

this week

Sunday, July 2

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
 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision,
 Committee on Committees Meeting
 6:00 p.m. NO Evening Worship

Monday, July 3

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed
 7:00 p.m. FIT Family Fireworks Gathering

Wednesday, July 5

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:00 p.m. Student Pool Gathering at Perona's
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Freedom for
 Mothers Bible Study, ZIP for Kids

Thursday, July 6

9:00 a.m. ELP Summer School
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8

5:30 p.m. FIT Mother/Son Event



WEDNESDAY DINNER

July 5, 2017

Pizza, 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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SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON & BIBLE STUDY - Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon and Bible Study on Tuesday, July 11 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS MONDAY, JULY 24 - GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

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

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.

MISSION MOMENTS: GUATEMALA - Our Mother's Day celebration with all of the hardworking moms was a wonderful morning filled with games, prizes, dramas and a delicious lunch! This special time was used by the Lord to remind the moms that they are valuable to Him! Many were touched by the message and made decisions to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Please keep these moms in your prayers. Pray with us that as the plants they received grow in their homes, that God's love would grow within their hearts. Thank you so much for partnering with us to carry out His mission!



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

Yesterday, Today & Forever
HEBREWS
 JESUS
 SUNDAY MORNINGS
 DR. ERIC COSTANZO

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS
 July 17-20
Kid's Kamp
 Kamp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. \$175
JESUS IS...
 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

Open Up the Heavens
 Never Once

Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen

Baptism Ethan Layne, Bennett Wolff
 Show Us Christ

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson

Message Hebrews 3:1-6

Response O Come to the Altar

New Commitments - New Members
 Blessing

10:50AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa

Baptism Courtnee Fransisco, Hallee Fransisco

Responsive Reading

God of Our Fathers

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Greeting One Another He Is Exalted

Choral Worship Mercy (O Sacred Head)

Solo - Lori Carver

He Is Lord

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Giving Let Us Break Bread Together

Scripture Reading Kelsey Thompson

Message Hebrews 3:1-6

Response Jesus Paid It All

New Commitments - New Members
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Will We Waste God's Blessings on Our Nation?

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

The literacy rate in the U.S. is estimated at 99 percent - the highest it could possibly be. We are the most affluent culture that has ever existed, and we have more access to information than anyone ever has. When you combine our literacy rate with the amount of resources, literature, and technology available to the average citizen, we stand as the most equipped civilization in the history of the world in terms of information - religious or otherwise.

Do we think we just lucked into all these blessings? Of course we did not. Even though our nation is a young nation, our history is rich with unparalleled movements of God. Decades have turned into centuries of God's blessings on us, which have resulted in great moments of spiritual awakening, revival, and the most influential mission movements in history.

Have we been excellent stewards of these blessings? I would say not lately. While many of our ancestors were indeed faithful, I believe we are in significant danger of wasting God's blessings in our century. We are the wealthiest, most literate, advanced, and equipped civilization in history, and yet increasingly poor, illiterate, antiquated, and unfit when it comes to the Christian life.

This is our one shot at this. Let's not waste it!

As we celebrate our Independence Day this week, I pray we remember we are citizens of the Kingdom of God before any other kingdom of man. We represent Christ before we represent anyone or anything else. Every blessing comes down from above, and God has entrusted us with much. May we be found faithful!

Our citizenship in God's Kingdom brings great blessings now, and even sweeter blessings in the life to come. As Paul wrote, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20-21).

Welcome New Member



Bennett Wolff, by baptism

Man Cave - Drillers Game!

Men of South Tulsa, come enjoy a Tulsa Drillers baseball game on Tuesday, August 1, game time is 7:05 p.m., we will meet at ONEOK Field at 6:30 p.m. For just \$10 you will get a delicious all-you-can-eat dinner under the Pavilion, and a seat on the 3rd base side of ONEOK Field to watch the game. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come and meet some other men from our church. Dads bring your sons and enjoy a night of good food and baseball. Go to southtulsa.org/men to reserve your spot.



Women's Ministry

SUMMER DAY TRIP #2 - SATURDAY, JULY 15 SANDSTONE GARDENS IN JOPLIN

Sandstone Gardens is an unparalleled shopping, visual, and dining experience in the Mid-West. Harbored just west of Joplin, Missouri on I-44, customers enjoy the ambiance of their 50,000 sq. ft. showroom, inspired by the architecture and gardens of a "Turn of the Century" estate. Sandstone's Bistro serves lunch daily and offers a menu of homemade entrées and desserts. There is no charge for the trip. Transportation will be provided from the church, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Lunch on your own at the Bistro or pack a lunch. Sign up online or at the table in the Commons by July 10.

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

Liberty

No one in this country needs to be told what the Fourth of July is, but many need to be reminded of its significance! It is indeed a special time around our entire nation where people gather together with family and friends around food and a display of fireworks. But, if we fail to recognize this day's founding purpose we will miss the great significance of this day! The Fourth is a wonderful day that represents the birth of a great nation. It is a day that we celebrate because a people declared freedom from tyranny, and that freedom has been passed on to us! Freedom is a celebration because within it lies liberty.

There are few things as precious as liberty. But, it's hard for a person to realize the great gift of liberty unless they have suffered under a tyrannical ruler. "Give me liberty or give me death" are emphatic words spoken by Patrick Henry to declare that without liberty there is not much reason for life.

As Christians, there is a great correlation for us. Because of the cross we can declare liberty! Through the great liberator Christ we have been given birth! We have been given life that came not from our doing, but from the love of an omnipotent God. We have experienced freedom from the tyrannical ruler who desires nothing more than our death and suffering. Christ has broken the chains of this evil ruler to give us liberty. Again, this comes from the power of a loving God, not from our bankrupt efforts.

As we celebrate the freedom and liberty of the country we live in, it is nearly impossible to not think of the eternal liberty that is provided to us through Christ. So, on this Fourth, celebrate liberty for our nation, but more so the liberty of our soul. The picture of liberty that we have as a nation should help us turn our eyes to a gracious God who has given us the greatest liberty of all!

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

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	3,724,240
Actual MFP Receipts	3,500,719
General Fund	65,768
A New Day at South Tulsa	9,649

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	523
Students	90
Children	86
Preschool	78
Unclassified	10
Total	787

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 96

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	24
People Helped	297

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	3,282
<i>(U.S. 2,188; International 1,094)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	94
<i>(8 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	1,177
<i>(U.S. 785; International 392)</i>	

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