

# this week

## Sunday, July 23

Student Senior Trip  
 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. Student Guys & Girls Bible Studies  
 6:00 p.m. Secret Church  
 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Conference

## Monday, July 24

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

## Tuesday, July 25

Student Senior Trip  
 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer School  
 6:15 pm. ELP Leadership Meeting

## Wednesday, July 26

Student Senior Trip  
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:00 p.m. Student Service  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Freedom for Mothers Bible Study, ZIP for Kids

## Thursday, July 27

Student Senior Trip  
 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer School  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Art Journaling  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m. ESL Intermediate/Advanced Class

## Saturday, July 29

2:00 p.m. Addie Spivey 90th Birthday Celebration

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

July 26, 2017

Hamburgers, French fries, baked beans, 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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**BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OWASSO BACK-TO-SCHOOL STYLE SHOW** - Saturday, August 5, 10:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the church office. 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.

**SUMMER DAY CAMP JULY 31-AUGUST 2** - Day Camp is for kids who have completed grades 1-2, \$75. Register at southtulsa.org.

**GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS TOMORROW** - 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.

**VOLUNTEER AT BAPTIST VILLAGE OF BROKEN ARROW** - Spend time reading the paper to, singing with, or just talking with the residents in the Memory Support Neighborhoods. Please call Shelby Sandusky (918.355.0099) for more information and to sign up.

**SCOT CAMERON: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20** - Plan to attend as Scot Cameron leads us in a wonderful day of worship. Scot has led worship for some of our January Bible Conferences. Some of you have also heard him sing in Branson. He presently serves as Worship and Arts Pastor at Sugarland Baptist Church in Sugarland, Texas. Scot sings everything from spirituals to classics. He will be featured on Sunday morning and will present a concert on Sunday evening.

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

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

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
 JULY 9, 16, 23 & 30  
**SCRIPTURE AND AUTHORITY IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM**  
 SECRET CHURCH 17  
 Join us for teaching by David Platt on Sunday evenings in July. 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.

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## 8:30AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa  
 How Great Thou Art  
 This I Believe (The Creed)  
 Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley  
 Overcome  
 Holy Spirit  
 Greeting One Another Dru Finley  
 Scripture Reading Dru Finley  
 Message Hebrews 5:11-14  
 Response Once Again  
 New Commitments - New Members  
 Blessing

## 10:50AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa  
 Be Unto Your Name  
 Glorious Is Thy Name  
 Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley  
 Greeting One Another  
 Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises  
 Message in Song Almighty God Tina Gross  
 Speak, O Lord  
 Choral Worship No More Night  
 In the Presence of Jehovah  
 Giving How Firm a Foundation  
 Scripture Reading Dru Finley  
 Message Hebrews 5:11-14  
 Response I Am Thine, O Lord  
 New Commitments - New Members  
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# Great Things Are on the Horizon - Pt. 1

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

"No morn ever dawned more favorable than ours did; and no day was ever more clouded than the present!" These words were penned by George Washington in a letter to James Madison, written in 1786. The then retired general seemed to have some sense that his leadership of our young and emerging nation was not quite through. Just three years later, Washington would reluctantly agree to be America's first President. Without God's hand on Washington, and without his leadership as both general and President, our nation most certainly would have turned out very differently during its beginnings.

There is no doubt in my mind that God's hand has been on our church from the very beginning. As we approach 40 years of mission and ministry here at South Tulsa, I believe we find ourselves poised for the best days yet.

For the next three Sundays, I want to share with you three different areas where God is clearly at work; and we can join Him.

## #1 INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

In what other place in our lives, besides perhaps family, can regular interactions between 4-5 different generations take place? What a tremendous honor and blessing for all of us.

As I mentioned last Sunday, our church is growing and aging at the same time. There is no question, our church will look different by the end of the next decade. It is essential for our more senior adults to help develop strong leaders among our younger adults. We need to know why your faith and your commitment to the church has been integral in your lives. We need you to share in our expressions of faith and worship as we also share with you. South Tulsa truly is a picture of the body of Christ as described in **1 Corinthians 12**. None of us can look at each other and say: "I don't need you."

Our men's ministries and women's ministries are perfect venues for these relationships to blossom, as are many of the events we have planned in upcoming months.

Will you - no matter your age - seek out these relationships?

# Welcome New Members



Jaxon McElwee, by baptism

Jackie Wightman, by statement



# Man Cave - Drillers Game!

Men of South Tulsa, come enjoy a Tulsa Drillers baseball game on Tuesday, August 1. We will meet at ONEOK Field at 6:30 p.m. Game time is 7:05 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](http://southtulsa.org/men) to reserve your spot.

## Inside South Tulsa

**NEW BABY** - Congratulations to parents, Zach and Nicole Brown on the birth of Hunter Evan Brown, born July 17, weighing 8lb 5oz, and to grandparents, Rod and Lori Brown.



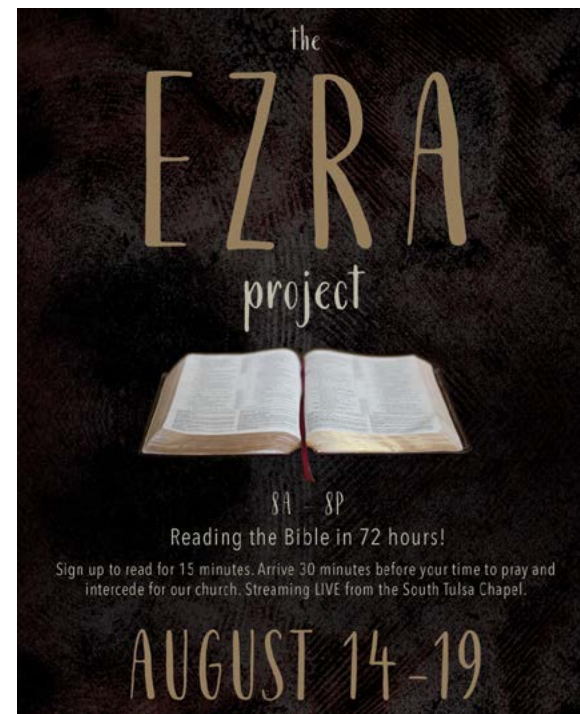
**ADDIE SPIVEY 90TH BIRTHDAY!** - Join us Saturday, July 29 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Addie's 90th Birthday. No gifts please, cards welcome.

# Preschool Ministry Needs You

Sunday Bible Study promotion is Sunday, August 13. There is a need for teachers in all age groups. We have wonderful, faithful teachers that would love an extra pair of hands to assist in sharing Jesus. Is God calling you out of your comfort zone? Maybe your special place is to minister to the little ones of South Tulsa Baptist? They are the future of the church. Call me. Let's talk, Debbie 918-704-8848.

# The Ezra Project

Church family, this will be a deeply meaningful experience for every individual and family. As we prepare for a busy fall schedule, we want to begin by allowing God to focus our hearts and minds on the truths of Scripture. August 14-19 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. are being set aside for a continuous, public, and out-loud reading of the entire Bible - Genesis through Revelation - streaming LIVE from the South Tulsa Chapel. Sign up TODAY in the Commons to read for one or more segments of 15 minutes. We will also ask you to arrive 30 minutes before your time to pray and intercede for our church. The Ezra Project will conclude with the reading of Revelation 22 together during the morning worship services on Sunday, August 20.



# Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

## Work to Do

There are some jobs where the work seems like it's never done. Like when you pick up after a toddler then turn around and he has gotten everything out again. It is a tireless, endless job - all work and no rest. But, there is a job where the work is continual but the rewards are vast... knowing and doing the Word of God.

Knowing and doing God's Word is work, but it is work that fills us with joy because it brings us closer to our Savior. But, it is important to realize that there is work involved. Simply glancing at the Word will not fill our deep need. It is only when we apply the Word that it will give us its full benefit and transform our minds into Christlikeness.

The Puritan Richard Baxter said this about the work of the Word, "Make it your work with diligence to apply the Word as you are hearing it... Cast not all upon the minister... You have work to do as well as the preacher, and should all the time be as busy as he... you must open your mouths, and digest it, for another cannot digest it for you... therefore be all the while at work, and abhor an idle heart in hearing."

This can also apply to reading the Word. Take time to digest it, to grow strong and gain energy. With the Word there may be work, but it is through the work that we are able to find the strength to live for today and the energy to follow the Savior who gives us hope!

(Read Dru's full article at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org).)

## Thank You

The cliché, "words cannot express," is certainly appropriate as we attempt to say thank you for the many cards, emails, and texts that have been sent during Mary Ann's illness. We have seen God working in many ways and we are most grateful for the outpouring of love from the South Tulsa family. The recovery is still in process and we thank you for your continued concern and prayers.

~Philip and Mary Ann Stephens

# last week

## GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	189,170
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	160,557
General Fund . . . . .	49,529
A New Day at South Tulsa . . . . .	4,010

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	543
Students . . . . .	75
Children . . . . .	87
Preschool . . . . .	90
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	805

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 101

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	30
People Helped . . . . .	315

## WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	3,908
<i>(U.S. 2,605; International 1,303)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry . . . . .	123
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	827
<i>(U.S. 551; International 276)</i>	

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