

this week

Sunday, January 14

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
 10:30 a.m. Students Leave for YEC
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Communications Committee Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Leadership Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Bible Skills and Bible Drill
 6:00 p.m. January Bible Study, Kids Bible Study

Monday, January 15

Students at YEC
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 1:30 p.m. Ladies Handbells, GriefShare
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 1:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Sewing

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:15 a.m. FIT *Compelled* Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. ELP Work Day
 4:30 p.m. Children's Chimes & Handbells
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's & Youth Choirs, ESL Class, Ladies-Loved by God
 5:45 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study
 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 18

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

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
 5:00 p.m. FIT Dinner Groups

WEDNESDAY DINNER

January 17, 2018

Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, 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.

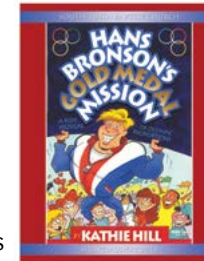
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING MUSICAL - On Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30 p.m., during Children's Choir, the 2-6th graders will be working on the musical, *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission*. The musical is about Hans Bronson, an immigrant to the United States, who will be competing in the Olympics. Using the five colors of the Olympic rings, the children in *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission* share with Hans the plan of salvation. Hans Bronson symbolizes the countless number of people who are open to the Gospel. Some have never heard the story of Jesus. 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. It is a great time to be a part of the Children's Choir program at South Tulsa!



AMAZON SMILE - Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support South Tulsa Baptist Church every time you shop. Log in to Amazon at smile.amazon.com and choose South Tulsa as your charity. You will find the exact same prices as always except that Amazon will donate a portion of your sale to our church.

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.

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

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

**THE BOOK OF
RUTH**

A DIVINE
LOVE STORY

Sunday Mornings | Dr. Eric Costanzo

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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8:30AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa

Our God
Tis So Sweet

Prayer and Welcome Dru Finley

Lead Me to The Cross

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading Sharolyn Sorrels

Message Ruth 1:8-18

Response Mighty to Save

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

JoinUs@SouthTulsa

All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen

Greeting One Another

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It

How Great Is Our God

Choral Worship Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

I Love You, Lord

Giving Shall We Gather at the River/

Near to the Heart of God

Scripture Reading Sharolyn Sorrels

Message Ruth 1:8-18

Response Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing



Sing to the Lord

Philip Stephens

Throughout scripture we are commanded to sing. This commandment is especially prevalent in the Psalms, the songbook of the Bible. **Psalm 111:1** is a good example: "Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation." The New Testament also references our singing: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," **Colossians 3:16**.

The music we sing in worship should be true to God's Word. Singing is how the congregation owns and affirms the Word for itself. In the Bible, singing is one God-ordained way for the members of a congregation to respond to God's revelation. When we raise our voice to sing we say, "Yes, I believe and affirm these truths with my whole person." For instance, the Psalmist tells God's people to proclaim God's Word to others: "Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day," **Psalm 96:2**. Singing of his salvation means we've owned it as our message.

Singing is how the congregation particularly engages its emotions and affections with God's Word. When we sing, it's hard to remain emotionally disengaged. Just as certain senses can evoke strong associations and memories, so singing a certain song both evokes and provokes the heart's joys, griefs, longings, hopes, and sorrows. Jonathan Edwards proposed that God gave us music "wholly to excite and express religious affections."

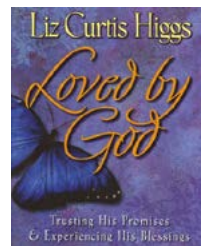
We also join with believers past and present as we sing. This morning we will sing the oldest text in our hymnal, "All Creatures of Our God and King," written by Francis of Assisi in 1225. We will also sing texts and tunes written in just the past few years. I'm thankful that South Tulsa is a singing congregation. Let's all join together as we sing to the Lord!

Contribution Statements

Your 2017 contribution statements were either mailed or emailed to you this week. Please take a moment to review the information and let Cathy, in the church office, know if there is any correction needed or if you have not yet received yours.

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@capmgtco.com.



{Getting to Know You}

New Members of South Tulsa



Meet Merle Loewen who joined the church on November 12!

Merle recently moved to Tulsa

from Ellinwood, Kansas where he lived for over 30 years.

He grew up on a farm in southwest Kansas. He earned a degree in education from Washburn University in Topeka, and then a Master's degree and an EDS from Emporia State University. His wife of almost 60 years passed away two years ago.

Merle is a retired educator. He taught high school and also taught at Emporia State University. He finished his career in Ellinwood where he was a high school counselor.

He has two children; Steve who lives in Kansas, and Michelle who lives here and also recently joined the church with her husband, Greg. He has 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Merle loves to read, watch Kansas University basketball and Hallmark movies. He's a member of the Kingdom Builders Bible study class and is enjoying being involved here at church.

Bible Skills and Bible Drill for Kids

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.

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.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Men of South Tulsa Baptist, join us Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, as the Men's Ministry hosts a breakfast with guest speaker and hall of fame football coach Bill Blankenship. Bill is an outstanding coach winning numerous championships, but his real heartbeat is being a follower of Christ. Come hear how Christ has changed his life and formed the man and coach he is today.

Men's Bible Study

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. In the pursuit of authentic manhood, every man must understand and come to grips with the



defining moments and key relationships that have shaped his unique "story." In this second volume of 33 The Series, men explore their stories through a biblical perspective. With help from experts and regular guys, they will be equipped to learn from

their past, come alive in their present, and enjoy God's best in the future.

Career-age Singles Bible Study

If you are single, in your 20s 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.

Your journey from mourning to joy

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

GRIEF SHARE

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	2,010,646
Actual MFP Receipts.....	1,901,657
General Fund.....	54,628
A New Day at South Tulsa.....	3,685
Lottie Moon to date.....	101,957

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	524
Students & Parents.....	88
Children.....	72
Preschool.....	71
Unclassified.....	10
Total.....	765

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES..... 176

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers.....	25
People Helped.....	221
Medical Clinic.....	10

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views.....	3,829
<i>(U.S. 2,472; 12 Retirement Centers with 121; International 1,236)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.....	952
<i>(U.S. 635; International 317)</i>	

NEW MEMBERS

Bob & Debra Baker..... by letter

MINISTRY STAFF

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