

this week

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00-9:30 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
 12:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Lunch,
 Youth Handbells
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Mtg.
 6:00 p.m. Come to the Manger

Monday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Mother's in Prayer
 1:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Sewing Group
 6:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. ELP Camp Kinder,
 Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Christmas Parties
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Student Praise
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Explorers Fellowship
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:00 p.m. Empty Nesters 3 Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16

11:00 a.m. Ruth's Open Door Christmas Brunch,
 Meet and Greet Rebecca Lee

WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 13, 2017

*Mini meatloaves, mashed potatoes,
 vegetable, roll, 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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ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH TODAY - Celebrate Christmas with the church family and bless our students going on the Belize Mission Trip over Spring Break. The best part is you don't have to bring a thing! Enjoy a wonderful meal - smoked ham, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, rolls, and cherry crisp or apple cranberry crisp! Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. Join us immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

ORNAMENTS 4 ORPHANS - Beautiful, handmade items that bless others are on sale now near the Preschool Welcome Center.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTIES - December 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. *There will be no Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells or Youth Choir. There will be no Children's or Youth Choir rehearsals December 20, 27 or January 3. Children's Choirs will resume on January 10, 2018.

SUNDAY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER - All five Sundays will follow our regular schedule: 8:30 Worship, 9:40 Bible Study and 10:50 Worship.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING IN JANUARY - *2 Timothy - A Study in Discipleship* will be on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning January 8 (13 lessons), workbook \$29. *2 Peter - How to be Kept From Falling* will be on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning January 4 (8 lessons), workbook \$18. Contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

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



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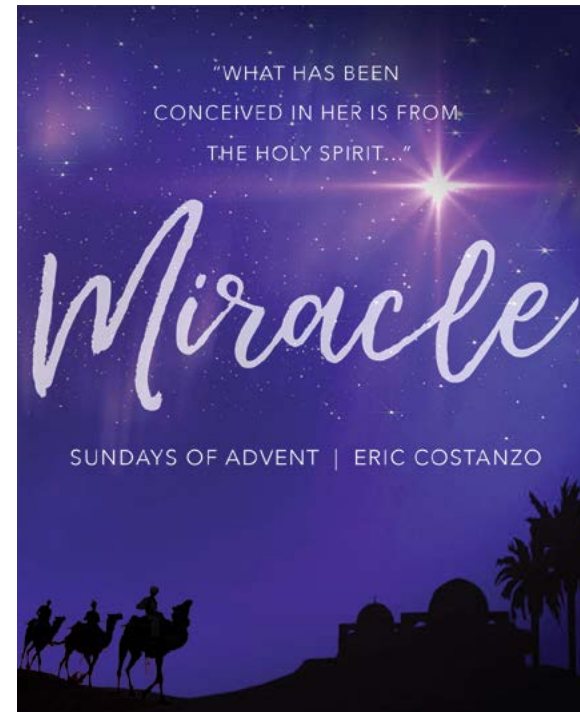
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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*

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OUR GOAL: \$100,000



"WHAT HAS BEEN
 CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM
 THE HOLY SPIRIT..."

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8:30AM Worship

Glory to God
Same Power
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
Victor's Crown
Holy Spirit
Lighting of Advent Candle Roye Family
Greeting One Another Eric Costanzo
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Luke 1:46-55, 2:19
Response *O Come to the Altar*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Baptism Maci Pate
Overture/Sing Christmas
Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
Jesus, Name Above All Names
Family Dedication Sofia Grace Wilkinson
And So We Wait
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Lighting of Advent Candle Forney Family
Who's the Little Baby
Sleep Little Lion, Sleep Little Lamb
Where Is Peace Tonight Solo - Tina Gross
Giving *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Luke 1:46-55, 2:19
Response *In This Moment*
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Blessing
Hallelujah Chorus



'Tis the Season

Alice Bones

This time of the year it is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season. During Thanksgiving we are reminded to be thankful for our blessings, and we tend to dwell on the "biggies": family, friends, home, job, etc. Then Christmas season brings on the stress of finding the perfect gift for our loved ones, and perhaps, secretly wishing for the perfect gift for ourselves. But let's not forget all the little "gifts" we take for granted: a comfortable bed, a blanket to keep us warm, a pillow to make us more comfortable, dinner, breakfast, a shower, a warm coat, enough money to keep the electricity and/or water on. For too many people in our community, many of these little gifts are scarce or completely beyond reach. At this time of the year, as well as all throughout the year, let's not forget those in need.

At The Ministry Center we strive to help those needing a hand-up, while trying to preserve their dignity. The hope and good news of Jesus Christ is shared with all clients that come for assistance. But times are physically tough for many of our clients and your help is needed in order for us to continue to provide services. Desperately needed items include:

- Peanut butter (15 to 20 oz jars)
- Canned protein beans (ie., pinto, black, navy, refried)
- Canned meat (ie., tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages)
- Canned vegetables
- Blankets
- Coats and gloves, especially for children
- Children's clothing, especially jeans
- Plus size clothing (men and women)
- Underwear and socks (all sizes)

Remember, God chose to send His only Son to be born into a poor family and to grow up and become a homeless, itinerant teacher . . . and the Savior of the world. All through the Bible, God demonstrates His love for the poor and down-trodden, and as Christ followers, we are called to help those in need. What better time than now?

Honoring Kaye Cole

Kaye Cole, our staff pianist for over 33 years, has announced her retirement effective December 24. Kaye has blessed South Tulsa with her remarkable talent and ability. Her husband, Jim, has volunteered in the sound booth for these many years as well. They both have been a strategic part of our worship services.

The church would like to honor Kaye for her years of service by blessing her with a love offering on Sunday morning, December 24. If you would like to contribute, please designate your offering to "Kaye Cole."

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER 5:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

The Children's and Youth Choirs present

Come to the Manger

Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Schedule on December 10:

- 4:30-4:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, W.C.
- 4:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells, W.C.
- 5:00-5:15 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes, W.C.
- 5:15-5:30 p.m. Speaking Parts, W.C.
- 5:30 p.m. All Children's & Youth Choirs meet in choir rooms
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Choirs present *Come to the Manger*, W.C.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
YOUTH CHOIR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHIMES
CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS
YOUTH HANDBELLS

Come to the Manger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
6:00 p.m. Worship Center

{Getting to Know You}

New Members of South Tulsa



Welcome Bill Thetford who joined the church on October 15.

Bill grew up in Tulsa but moved to Denver, Colorado in 1967. He worked for an oil company there until he retired in 1989, and he moved back to the Tulsa area the next year.

Bill was married to his wife for 56 years before she passed away eight years ago. He has two daughters and one son, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. His son and one daughter live in Broken Arrow, and his other daughter lives in Minnesota.

He is an artist and enjoys doing oil paintings. In the past, he also enjoyed playing golf and gardening. He is a member of the Kingdom Explorers Bible Study class and is enjoying being a part of the church.

DaySpring Villa

December is our month to collect items for DaySpring Villa. DaySpring is a faith based certified shelter for women suffering under domestic violence or human sex trafficking. Items needed this month: sugar, canned green beans and canned fruit, Styrofoam plates (large and small), and Styrofoam bowls, plastic spoons, boxed cereal, and liquid laundry detergent. You can learn more about DaySpring here: dayspringvilla.com.



Dear Church Family,

It's been a rough three months losing Mom and Dad so close together. I don't know how my family would have gotten through this time without a church family. Thank you for all your cards, prayers and love. ~ In Christ, Sherri Greenway and Family

Christmas Dinner Theater

The presentations of "A Perfect Christmas" were very well attended and included many visitors from the area. Gracious hospitality and the love of Christ was portrayed in both word and deed. That love was especially evident on Community Night when people from across our city were our guests for the evening. The cast has been rehearsing since the last of September while behind the scenes much other preparation was taking place. From costumes to scenery, lighting to centerpieces, linens to food, waiters, hosts and servers to sound and lights, the entire production brought together over 50 cast members plus over 300 volunteers. With a presentation like Christmas Dinner Theater, it is not always possible to thank each person who was involved in helping. So many contributed in so many ways, and every job, whether great or small, was appreciated. It is our prayer that hearts and lives were touched by Christ through the message of the presentation. So, to all who helped, thank you very much. ~ Philip and Mary Ann Stephens

Candidate for Minister to Families with Children

The selection committee is pleased to announce Rebecca Lee as the candidate for Minister to Families with Children. She will be coming in view of a call Sunday, December 17.

A meet and greet for families with children is scheduled for **Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.** in our Children's area - D268-D269. Make



plans to bring your children, eat pizza, and get better acquainted with Rebecca.

We will vote to call Rebecca as our Minister to Families with Children directly after our 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 17.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan	1,657,397
Actual MFP Receipts	1,422,608
General Fund	85,124
A New Day at South Tulsa	3,880
Lottie Moon to date	9,870

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	520
Students	88
Children	104
Preschool	85
Unclassified	10
Total	807

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 209

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	25
People Helped	158

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views	2,746
<i>(U.S. 1,754; 10 Retirement Centers with 115; International 877)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.	1,227
<i>(U.S. 818; International 409)</i>	

NEW MEMBERS

Cal Jones *by baptism*

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Eric Costanzo, <i>Pastor</i> eric@southtulsa.org	Debbie Steen, <i>Minister to Families with Preschoolers</i> debbie@southtulsa.org
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