

this week

Sunday, June 25

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
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Bible Study Leadership Mtg.
 5:30 p.m. Financial Freedom, Financial Peace
 6:00 p.m. Falls Creek Praise Report

Monday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 1:00 p.m. ESL Beginning Class
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 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 Thompsons
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Freedom for Mothers Bible Study, ZIP for Kids
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Library Open
 6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 6:00 p.m. VBS Family Fun Night

Friday, June 30

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate/Advanced Class
 6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Summer Book Club

Saturday, July 1

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

June 28, 2017

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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.

HELP AT THE MINISTRY CENTER - There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Ministry Center any Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you can help, or would like more information, please email Alice Bones at alice@ministry-center.org, or call her at 918-720-5419.

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.

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. Sign up at the table in the Commons or online.

SUNDAY EVENING FALLS CREEK PRAISE REPORT - Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate what God did in the lives of our students that attended Falls Creek.

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 - Plan now to attend our last summer workshop on July 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Denise Curtiss, denise77@cox.net to register or for more information.

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



GALACTIC STARVEYORS
 COLLOSSUS 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...
 THE MESSAGE FULFILLED
 THE LORD THE GREAT

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

This is Amazing Grace

We Crown You

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Reign in Us

How Marvelous

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading Bob Ball

Message Hebrews 2:9-18

Response *Jesus Paid It All*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa

Agnus Dei

All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Greeting One Another

Be Exalted, O God

Glorify Thy Name

Choral Worship *Great Are You Lord with*

How Great Thou Art

There's Something About That Name

Giving *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Scripture Reading Bob Ball

Message Hebrews 2:9-18

Response *Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

Why the Church?, Pt.7

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

For the last several weeks, we have seen how God has chosen the Church, as His bride, to be the instrument by which His Good News is carried to the rest of creation. The Church is an imperfect vessel proclaiming a perfect God. The Church is good because Jesus Himself has made her good. While the Church in America is in decline, the Church worldwide is exploding with growth.

The final point of discussion might sound strange upon first hearing: The Church of the 21st century is absurd.

What do I mean?
Consider some of these facts below...my how things have changed: (Source: David Barrett and Philip Jenkins; globalchurchproject.)



- By 2025, missiologists predict that 2/3 of the world's Christian population will live in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Throughout the last century, the United States and Europe made up the vast majority of the Christian population.
- Missiologists also say the "average Christian" today is female, black and lives in a Brazilian favela or an African village.
- The Judeo-Christian movement was born in the Middle East and North Africa, a region that now has the lowest concentration of professing Christians in the entire world.
- There are more professing Protestants in Nigeria than in Germany, the birthplace of Lutheran Protestantism.

The definition of absurd is "beyond reason or logic." Who could have predicted such a thing?

Well, the answer is our missionaries. The men and women on the field have been planting the seeds of faith and planting churches throughout the "majority world" for decades. They have been living out the Great Commission by making disciples who are also living out the GC and making disciples of their own.

This is Good News!

Perhaps in this century we have a lot to learn

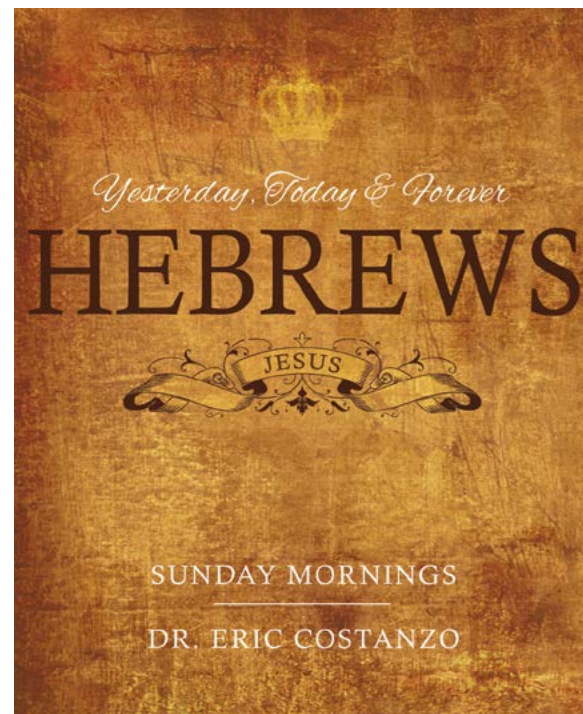
from the churches and peoples to whom we brought the faith in the last century. My prayer for us at South Tulsa is that we will be described like this: "Every day they continued to meet together...with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46-47).

SMAK & PreSMAK

Summer Music Activity for Kids (SMAK), was held June 12-16. PreSMAK for preschool age children enrolled 114 children and 49 workers plus 15 in childcare for a total of 178. Their theme was the *PJ Party, Prayers to Jesus*, and their program was Wednesday night.

SMAK, for children who have completed Grades 1-6, learned the musical *GPS - God's Plan of Salvation* and went on daily field trips. SMAK enrolled 167 children and 46 workers for a total of 213. They presented the musical Friday afternoon at Aberdeen Heights Assisted Living and for South Tulsa on Friday evening.

The combined enrollment was 391. A big thank you goes to all the adult and student leaders and to co-directors Sarah Harper and Rebecca Lee. We pray that the spiritual truths learned will continue to grow and flourish.



Baptist Children's Home Owasso Back-to-School Style Show

Make plans to join us for our next show at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the church office. Only 30 tickets (10 per table) are available, so don't wait. All Style Show proceeds benefit the children of our Owasso campus. Funds are used for school and church clothes. Any funds raised beyond what is needed to purchase clothing is used for other basic needs of the children.

Secret Church 2017:

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

During this Secret Church, we will explore answers to critical questions about the Bible in order to discern what place it should have in the lives of Christians and the implications those answers have for our lives, our families, and our churches in the culture around us.

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.



Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

Will You Come?

We are a privileged nation and a people with many benefits. We have the ability to pick and choose from an infinite number of choices. Nearly everything in our culture is customizable. For us, not many things are outside of our reach.

This isn't always a good thing. We have so much that sometimes the very thing we need the most may not be the thing we want. If we are not careful, we may fail to see all that this world is meant to point to!

It is true that we have an incredible amount of things at our fingertips, but what we must never miss is that these things will never compare to the person we have been privileged to know! Psalm 95 says, 1 "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!" 6 "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

God is our foundation and our salvation! Not only is He our maker, but He is our Shepherd. The very creator of the entire universe has called you His own if you trust in Christ! This omnipotent God does not hold you far from Him, but He invites you to come! Through His mercy and grace He allows you and I to come into His presence! Through Him you can experience what none of the things in this world have the ability to give you. The ultimate question is will you come? Will you come to the One who is worthy. You have been privileged to do so. The only question now is, will you come?

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

Absolutely Beautiful!

To Philip and all the members of the Student Choir, All we can say is ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL! We were fortunate to have you come to our facility. All the residents are still talking about it. They say it is the very best we have ever had. Thank you for sharing such wonderful talent with us! God bless ~ Monterrey Park, Kansas City, Missouri

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	3,652,899
Actual MFP Receipts	3,431,899
General Fund	49,132
A New Day at South Tulsa.....	6,277

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	446
Students.....	59
Children.....	79
Preschool.....	70
Unclassified.....	10
Total	661

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Falls Creek	145
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THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	24
People Helped	255
Medical Clinic.....	10

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	7,164
<i>(U.S. 4,776; International 2,388)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry.....	132
<i>(11 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.....	702
<i>(U.S. 468; International 234)</i>	

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