

this week

Sunday, January 7

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
 12:00 p.m. Belize Mission Lunch, Children's
 Choir Leadership Planning Meeting,
 Preschool Meeting, Personnel Com. Mtg.
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Committee Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Com. on Com. Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. January Bible Study, Student
 Discipleship, Kids January Bible Study

Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Precept-2 Timothy
 1:30 p.m. Ladies Handbells, GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
 7:00 p.m. Precept-2 Timothy

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class, ELP Camp
 Kinder
 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Ministry Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Children's Chimes & Handbells
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's & Youth Choirs
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program,
 Precept-2 Peter
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:30 p.m. Bible Art Journaling, Music Ministry
 Ladies Night Out
 7:00 p.m. Precept-2 Peter
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

WEDNESDAY DINNER

January 10, 2018

*Rotini, Caesar salad, vegetable, Texas toast,
 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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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.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX - Today is the LAST day to pick up your cards! Thank you for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering through the GA Christmas Card Mailbox.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY FOR KIDS - Grades 1st-6th will enjoy a January Bible study with Miss Rebecca at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings in room D172.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC ACTIVITIES - Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells, Children's Choirs and Youth Choir activities will resume on January 10.

BIBLE SKILLS AND BIBLE DRILL - Join us at a new time for the spring semester beginning Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Bible Skills Drills & Thrills (grades 1-2) meets in room D269. Bible Drill (grades 3-6) meets in room D269.

RECYCLING BAGS - The Ruth's Open Door class is using plastic grocery sacks to make mats and pillows for the needy 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.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - If you would like to receive our daily email prayer list, please contact the church office, carolyn@southtulsa.org. A weekly, printed prayer list is available on Wednesday nights during Bible Study and Prayer and at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

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

Sunday Nights @ 6:00

January Bible Study

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Living as Strangers
 in a Secular World

Dr. Scott Pace
 Dr. Bobby Kelly

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Belize

Lunch

Sunday, January 7, 2018 at noon
 Fellowship Hall

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8:30AM Worship

Victory in Jesus
Because He Lives (Amen)
Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen
Abide with Me
Faith Story Annie Thurber
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Bob and Bettye Ball
Message Ruth 1:1-7
Response Forever
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

God of Grace and God of Glory
Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
Greeting One Another
Holy Is He
Faith Story Annie Thurber
Crown Him King Medley *Crown Him with Many
 Crowns; He Is Exalted; I Exalt Thee*
Crown Him King of Kings
Giving *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
 Stephen, Sharon, and Doris Goforth
Scripture Reading Bob and Bettye Ball
Message Ruth 1:1-7
Response *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing



Naomi and Ruth: God's Faithfulness among the Marginalized

Eric Costanzo

In The Book of Ruth, God displays His grace and fidelity through two bereaved widows (Naomi and Ruth) and a godly man (Boaz) chosen to share in their journey of restoration. God demonstrates His great faithfulness to Naomi's family, to Israel, but even more importantly to all people.

Incredibly, Ruth is a story about people who, because of their station and situation, should have disappeared into irrelevance. But God has a way of redeeming even the most unlikely of circumstances. Consider these words from Elaine Storkey:

Most societies have a strong sense of a center. It's occupied by people with influence, visibility, status, and power... We know a lot about them. They have important jobs and make key decisions that affect the rest of us. We hope that they're people of integrity and wisdom, who will run the country wisely and well.

Most societies also have people on the margins. We can tell who they are straight away if we visit a heavily indebted, poor country. They're the ones who must live off less than two dollars a day. They're the ones who are most affected by climate change, drought, famines, and malnutrition. They're people who wear thread-back clothes, have little education, poor access to fresh water, are vulnerable to epidemics and natural disasters, and whose life expectancy is very short.

But affluent countries also have people on the margins. They're those with little power or influence, no real say in the key decisions that affect their livelihood. They're often people with disabilities, poor health, or long-term illness. They can also be unemployed, the elderly, children, newborn babies, or single parents. The lives of those on the margins are greatly affected by the decisions made by people who are a

long way from the margins and very often don't know much about them.

The margins are never margins for God... God's values challenge everyone, especially those of us who might feel we're somewhere near the center. God invites us to step back and see a much bigger picture. And see the world as He loves it.

The Book of Ruth is about God's faithfulness and a much bigger picture beyond what any of those who lived during the period of the judges could ever have imagined.

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.

"A SON HAS BEEN BORN TO NAOMI'S LINE... AND FROM HIM CAME DAVID..."

THE BOOK OF RUTH

A DIVINE LOVE STORY

Begins January 7, 2018

Sunday Mornings | Dr. Eric Costanzo

Bob Baker

We are pleased to introduce and welcome Bob Baker as our staff pianist. Bob comes to us with piano performance degrees and years of accompanying experience. Bob is married to Debra, they have one married son, and they have just recently added their first grandson. We look forward to Bob sharing in our worship leadership.

Career-age Singles Bible Study

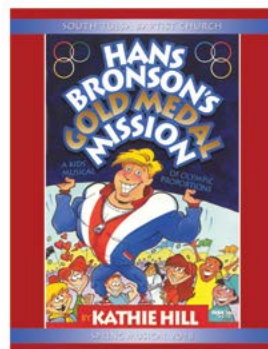
If you are single, in your 30s to 50s, and would like to be part of a caring group of like-minded people, we invite you to join us on Sunday mornings. We are the South Tulsa Baptist Singles class and we meet in room C241 (above Fellowship Hall) at 9:40 on Sunday mornings.

Children's Choir

LEADERSHIP PLANNING MEETING TODAY
January 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Enjoy lunch in Fellowship Hall, then all leadership will move to D268/269 for a brief meeting to receive spring literature. Teachers will then go to individual choir rooms to plan for the first night of choir, January 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SPRING MUSICAL

Children's Choirs Grades 2-6 will be working on the musical, *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission*. The musical is about Hans Bronson, an immigrant to the United States, who will be competing in the Olympics. Using the five colors in the Olympic symbol, the children in *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission* share with Hans the plan of salvation. No matter how big or how small we are, no one is saved without the grace of Jesus Christ. The musical will be presented on Sunday, May 6. This is a great time to be a part of our exciting Children's Choir program at South Tulsa!



Music Ministry

Ladies Night Out

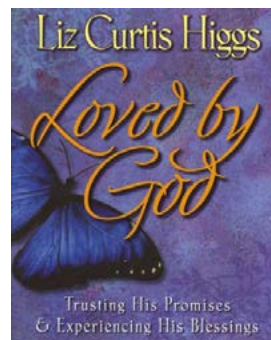
Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Liz Walker. Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship as we play bunko and meet new friends.

Thank You!

The staff wishes to thank each of you who brought goodies and gifts to us this Christmas season. We are truly blessed by your generosity.

Loved by God

Loved by God: Trusting His Promises & Experiencing His Blessings by Liz Curtis Higgs is an 8-week study for women starting Wednesday,



January 17 from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in room D164-165, childcare provided. What does it mean to be loved by God? Does the Lord love us when we are unlovable? When others reject us, is God's love enough? Liz provides answers in a unique,

heart-changing way, bringing to life the ancient stories of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel verse by verse from Genesis 25 and 27-29. Please let Debby Arnold know if you would like to attend so a workbook can be ordered for you - phone/text 918-639-5777, or email darnold@capmgcto.com.

Men's Ministry

Join us for a men's Bible study, 33 *The Series: A Man and His Story*, on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 in room D175, beginning January 10.

Plan now to attend our next Men's Ministry Breakfast on **Saturday, February 3** in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. Bill Blankenship will be our guest speaker.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan 1,925,582
Actual MFP Receipts 1,843,362
General Fund 161,941
A New Day at South Tulsa 43,455
Lottie Moon to date 100,152

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 338
Students & Parents 98
Children 58
Preschool 61
Unclassified 10
Total 565

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers
People Helped

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 4,540
(U.S. 2,939; 12 Retirement Centers with 131; International 1,470)
ON DEMAND Views. 1,128
(U.S. 752; International 376)

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Sunday Bible Study