

this week

Sunday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:40-9:40 a.m. Library Open
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study, Discover South Tulsa
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Student Guys & Girls Bible Studies
 5:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace, *Love Story Tour* at Asbury
 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Summer Activities with the Lord's Supper

Monday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m. SMAK & PreSMAK
 1:00 p.m. ESL Beginning Class
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, June 13

10:00 a.m. SMAK & PreSMAK, Mother's in Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace

Wednesday, June 14

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m. SMAK & PreSMAK
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 1:00 p.m. ESL Beginning Class
 4:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Dinner
 5:00 p.m. Student Pool Gathering at Osborne's
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Library Open
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace, PreSMAK Program
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra, The Dwelling - Young Adults

Thursday, June 15

10:00 a.m. SMAK, Adult Game Day

Friday, June 16

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate/Advanced Class
 10:00 a.m. SMAK
 7:00 p.m. SMAK Program and Pie Fellowship

Saturday, June 17

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Fellowship

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

June 14, 2017



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 Good News about
 Jesus in our
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SMAK AND PRESMAK SET-UP TODAY - Set up is today at 2:00 p.m. PreSMAK leaders will set up in your individual rooms. SMAK leaders will set up in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUMMER DAY TRIPS - Don't miss our next trip on Saturday, July 15, we are off to Joplin and Sandstone Gardens; then Saturday, September 9, to Bentonville, Arkansas and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

DISCOVER SOUTH TULSA BEGINS TODAY - New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend a two-week class today and Sunday, June 18 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S SUPPER - Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel as we pray for all of the summer activities followed by the Lord's Supper.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: FREEDOM FOR MOTHERS - Wednesdays, June 21-August 9, 5:45-7:15 p.m. Activities for children, babies-5th grade. Workbook: \$15. Sign up online at southtulsa.org.

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.

VBS NEEDS PRINGLES CANS - If you have empty, tall Pringles cans that can be used for a VBS craft, please bring them to the Preschool Welcome Center.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS - Please note our summer hours: Sundays from 8:40-9:40 a.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 5:45-6:30 p.m. (closed Wednesdays nights in July).

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

SMAK
 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

PreSMAK
 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
 PreSMAK 2017

YOUTH CHOIR

MATTHEW WILLIAMS LAUREN SCOTT HADDIE CRANER

SUPER SINGERS

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8:30AM Worship

Sunday@SouthTulsa

This Is Amazing Grace
My Story

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Great Are You Lord
Revelation Song

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading Liying Xu

Message Hebrews 1:4-14

My Response *O Come to the Altar*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Sunday@SouthTulsa

How Great Is Our God
How Great Thou Art

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Greeting One Another

O Magnify the Lord
Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It
We Will Glorify

Choral Worship *Jesus, What a Mighty Name*

More Precious Than Silver

Giving *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Scripture Reading Liying Xu

Message Hebrews 1:4-14

Response *Have You Been to Calvary*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Why the Church?, Pt.5

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

The other day I was following a car which had a huge, professionally made sign in the back window (way more prominent than a bumper sticker) that asked: "When was the last time YOU went to church?" I considered some various answers someone might offer to that question:

- "This week, of course! I love my church!"
- "I have never gone to church. Why would I?"
- "I need to get back in a church, I just haven't found one yet."
- "I will never go to church again."

God chose the Church to represent Him and His purposes throughout the earth. The Church is for our own good, and is meant to be a community that strengthens and encourages as opposed to tearing down.

Paul described this in one of his letters: "... speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Unfortunately, the Church is in decline. Well, at least here in the United States (more on the Church worldwide next week). Church attendance among younger Americans is trending down and to the right. More churches are closing their doors for good each year, many of which are here in Tulsa.

One evangelical leader concluded that while many churches collapse because of serious issues like internal conflicts or loss of mission, most churches who fail do so because of "really petty stuff" (Thom Schultz, Group publishing).

My prayer is that we who are the church here at South Tulsa will continue to grow from the solid foundation of God's Word, with Jesus as our head, joined and held together in unity, as we build each other up in love, and each of us carries our own share. May we continue to be faithful in Sharing the Good News about Jesus in our community and around the world!

Next week, Pt. 6 - The Church Worldwide is Exploding

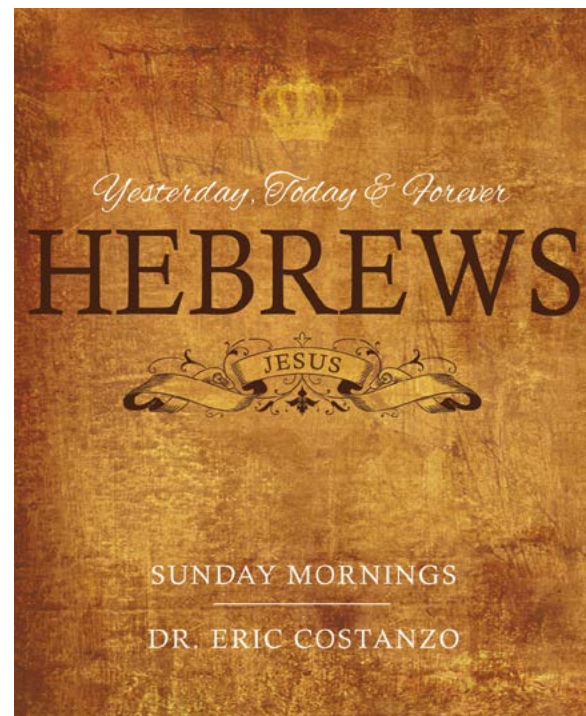
Puppets, Songs, & Bible Lessons

If you would be interested in serving on the Preschool Worship Team, please contact Debbie Steen at debbie@southtulsa.org.

Each Sunday morning, 10:50-11:10, older preschoolers travel from their ETC class to the Chapel for a special worship service. You can serve once a month, twice a month, or each Sunday. You will miss the beginning of second service, but you will arrive in time for the sermon. Youth are welcome to be a part of this ministry along with adults of ALL ages. You will be blessed beyond measure.

Help Wanted

The Ministry Center is in need of a volunteer to work the front desk on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Duties include greeting clients, answering the telephone, and scheduling appointments for clients. The only requirements for the job are a love for the Lord and a happy smile. Earthly pay is the joy you receive from serving the Lord and retirement benefits are out of this world. If you can help out, or want additional information, please email Alice Bones at alice@ministry-center.org, or call her at 918-720-5419. [The Ministry Center, 312 S. 33rd W. Ave, Tulsa, OK 74127]



New Member



Pete & Cordia Belisle, by baptism, letter

Ray, Becky, Elizabeth, Timothy & Parker (not pictured) Foreman, by letter Benjamin & Molly (also pictured)



Summer School

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jenks Public Schools need volunteers to help with their summer tutoring program for international students. There are several dates and times available between now and July 14. Please call 918-528-1173 if you'd like to volunteer or need more information.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Never Alone

Life can bring all kinds of surprises. Sometimes they are the surprises that create all kinds of fun memories and bring a lot of joy, but sometimes those surprises are painful. Often, we do all we

can to ignore the possibility of these surprises. But, what do you do when you hear the words disease, cancer, or ALS? These are the devastating words that shake our entire world.

There are few words that bring comfort in moments like that. But, one thing that we cling to is that God is faithful! He does not leave His children on their own. He blesses us with His presence in the midst of pain, and gives us strength when we think we have none. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:9, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" The amazing thing is that even through the midst of a painful situation God can and does give us His overwhelming peace, power and presence!

In the times that seem to be most bleak, even though you may be at your weakest, the one thing you must do is continually set your eyes on Christ. He will never let you go! Jesus even told us "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Our hope is that Jesus has conquered our worst enemy and through Him we have life. There is great hope in that! Jesus is always with those who put their faith in Him. You are never alone no matter how painful life is. So when those times of tribulation come, cling to Christ! When you don't know what else to do, know that you are not alone and that the creator of the Universe is holding you with His mighty arms of love!

(Read Dru's full article at southtulsa.org.)

Pies Needed

FOR SMAK PIE FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY NIGHT

Following the presentation of "GPS," Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., the SMAK children and their families will go to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a piece of pie. South Tulsa family, if you can furnish a pie or two or would be available to help serve pieces of pie to our guests, please contact Chris, 918-299-0904. This is a great time to come and meet people from our community that do not have a church home. Let's make everyone feel welcome at South Tulsa!

SECRET CHURCH: July 9-30, 6:00 p.m. in Gym

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	3,510,216
Actual MFP Receipts	3,314,946
General Fund	63,804
A New Day at South Tulsa.....	7,135

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	547
Students.....	67
Children.....	97
Preschool.....	84
Unclassified.....	10
Total	805

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	23
People Helped	170
Medical Clinic.....	12

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	6,187
<i>(U.S. 4,125; International 2,062)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry.....	117
<i>(10 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.....	1,051
<i>(U.S. 701; International 350)</i>	

MINISTRY STAFF

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