

this week

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day

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
 5:00 p.m. VBS Student Volunteer Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace
 6:00 p.m. SMAK Attack
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, June 19

Falls Creek 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 1:00 p.m. ESL Beginning Class
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, June 20

Falls Creek 2017

Wednesday, June 21

Falls Creek 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 1:00 p.m. ESL Beginning Class
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Freedom for Mothers Bible Study
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Library Open
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 22

Falls Creek 2017
 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Art Journaling

Friday, June 23

Falls Creek 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate/Advanced Class
 6:00 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Fellowship

Saturday, June 24

WEDNESDAY DINNER

June 21, 2017

Chick-fil-A Night - chicken sandwiches, waffle fries, 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 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 now thru July 14. Please call 918-528-1173 to volunteer or for more information.

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 CONTINUES TODAY - New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church are encouraged to attend this class today from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room.

SUNDAY EVENING SMAK ATTACK - Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as we visit and deliver welcome bags to families with children that participated in PreSMAK or SMAK.

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.

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



GALACTIC STARVEYORS
 COLLESIANS 1:5-16
 DISCOVERING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE

**Vacation Bible School
 June 26-29**
 9:00 a.m. - Noon

For kids who have completed K-6th Grade
Family Fun Night June 29!
 Enroll Now at southtulsa.org



SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

**July 17-20
 Kid's Kamp**
 Kamp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. \$175

JESUS IS...
 WHO HAS FULFILLED THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

**July 31-Aug. 2
 Day Camp**
 Day Camp for kids who have completed grades 1-2. \$75

Register at southtulsa.org

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8:30AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa
Blessed Be Your Name
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
Good, Good Father
O Praise the Name
Father's Day Video
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Hebrews 2:1-4
Response
Just as I Am - I Come Broken
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa
Worthy Is the Lamb
Amazing Grace
Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo
Father's Day Video
Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
Choral Worship *Forevermore (Psalm 145)*
 Reader - Jack Rogers
There Is a Savior
Giving *Above All*
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Hebrews 2:1-4
Response *Calvary Covers It All*
New Commitments - New Members
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Why the Church?, Pt.6

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Did you know that the fasting growing church movement in the world appears to be in Iran... yes Iran? In the late 20th century, there were less than 1,000 Christians in the entire country. Now there are more than 500,000. And whereas that number still represents a significant minority in their nation, it is nothing short of exponential growth.

Iran is just one of many countries around the world in which Christians are the minority, but the Christian faith is exploding at a far faster rate than we have seen here in decades.

In China, for example, which in the mid-20th century had only one million Christians, it is predicted they will have more Christians than any other nation on earth within just one generation.

As the Church in the Western world including the United States continues to decline, as I wrote about last week, the Church in what we call the "majority world" is poised to lead the way in evangelism and missions within in the next 10 years.

In fact, some missiologists predict that by 2025, Africa, Latin America, and Asia will hold two-thirds of the world's Christian population.

God is at work in some incredible ways around the world, and here as well. We as Western Christians can be part of this great move of God in several ways including:

- Praying
- Going
- Supporting
- Reaching out to those from the nations whom God is bringing to us

In case you haven't noticed, our international population is growing right here in our church; and many who are joining us are already followers of Jesus and part of this great move of God happening among the nations. There are so many ways you can join us in the work God is doing through our international and refugee ministry. Please contact the church office to learn more!

For more on the growing global church, see: <https://theglobalchurchproject.com/post-1/>

Next: Pt. 7, The Absurdity of the Church in This Century

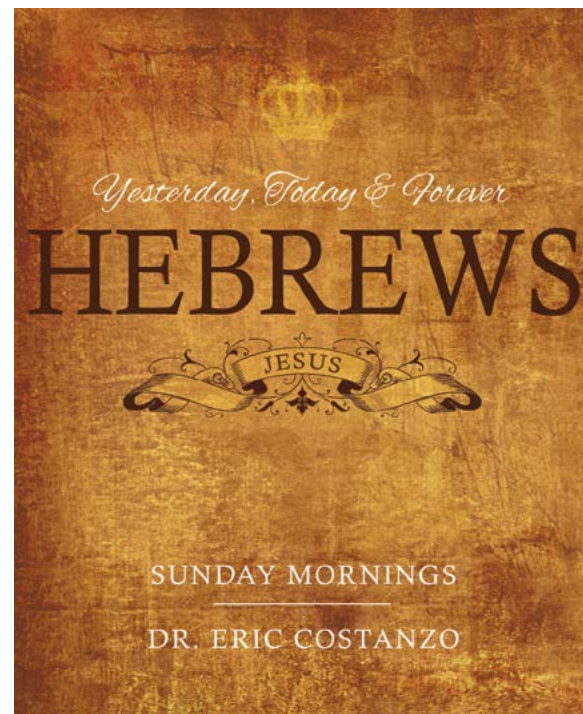
Help Wanted

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]

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.



Secret Church 2017:

Scripture and Authority in an Age of Skepticism
Sunday Nights - July 9-30, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

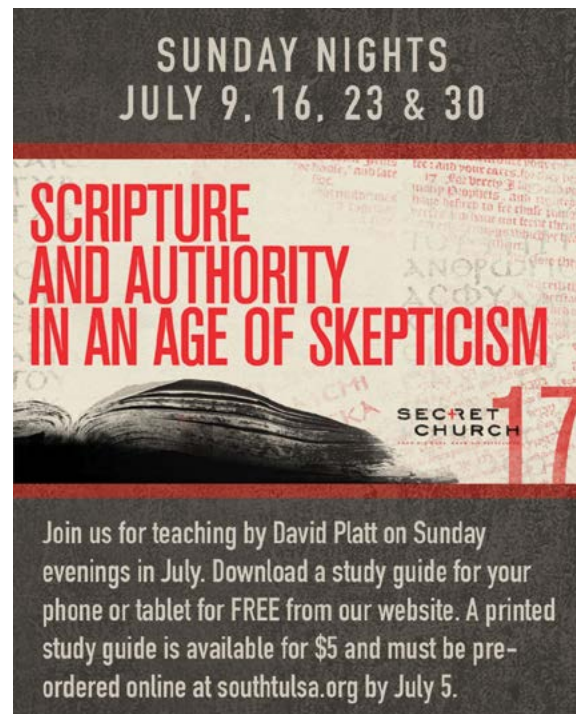
Churches around the world look to Scripture as the foundation for their faith. Yet many followers of Christ never think to ask why this is the case, leaving them vulnerable to skeptics who claim that Scripture is merely an outdated human invention full of errors. This book we call the Bible is viewed by many in our culture as intolerant, chauvinistic, and ultimately dangerous.

In the face of such criticisms, and to strengthen our own faith, followers of Christ need to be able to answer questions such as ...

- Is the Bible divine?
- Is the Bible true?
- Is the Bible clear?
- Is the Bible sufficient?
- Is the Bible good?

In this Secret Church study David Platt addresses these critical questions, questions that have implications for our lives, for our families, for our churches, and for our mission to the world. The church desperately needs to recover confidence in Scripture's authority in the midst of a skeptical age.

Download a study guide for your phone or tablet for FREE from our website. A printed study guide is available for \$5 and must be pre-ordered online at southtulsa.org by July 5.



Sermon Notes in Several Languages

Each week Pastor Eric has sermon notes in Spanish and Russian, and we are working towards adding Chinese, Burmese, and Arabic in the next several weeks. If you would like a copy of these notes, please visit the table in the Commons.

New Members



Rod & Brenda Copeland,
by statement

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Happy Father's Day

You may not be able to tell by looking at the world around us, but fathers are important! For the last few decades the culture has tried to demean the role of the father as something that is unessential. They have tried to paint the picture of a dad as an incompetent buffoon who you can take or leave. But that is not the truth. God has created fatherhood to be a reflection upon the perfect Father. Fathers will never perfectly reflect the heavenly Father, but they are meant to be a glimpse of Him. Because of this, the importance of the father is immeasurable.

Charles Spurgeon said, "A Father's holy life is a rich legacy for His sons." He also said, "Train up a child in the way they should go but be sure you go that way yourself." God has blessed the father with an incredible opportunity to influence a coming generation. The truth is the father is an unbelievably important role. He is someone who can create a pathway that will lead to heaven, or make that same path obscure. If we are to be a father that points the eyes of our children to the Father, we must go that way ourself. Fathers, don't listen to the world. God has made you for an incredible purpose, so set your eyes on the Father and lead your family in the same direction!

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

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	3,581,557
Actual MFP Receipts	3,384,745
General Fund	69,805
A New Day at South Tulsa	12,228

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	504
Students	73
Children	90
Preschool	80
Unclassified	10
Total	757

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 96

PreSMAK	158
SMAK	205

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	26
People Helped	157
Salvations	1

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	3,507
<i>(U.S. 2,338; International 1,169)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	124
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	827
<i>(U.S. 551; International 276)</i>	

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