

this week

Sunday, May 7

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
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 4:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace
 5:00 p.m. Ministry Financial Plan Discussion
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Spring Musical

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Mother's in Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
 6:15 p.m. GROW R-Team

Wednesday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m. MOPS
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir
 5:45 p.m. Preschool/Kindergarten Choir Spring
 Music & Missions Recognition Service
 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open
 6:00 p.m. Mentors *Stepping Up*, Financial Peace
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra

Thursday, May 11

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day

Friday, May 12

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 1:30 p.m. ELP Kindergarten Graduation
 5:30 p.m. Kingdom Explorers Trip

Saturday, May 13

WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 10, 2017

Hamburgers, French fries, baked beans, 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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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.

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.

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.

2017-2018 MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN - A printed copy of the proposed plan is available on the Welcome Center or it can be found on the website on our church family page, southtulsa.org/church-family. We will have a question and answer session today, 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.


X, Y, AND MILLENNIAL BOOT CAMP - Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Why are so many families unchurched? Why have so many young adults left the church never to return? Join us as we explore the worldviews of younger generations of adults.

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

Preschool/Kindergarten Choirs

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.




RA, GA & Mission Friends

Missions Recognition Service

JUNE 19-23 | \$150

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FALLS CREEK 2017

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

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8:30AM Worship

Sunday @ SouthTulsa

Sing Sing Sing

Because He Lives

Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen

Same Power

Greeting One Another

Faith Story Steve Vandervort

Scripture Reading Liying Xu

Message 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Response *All Who are Thirsty*

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Sunday @ SouthTulsa

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Greeting One Another

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Faith Story Steve Vandervort

Choral Worship Gethsemane Hymn

Jesus, Lord to Me

Giving *The Solid Rock*

Cynthia Briscoe and Carol Ross

Scripture Reading Liying Xu

Message 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Response *Jesus Is Lord of All*

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Why the Church?, Pt. 1

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

During a hotel stay in the Northeast, I picked up a "Guest Information Guide" looking for some dining options nearby. (If I am being honest, I always look for the highest rated Chinese restaurants first.)

Anyway...among the contents of the guide were things you might expect like "Parking," "Check-In," "Internet Access," and, of course, "Restaurants." I was surprised, however, when I came across the category of "Worship," especially considering where I was.

In the very same guide that included room service, entertainment, and roll-away beds; there was a cafeteria-style opportunity to select my favorite house of worship. There were a number of choices offered: Assembly, Synagogue, Hindu, Methodist, Islamic, Lutheran, Catholic, LDS, Episcopal, and even Baptist.

In our culture, we certainly have many choices when it comes to faith. Tulsa alone has more evangelical churches within its limits than the six New England States combined. And it seems like new church startups with clever names are being added to the list regularly. (If I am being honest again, I find it hard to tell sometimes if new church startups are the result of God's call to a new field of harvest or simply the avoidance of the challenges that all existing churches face.) Like the wise old farmer says, "Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."

But I digress.

Why has God chosen the Church to be the instrument by which His Good News is carried to the rest of creation?

As we continue our study in The Love Chapter, we will look at some reasons why God has chosen the Church in my next series of articles.

Next week we will look at Reason #1: **God made a marriage promise to the Church.**

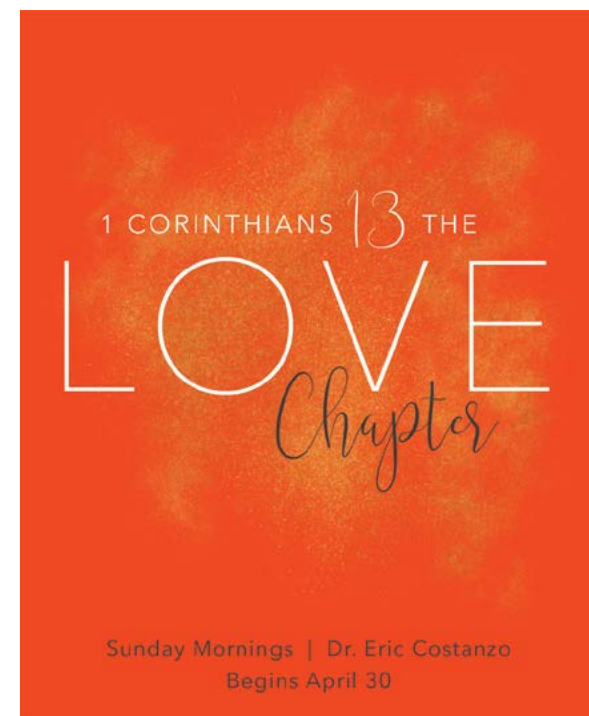
As a preview, the same Paul who wrote The Love Chapter wrote in **Ephesians 5:25-27**: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...and to present her to Himself as a radiant church..."

Serving the Homeless

Are you interested in learning more about serving the homeless in Tulsa? Pastor Eric will be taking a South Tulsa group by minibus (or two) downtown on Thursday evening, May 25, leaving at 5:30 and returning at 9:00 p.m. The group will be helping to provide dinner, talking, praying, and serving in other ways; as well as seeing a couple of great partner ministry opportunities for those who would like to get more involved in serving this population. For more information, contact Cindy Seay in the church office (918-299-0904, or cindy@southtulsa.org).

20 Years!

Barbara Tuttle has shared the love of Jesus with hundreds of preschoolers as our lead childcare teacher. Help us celebrate her 20 years of ministry at South Tulsa. A "memory box" is located at the Preschool Welcome Center. We would like to fill it with notes and cards from parents, plus pictures your children draw. Please drop by preschool and help us fill this box for a very special lady.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

That means you!

One of the most well know verses in all of the Bible is John 3:16. It is often the first verse a believer memorizes. Frequently you find this verse behind the goalposts at a football game as someone holds a sign heralding the passage for all of the television world to see. This verse is definitely a banner verse, as it shows a love that is unfathomable.

Listen again to the heart of our God, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Did you hear that?! Do you see the magnitude of that love?! It is absolutely inconceivable. This is the holy God extending love to an undeserving sinful person. This is a love that is completely foreign to this world apart from the benevolent God!

We often use this verse to show people that God's love is extravagant. We also use this verse as our banner for missions. We see that God's love goes out to the world, but if we are not careful we can miss the point. By God loving the world, it includes you! Not only does He care for the masses, He cares for the individual. God doesn't love the world impersonally, rather He is a personal God. God's great love is offered to you so you may know Him! Therefore, when you hear of His great love recognize that it is given for you, receive His love that you might experience life, and above all relish in this love knowing that this extravagant love is meant for you!

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

Graduating High School

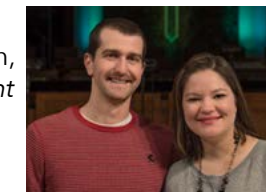
Senior Recognition Sunday - May 21

We will recognize our graduating high school students during the 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 21. Senior videos will be shown at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Commons. Join us for this special time of celebration.

New Members



Amanda Brown, by statement



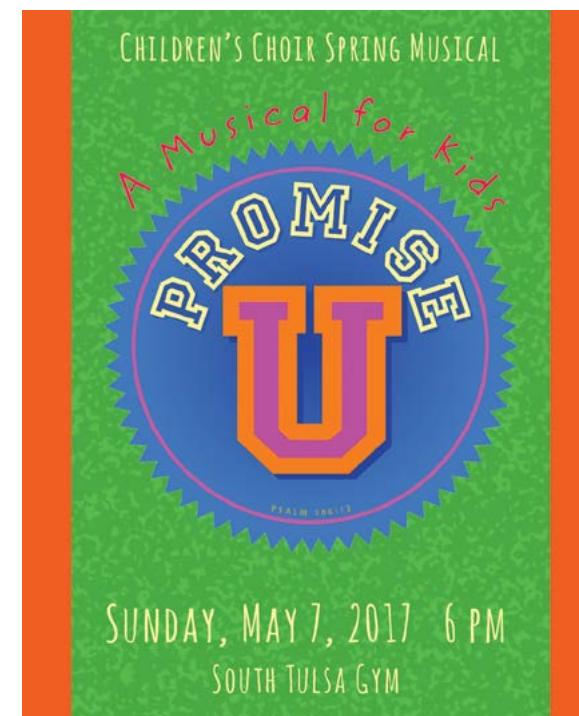
Nicole Brown, by statement



Kate, Emily & Allie Smith, by baptism

Day Trips

Women of all ages and their older school-age daughters won't want to miss the summer Day Trips organized by our Women's Ministry team. On Tuesday, June 6 we travel to Pawhuska to visit the Pioneer Woman's Mercantile. Saturday, July 15, we are off to Joplin and Sandstone Gardens. Our last trip is Saturday, September 9 to Bentonville, Arkansas and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Mark your calendars and watch for details and sign-up sheets for our trip to Pawhuska soon.



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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 75
Children 87
Preschool 81
Unclassified 10
Total 773

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 232

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 49
People Helped 200
Salvations 1

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 5,292
(U.S. 3,528; International 1,764)
Retirement Center Ministry 111
(11 locations)
ON DEMAND Views 608
(U.S. 405; International 203)

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ON THE COVER
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Band