

this week

Sunday, July 30

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
 11:00 a.m. Student Leaders/Teachers Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Student Guys & Girls Bible Studies,
 Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Secret Church

Monday, July 31

8:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Grade Day Camp
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 10:00 a.m. Thelma Thompson Salmon Funeral
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, August 1

8:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Grade Day Camp
 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Bible Study & Lunch
 6:30 p.m. Man Cave - Drillers Game

Wednesday, August 2

8:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd Grade Day Camp
 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 Pool Gathering - Elias' Home
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Freedom for
 Mothers Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 4:00 p.m. Jenks International Back to School
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class

Saturday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Glorieta Collegiate Week

WEDNESDAY DINNER

August 2, 2017

*Fried chicken strips, mashed potatoes
 and gravy, vegetable, 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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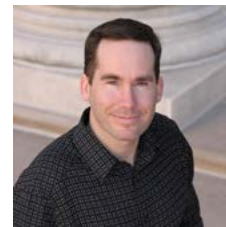
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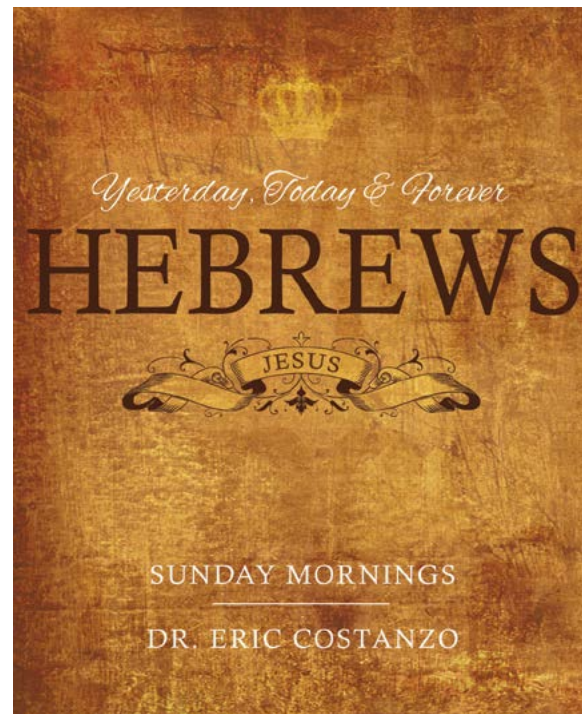
MAN CAVE - DRILLERS GAME TUESDAY NIGHT - Men of South Tulsa, come enjoy a Tulsa Drillers baseball game on Tuesday, August 1. We will meet at ONEOK Field at 6:30 p.m. Game time is 7:05 p.m. For just \$10 you will get a delicious all-you-can-eat dinner under the Pavilion, and a seat on the 3rd base side 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 to reserve your spot.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OWASSO BACK-TO-SCHOOL STYLE SHOW - *It's not too late to get your ticket!* The Style Show is 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 TODAY at the Women's Ministry table in the Commons or in the church office.



SCOT CAMERON: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - On Sunday, August 20, we will have the privilege of hosting Scot Cameron. 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. Our choir and orchestra will join him on some selections. Scot sings everything from spirituals to classics. He will be featured that Sunday morning and then will present a concert that Sunday evening. Plan to attend as he leads us in a wonderful day of worship.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Join Us @ South Tulsa

*Jesus Messiah
 Glorious Day
 Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
 10,000 Reasons
 In Christ Alone
 Greeting One Another Dru Finley
 Scripture Reading Bob Ball
 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12
 Video Introduction
 Message Dr. Glenn Plum
 Living with Spiritual Intensity
 My Response I Surrender All
 New Commitments - New Members
 Blessing*

10:50AM Worship

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*Open Our Eyes, Lord | Be Thou My Vision
 Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
 Greeting One Another
 Great Is the Lord Almighty
 Choral Worship He Never Failed Me Yet
 Higher Ground | Holy Ground
 Giving He Hideth My Soul Bob Baker
 Scripture Reading Bob Ball
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Great Things Are on the Horizon – Pt. 2

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Last week, I began my column with this quote from George Washington: "No morn ever dawned more favorable than ours did; and no day was ever more clouded than the present!"

I believe we are poised to experience the best days yet here at South Tulsa. Last Sunday I began my 3-week focus on some vital areas where God is clearly at work in our midst and inviting us to join Him.

#2 A NEW DAY AT SOUTH TULSA

We have already eliminated nearly \$500k of our debt in just three months, and that does not include funds which have been pledged and not yet given or proceeds we expect from other investments in the very near future. Our goal to be completely out of debt by 2018 – so that we can stay out of debt – is actually ahead of schedule.

One of my favorite parts of all this has been watching our children take the lead. Our children have given sacrificially, and developed several creative ways to participate and involve others.

At the same time, several individuals and families have completed our Financial Peace University® and Financial Freedom® courses, which has resulted in lots of positive momentum for many of them and even brought some new faces into our church. (More sections of these courses will be offered beginning in September.)

Many of you have given faithfully to A New Day at South Tulsa along with other campaigns/projects in the past. Thank you for your faithfulness to our church and to the Kingdom. As God enables and empowers us to eliminate our debt, we truly will experience a brand new day together.

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

If you have not yet made your commitment to A New Day, I encourage you jump on board quickly. You can learn more and make your commitment at <http://southtulsa.org/a-new-day>.

Welcome New Members



Madeline Ensminger, by baptism

Not Pictured: Patty Brewster, by statement

Help Needed:

JENKS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BACK-TO-SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Volunteers are needed for this event coming up this **Thursday, August 3** at the Jenks Math & Science Center, 205 E "B" Street. We need people to help from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and/or 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The first shift will help with set-up for the event and the later shift will help with clean-up. Both shifts will help with greeting families, serving refreshments, helping with children's activities, etc. If you can volunteer to help, please email cindy@southtulsa.org or call 918-528-1173.

Mission Moments

Mario Miño, Guatemala – Many of the Campos de Sueños children have a difficult and very distant relationship with their fathers. However, **Malachi 4:6** reminds us that. *"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."* So, one of the highlights last month was Father's Day! The children made a craft to give their fathers, and it was a privilege to honor the fathers with an exciting evening full of games, prizes, dramas, a delicious meal and a special gift. We also invited several pastors from the community. Through everything that was said and done the fathers were reminded that they also have a Heavenly Father that loves them and has set the example for them to follow. Each one was thankful for this special evening and the majority expressed the desire to be better fathers.

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we are called to share the Father's love.

The Ezra Project - Sign Up Today!

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.

Senior Adult Bible Study & Lunch

Plan now to attend our monthly Senior Adult Bible Study and Lunch on Tuesday, August 1 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bobby Jones will be speaking on "A Journey of Miracles." Bobby and Jo served as missionaries for 30 years in Indonesia and three years in India. Join us for this wonderful time of fellowship.

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

Starting with the Ezra Project (8/14), we will begin using the new Christian Standard Bible (CSB) in our teaching times on Sundays and Wednesdays and our Daily Bible Readings in our App. This is the same version that is now in all our Lifeway Adult Bible Study literature and will be used in all future Student, Children's, and Preschool materials. CSB is available in print at Lifeway and Mardel, to order online, and it is on all the Bible apps and Bible Gateway. For more information on the CSB and why it really is a great translation, go to: <https://csbible.com/about-the-csb/translation-philosophy/>.

Thinking Christian

by Dru Finley

A Joyful Passionate Pursuit

Passion is a word used to describe a strong love or devotion for something in our life. Most people can tell you what they are passionate about. Better yet, you can usually look at their life or listen to what they have to say to determine what their passion is. There are a lot of things, good things, that we can be passionate about. And, there is nothing wrong with enjoying life and having interests that we spend our time on, but the question we must ask is, "do my passions in life rival the passion that I have for God?"

Jonathan Edwards defines his passion in a way that should catch most of our attention, "God's purpose for my life is that I have a passion for God's glory and that I have a passion for my joy in that glory, and that these two are one passion." His passion was unrivaled by anything else in this world. His focus was singular, and what he wanted most is something that we as well should aim for, "God's glory and my joy in that glory."

It's easy to talk about that, but how do we know if we have arrived at this type of passion, or are at least moving in that direction? A.W. Tozer offers some "rules for self discovery" that are helpful: "1.) What we want most; 2.) What we think about most; 3.) How we use our money; 4.) What we do with our leisure time; 5.) The company we enjoy; 6.) Who and what we admire; 7.) What we laugh at." There are some very convicting thoughts here, but some that should help to be a guide for our life.

Know that there is nothing in this world that is worth your attention more than God! It is your job to figure out how you can instill this type of passion as the unique person God has made you to be. Our life was given to us by Him, let us strive to give it back with a joyful passionate pursuit of His glory!

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

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	252,227
Actual MFP Receipts	200,885
General Fund	40,328
A New Day at South Tulsa	2,235

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	489
Students	63
Children	81
Preschool	84
Unclassified	10
Total	727

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 99

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	320
Medical Clinic	14

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	3,457
<i>(U.S. 2,305; International 1,152)</i>	
Retirement Center Ministry	155
<i>(12 locations)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views	726
<i>(U.S. 484; International 242)</i>	

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