this week

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve 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 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Bible Study and Lunch

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Ladies Excercise Class 9:00 a.m. ESL Registration 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. ESL Registration 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept-2 Peter 7:00 p.m. Precept-2 Peter 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Ladies Excercise Class 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, January 6



WEDNESDAY DINNER

January 3, 2018

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



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2017 GIVING - For your contributions to South Tulsa to be deductible in 2017, they must be received in the church office on December 31 no later than 1:00 p.m. There are no evening services scheduled that day. Mailed gifts, as well as online payments at southtulsa.org/give-now, must be dated no later than 12/31/17.

GOLF CART MINISTRY - Be the first smile that guests and church family see on Sunday mornings at South Tulsa. Additional drivers are needed for the golf carts. Contact the church office if you would like to serve.

BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP - This is a great time to start Bible Journaling. Join us on Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in room B123. Please contact Denise Curtiss for information at denise77@cox.net.

RECYCLING BAGS - The Ruth's Open Door class is using plastic grocery sacks to make mats and pillows for the homeless in Tulsa and to take to Guatemala. Around 600 bags are needed to make each mat. Your empty sacks can be delivered to their classroom off the gym, D172/173.

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER - A recorded video of our 2017 Christmas Dinner Theater, *A Perfect Christmas*, is available for a short period of time on our website: southtulsa.org/music-events. Doug Brush has also completed a DVD of scenes and music from the Christmas Dinner Theater including backstage, serving and handbells in addition to the play. You may view it on the church website. If you want a copy of the DVD please let Sherri know in the church office.

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



This is what we were created for.

DAVID PLATT, IMB PRESIDENT





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8:30 AM Worship

Glory to God Glorious Day

Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen *Reign in Us*

Greeting One Another Scripture Reading Liying Xu

Judges 21:25

Message Blinded by the Right

Response Before the Throne of God Above

New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50 AM Worship

We Have Come into His House Worthy of Worship

Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley **Greeting One Another**

All Hail King Jesus

Message in Song *This Is the Song* Jack Rogers *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

God Will Make a Way

Giving In the Presence of Jehovah

Scripture Reading Liying Xu Judges 21:25

Message Blinded by the Right

Response Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

New Commitments - New Members Blessing



A New Year's Won't Fail

Eric Costanzo

Just give it a couple of months, and I'll be able to find parking at my gym again. You know I'm right! In January and February, the place will be packed and machines will be in high demand. By March, however, lots of new or renewed memberships will be unused once again. This is the modern tragedy of the "New Year's Resolution."

Don't get me wrong, though...a new year is a very important thing, no matter where you live in the world.

In every culture, a new year is a cause for celebration. This has been true for centuries, even among those with no calendars. It is hardwired into our brains to count days, measure seasons, and celebrate new beginnings.

For most people, the turning of a new year is also a catalyst for reflection and evaluation. This is usually followed by making plans and setting goals. These are all good things to be sure. Why is it, then, that all this reflection and goal-setting seems to falter quickly?

Contrary to popular opinion, I do not believe it has anything to do with the strength of our will or resolve. Instead, it is that most of our goal-setting is self-centered, and we fail to remember that God's will and God's plans will always take precedence over ours. The truth is, we have no plans that fall outside of His.

The best thing we can do, therefore, is seek Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and live with full submission towards Him. His plans are always best, and His plans never fail. As the Scripture says:

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. (Proverbs 16:3)

May God establish your plans this year according to His good purposes, and may your family experience His richest blessings!

Children's Choir

Leadership Planning Meeting Sunday, January 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

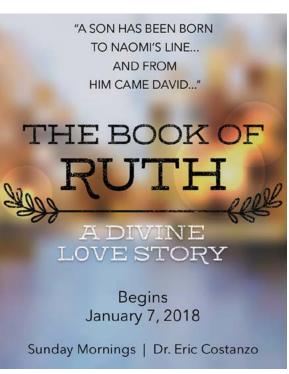
Leaders, please bring your families and eat lunch in Fellowship Hall following the 10:50 a.m. worship service. After lunch, all leadership will move to D-268/269 for a brief meeting to receive your spring literature. Teachers will then go to individual choir rooms to plan for the first night of choir, January 10. Preschool child care will be available by reservation only. Come and find out about the exciting plans for 2018!

Girls in Action

Our Wednesday evening (6:30-7:15 p.m.) missions discipleship organization for girls in grades 1 through 6 will resume on Wednesday, January 10. On this first meeting of the new year we will participate in the International Mission Study: Russia-Kindness Express. This study will take just a little longer to complete. Please plan to pick up girls at 7:30 p.m.

GA is looking for additional leaders. If you are interested in working with girls on Wednesday nights, please contact Kim Hayes in the church office, 918-299-0904.

Mission Friends (kids 3-K) and Royal Ambassadors (boys grades 1-6) will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-7:15 p.m.



Beginning in January

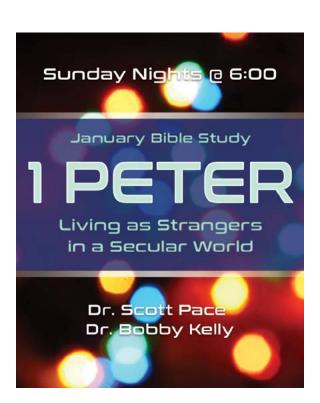
2 Timothy - A Study in Discipleship will be on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning January 8 (13 lessons), workbook \$29, available in the church office. Paul entrusted the Gospel to Timothy and others. Are you guarding the treasure of the Word that has been entrusted to you? By your life? By your words? Even in the midst of persecution?

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, available in the church office. In a day when false teachers are leading countless people astray, to live effectively for Christ we need to know the truth. Learn to live effectively and grow in spiritual discernment.

Contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

Senior Adult Bible Study and Lunch

Join us on Tuesday, January 2 at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Wana Archer will be speaking and we will share a wonderful lunch.



Precept Bible Studies {Getting to Know You}

New Members of South Tulsa



Meet Grea and Michelle Bennett who joined the church on November 12! Greg and Michelle have lived in the

Tulsa area since 1990. They met in college at Emporia State University in Kansas as Bible study leaders for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and were married in 1980.

Greg grew up in a Department of State family and lived in six different countries. He completed a MS in political science at Emporia State University and a MS in geology at the University of Kansas and now works as a consultant to higher education in the IT industry. He is also an adjunct faculty member developing and teaching an earth science curriculum at John Brown University.

Michelle grew up in Kansas and has her BS in Home Economics and Business. She has taught in the Early Learning Program at South Tulsa for 19 years, currently teaching the upper 3-year-old class. She is also active in Moms in Prayer and inductive Bible studies.

Greg and Michelle have three grown children; Emily and her husband work as missionaries in Thailand, Andrew is in medical school and they live in Little Rock, and Amy lives in Tulsa and has just completed working with CRU on the OU campus in Norman. They also have four grandchildren.

They love being outdoors enjoying nature, reading, and DYI projects around the house.

Lottie Moon

Christmas Card Box

The box is available in the Commons through January 7. Help the GA's collect money for LMCO by exchanging cards with the church family and putting the "postage" in the mailbox. Don't forget to look in the card box for cards left for you by others!

GIVING
Ministry Financial Plan 1,858,536
Actual MFP Receipts 1,681,42
General Fund97,46
A New Day at South Tulsa20,733
Lottie Moon to date
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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
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Students
Children
Preschool

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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ON THE COVER Samantha Batista and friends