Paul used the competition of these games as illustrations of living the Christian life. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Paul gives the church an incredible charge to "run to win."

The incredible reality is that we are all in a race whether we realize it or not. Paul wants the church to understand that their life in Christ is a race, and the goal is the Glory of God! The way a runner strives and strains with all his energy to win a race is how Christians are to view their Christian walk. We are to run to win! We are to run with purpose! We are to run with discipline!

We have the great honor of bearing the name of Christ, and it is for that reason that Paul says, "I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." The point is that he knows whose name he bears, and he is committed to live in such a way to make sure that when people see him they see Christ. We were not only given heaven when we came to Christ, we were given the name of Son and Daughter. Therefore, understand the great stakes that your life represents. Know that this life is a race and the goal is the Glory of God. So, in everything that you do make sure that you "run to win!"

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

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	3,100,656
Actual MFP Receipts	2,952,717
General Fund	40,552
A New Day at South Tulsa	13,220
Annie Armstrong to Date	5,131

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	520
Students	49
Children	92
Preschool	84
Unclassified	10
Total	755

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 256

Adult, Student, Precept, Women's

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	341
Medical Clinic	9
Salvations	1

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	4,737
<i>(U.S. 3,158; International 1,579)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	126
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	831
<i>(U.S. 554; International 277)</i>	

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