

this week

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Worship, Baptism
 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
 6:00 p.m. NO Evening Worship

Monday, May 15

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
 5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, May 16

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 O-Team

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. ELP Planning Meeting
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir, PreSMAK Leaders Mtg.
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Ministry
 Financial Plan Question/Answer
 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. SMAK Leaders Meeting
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra, The Dwelling - South Tulsa
 Young Adults

Thursday, May 18

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 5:30 p.m. Kingdom Explorers Trip
 6:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Fellowship

Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting

WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 17, 2017

Chicken with stuffing, mashed potatoes, 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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SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: FREEDOM FOR MOTHERS - Wednesdays, June 21-August 9, 5:45-7:15 p.m. Activities for children - babies through 5th grade. Workbook: \$15. Sign up at southtulsa.org or on Sunday mornings.

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.

CANCER-NOW WHAT? - This new book by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., the founder and director of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. Available at the Welcome Center or in the church office, \$18.

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.

2017-2018 MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN - A printed copy of the proposed plan is available at 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 on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We plan to vote on the Ministry Financial Plan next Sunday, May 21, in both the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services without questions.

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

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8:30AM Worship

Mother's Day Video
Come Now Is the Time to Worship
Nothing but the Blood
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
Baptism Kate, Allison and Emmy Smith
Children's Bible Drill Demonstration
King of My Heart
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson
Message 1 Corinthians 13:8-10
Response *Lord, Be Glorified*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Mother's Day Video
Program Emphasis Dave Bender
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
Greeting One Another
Thy Word
Children's Bible Drill Demonstration
Choral Worship *Never Once*
With All My Heart
Giving *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson
Message 1 Corinthians 13:8-10
Response *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
New Commitments - New Members
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On This Mother's Day

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

I tell my daughter Abigail almost daily: "Besides Jesus, no one on earth loves you more than me." The more I say it, the more I risk getting a 7-year-old eye roll. Nevertheless, I stay the course.

On this Mother's Day, I want to share a similar sentiment: Besides Jesus, no one on earth models divine love more than mothers. Just like there is no substitute for God's love, there is no substitute for a mother's love.

Today, I am particularly thankful for four wonderful women in my life.

- My wife, Rebecca, who demonstrates kindness towards others more than anyone I know and loves and serves our family immeasurably. She is a rock star wife and mother.
- My mother, Terri, who worked so hard to provide for us in very hard times and has become an incredible servant of the Lord in so many ways throughout her adult life.
- My grandmother, Teresia, who prayed for me and kept God's Word in my life even before I believed it. She is a mainstay of support and encouragement for me always.
- My mother-in-law, Carol, who loves me and treats me like a son. She could not be a better example for my wife, my daughters, and every person in our family.

We often use only male language to describe God, but the truth is the Scriptures use several different ways to describe God. Many are what have been called "motherly descriptions of God," including the maternal, nurturing language of Isaiah. Along with Isaiah 42:1 and 46:3, two others really stand out:

Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

Isaiah 66:13a: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..."

Thank you Rebecca, Terri, Teresia, and Carol for being a living picture of God's love in my life and in the lives of so many others.

("Why the Church?" continues next week.)

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. in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Commons. Join us for this special time of celebration.

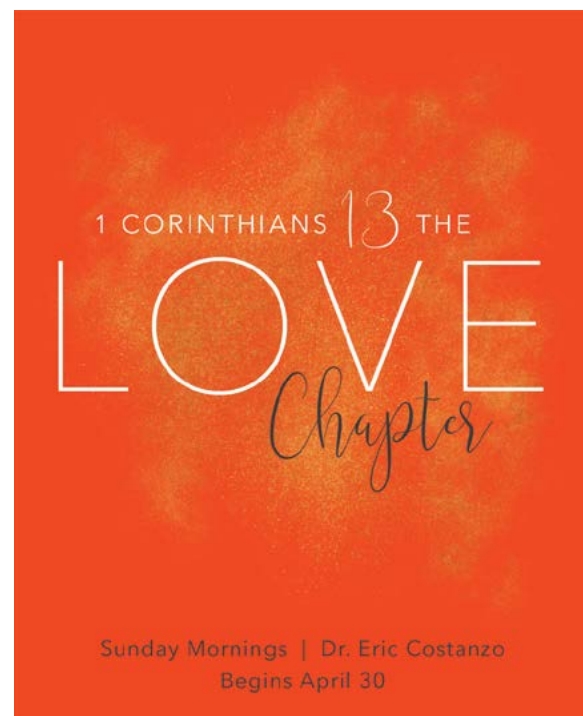
Women's Ministry

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 coming soon.

SMAK and PreSMAK Leadership Meetings Wednesday, May 17

PreSMAK - 5:30 p.m. | SMAK - 6:30 p.m.
SMAK and PreSMAK leaders have a planning meeting this Wednesday in Room D268-269.



New Members



Danny & Kathy Reed,
by letter



Jim Norton,
by letter

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).

**Vacation Bible School Teachers Meeting
Wednesday, May 24 5:30 p.m. Preschool - Room D165, Children - Room D269**



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

The Great Gift of Mothers

Today is a day that we celebrate mothers, and for good reason. But, the celebration of mothers is nothing new, and it didn't begin in 1914 with Woodrow Wilson and the advent of Mother's Day. The idea of Motherhood comes from the very heart of God. Through the creation of Man and Woman and the institution of marriage that God set into motion, Fatherhood and Motherhood are at the heart of the family. So we celebrate Motherhood not because of a day, but because it is a great gift that God has blessed us with! And, it should not be merely one day a year that we celebrate mothers, but at every opportunity that we can!

The influence of mothers is undeniable. Even before birth there is a unique bond that is made between mother and child. This bond continues into childhood and with this bond mothers have the incredible ability to lead their child and train them in a way that brings lasting results. John MacArthur makes this point, "For better or worse, mothers are the makers of men; they are the architects of the next generation. That's why the goal of becoming a godly mother is the highest and most noble pursuit of womanhood. God has specially equipped women for that very purpose, and in Christ, women can experience profound satisfaction in that divinely ordained pursuit. They can be who God created them to be."

The great celebration of Motherhood is that God allows mothers to be part of a process of leading children to know and pursue God! We are thankful for their influence and ability to tenderly give children a godly example, and lead them to know Christ more. And it is for this that we are grateful for the godly mothers we know! Mothers, we celebrate you because you are a great gift from God!

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



last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	3,229,440
Actual MFP Receipts	3,087,001
General Fund	73,885
A New Day at South Tulsa	69,885

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	528
Students	78
Children	89
Preschool	90
Unclassified	10
Total	795

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 224

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	156
Medical Clinic	8

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	4,561
<i>(U.S. 3,041; International 1,520)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	132
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	1,052
<i>(U.S. 701; International 351)</i>	

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