

this week

Sunday, May 21

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
 12:00 p.m. Guatemala Lunch, Youth Choir Tour
 Parent/Student Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Paid Child Care Teacher Training
 5:30 p.m. Financial Peace, Financial Freedom
 6:00 p.m. Senior Recognition Service
 7:00 p.m. Senior Reception, Advisory Council

Monday, May 22

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 23

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace

Wednesday, May 24

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
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. VBS Teacher's Meeting
 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
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra, The Dwelling - South Tulsa
 Young Adults, Falls Creek Parent/Camper Mtg.

Thursday, May 25

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ESL Classes
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 5:30 p.m. Serving the Homeless
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, May 26

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class

Saturday, May 27

WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 24, 2017

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, 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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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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION TONIGHT - Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel as we celebrate our High School seniors with a reception following in the Commons.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER BOOK CLUB - Beginning June 1, we will be reading three books. The first book is *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John F. MacArthur. For more information, please contact Cheryl Kenney, 918-850-6872.

LADIES BIBLE ART JOURNALING - We have two summer workshops planned for June 22 and July 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Denise Curtiss, denise77@cox.net to register or for more information.

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

YOUNG ADULTS - Join us for worship and fellowship and dwell in His presence at The Dwelling each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in room B121.

2017-2018 MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN - We will vote on the plan today in the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services without discussion.

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




SMAX
 Summer Music Activity for Kids
June 12-16
 10 am to 2 pm
 \$35 INCLUDES T-SHIRT
 For kids who have completed grades 1-6
 Register Now southtulsa.org

God's Plan of Salvation

South Tulsa Baptist Church
PreSMAX
 Summer Music Activity for Kids
June 12-14
 10 am to noon
 \$20 INCLUDES T-SHIRT
 For kids 3 years old thru Kindergarten
 Register Now southtulsa.org


The PJ Party
 Prayers to Jesus
 PreSMAX 2017

JUNE 19-23 | \$150



REMNANT

FALLS CREEK 2017



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

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8:30AM Worship

77 Seconds@SouthTulsa
When I Think About the Lord
In Christ Alone
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
One Thing Remains
 Forever
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Bob Ball
Message 1 Corinthians 13:11-12
Response *Here I am to Worship*
New Commitments - New Members
2017-2018 Ministry Financial Plan Vote
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10:50AM Worship

77 Seconds@SouthTulsa
Lead on O King Eternal
Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley
Greeting One Another
You're Worthy of My Praise
Recognition of High School Graduates
Blessed Assurance
Choral Worship *This I Believe (The Creed)*
I Sing Praises
Giving *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Scripture Reading Bob Ball
Message 1 Corinthians 13:11-12
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Why the Church?, Pt.2 – God’s Wife

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Did my title catch your attention? Don’t worry, there is nothing new or scandalous below. Throughout the Scriptures, God describes His people in terms of covenant and marriage. This is especially true when it comes to the Church, God’s chosen instrument to carry His Good News to the rest of creation.

Perhaps you have never thought about it in these terms before: God married the Church. The Church is the bride of Christ.

To help us understand this, we ought to consider the teaching of two different heroes of the Christian faith.

The **first** is John the Baptist, the man who went before Jesus and prepared the way for the Lord’s ministry. When Jesus began His ministry, John the Baptist proclaimed that the Groom had finally arrived (**John 3:22-30**). This goes back to the Old Testament picture of covenant marriage and agreement that God entered into with people like Abraham, Moses, and David, and illustrated through prophets like Hosea. God’s covenant relationship with His people is now expressed in His relationship with the Church.

The **second** is the Apostle Paul, the same man who wrote “The Love Chapter.” In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul described the mystery of Christ’s relationship to the Church: “...*Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless*” (**Ephesians 5:23-27**).

God has chosen the Church because He loves her. Because He loves us. God always keeps His promises, and He will never fail to be faithful to us.

Therefore, may we have the joy of a spouse who is deeply in love as we share in His triumphs, and as He uses us to be the instrument of His Good News in the world.

Next week, Pt. 3 - God is perfect, the Church is not...

New Members



Lydia Lu,
by baptism

Youth Choir Tour

PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

There will be a Youth Choir parent and student meeting right after this morning’s 10:50 worship service in the Choir Room. Complete details regarding Youth Choir Tour will be given and release forms made available to sign. Choir Tour is set for May 30 – June 3 to Kansas City, Missouri. Their home presentation will be on Sunday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Little Yellow Card

A preacher in east Tennessee had a yellow witnessing card in his pocket when he met a man who claimed to be agnostic. The preacher simply left the card with the man. It was reported to him later that the man passed away kneeling by his couch with the yellow card in his hand. Our yellow witnessing cards can change a life and are available on the track rack by the church library in seven languages.



VBS Teachers

Please attend a meeting for Vacation Bible School Teachers on Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. Preschool teachers will meet in Room D165, Children’s teachers in Room D269.



Discover South Tulsa

New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend a two-week class Sunday, June 11 and 18 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room. This class is designed to give you a look into the history and heart of South Tulsa and let us get to know you better. Please RSVP to the church office, 918-299-0904 by June 9 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

He is Worthy

“*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created*” (Revelation 4:11). This is an incredibly powerful scripture to show us that God deserves worship because everything belongs to Him! He is worthy of worship simply because of who He is! Yet, all too often He is robbed of worship. Sadly, worship is given to far too many things and people that are not worthy. But, He is also robbed of worship because there are so many people around this world who have never heard the gospel.

This is why we must strive in missions anywhere that God has placed us. John Piper said that “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate.” Consider that the only reason that we have been given the honor of worship is because by His grace He has opened our eyes to His truth and saved our souls! We must not miss this. Because our eyes have been opened we worship, but also because our eyes have been opened we must call others to worship!

Wherever you are, you are called to be an ambassador and a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). Incredibly, there are some of our very own church family who have left their lives in Tulsa to live in Guatemala for the purpose of calling people to worship our great God. We can be involved with them in this mission. They need our support and love. They need our encouragement and our prayers. As His children we all have the same purpose, to make His name great among the nations. Let us join with one another and encourage one another in this great purpose, because He is Worthy!

(Read Dru’s full article at southtulsa.org or watch the video under the “Media” tab.)

Guatemala Lunch

Join us today at noon in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful lunch to support our missions in Guatemala. Annie Thurber and Stephen and Lee Anne Griffin will be giving a report about their work in Guatemala.

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).

A New Day at South Tulsa

Thank you for your participation in our church debt elimination plan. We rejoice in God’s blessings. This is where we stand:

Total Pledged to A New Day	\$347,927
Total Received in Pledges.....	122,847
Total Received Not Pledged.....	237,290
Total Received to Date	\$360,137

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	3,299,321
Actual MFP Receipts	3,153,997
General Fund	66,996
A New Day at South Tulsa.....	109,172

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	521
Students.....	72
Children.....	84
Preschool.....	78
Unclassified.....	10
Total	765

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	157

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	3,651
<i>(U.S. 2,434; International 1,217)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry.....	112
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.....	761
<i>(U.S. 507; International 254)</i>	

MINISTRY STAFF

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