

# this week

## Sunday, January 21

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  
 10:45 a.m. Mission Belize Training  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells  
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble, Care101 Meeting  
 4:45 p.m. Family Committee Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Bible Skills and Bible Drill  
 6:00 p.m. January Bible Study, Kids Bible Study, Student Discipleship  
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

## Monday, January 22

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare  
 2:00 p.m. Cleo Bass Memorial Service  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells

## Tuesday, January 23

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  
 6:15 p.m. ELP Leadership Team Meeting

## Wednesday, January 24

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  
 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 25

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 26

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 4:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Fellowship

## Saturday, January 27

8:00 a.m. BGCO Keyboard Festival

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

January 24, 2018

*Fajitas, Mexican rice, refried beans, guacamole, cheese dip, chips, dessert and beverage.*

**Adults \$5, children \$3.50, family max \$18.**

Please call the church office, 918-299-0904 to make reservations by Tuesday at noon.

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**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - 2017 contribution statements were either mailed or emailed to you. 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.

**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.

**BIBLE SKILLS AND BIBLE DRILL FOR KIDS** - Sundays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Bible Skills Drills & Thrills (grades 1-2) meets in room D269. Bible Drill (grades 3-6) also meets in room D269.

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY FOR KIDS** - Grades 1st-6th are enjoying a January Bible study with Miss Rebecca at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings in room D172. We hope to see you tonight.

**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.

**SERMON NOTES IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES** - Each week Pastor Eric has sermon notes in Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Burmese. If you would like a copy of these notes, please visit the table in the Commons.

*(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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in a Secular World

Dr. Scott Pace  
Dr. Bobby Kelly

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## 8:30AM Worship

Your Name  
 Good Good Father  
**Prayer and Welcome** Rebecca Lee  
 Hosanna  
**Greeting One Another** Eric Costanzo  
**Faith Story** David Powell  
**Scripture Reading** Benjamin Bayless  
**Message** Ruth 2:1-13  
**Response** *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

I Sing Praises  
 Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
**Prayer and Welcome** Matt Wolff  
**Greeting One Another**  
*How Majestic Is Your Name*  
*Lord, I Need You*  
**Choral Worship** *Even So, Come Holy Ground*  
**Giving** *He's Been Faithful* Ladies Ensemble  
**Faith Story** David Powell  
**Scripture Reading** Benjamin Bayless  
**Message** Ruth 2:1-13  
**Response** *Higher Ground*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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## What does it mean to be pro-life?

Eric Costanzo

Today and tomorrow, millions of people around the U.S. will observe Sanctity of Human Life Day. The main issue addressed by this observance will be abortion, and rightly so. According to the most recent state-level data, around 900,000 abortions take place per year in the United States alone. The good news about this number, if there is any, is that it has been trending downward during this decade. "Pro-life" advocacy and efforts have made a difference. At the same time, however, it is estimated that nearly 20% of all U.S. pregnancies end in abortion. According to the UN, only nine other countries have a higher reported abortion rate than the U.S.

We often hear abortion described as a complicated issue. This is true, and yet it is not. People will often raise questions about rare cases where risks or anomalies might cause a woman to consider abortion as an alternative. The reality is, however, the vast majority of abortions are chosen for convenience.

As people who continually search the truths of Scripture, we know deep in our soul that abortion is tragic, and ending the life of a child for the sake of convenience is evil.

In the first book of the Bible, God attributed a special value to human life above everything else in creation: *So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female (Genesis 1:27).*

The Bible continually attributes the fullness of life and personhood to a child within a mother's womb, and ties all human life to the image of God. When we see all people as having been made in the image of God, we speak out not only for the unborn, but also for all men, women, and children who face injustice of any kind. We speak for the impoverished, the orphan, the widow, and the foreigner, as the Bible instructs us in multiple places. To be "pro-life" means to seek what is best for all who are made in the image of God, from the womb through the grave.

NOTE: The Source for abortion data used is [http://abort73.com/abortion\\_facts/us\\_abortion\\_statistics/](http://abort73.com/abortion_facts/us_abortion_statistics/)

## Hope Pregnancy Center Training

New volunteer training is being offered at the Tulsa location on Thursdays in February for men and women who would like to make a difference in the lives of young men and women. Contact Karen Alley, [kalley@obhc.org](mailto:kalley@obhc.org), 918-622-3325 for more information.

## Thank You

Thank you church family for prayers, cards, calls, and food during Tom's recent illness. God bless! ~Tom & Desri Richardson

## Keyboard Festival

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Worship & Music Ministry provides opportunities for development and enrichment by holding Area and State Keyboard Festivals each year to prepare young musicians to lead our churches in the future. South Tulsa will host a Keyboard Festival on Saturday, January 27. About 150 students and their families are involved as students play at different times throughout the day. Each participant receives a critique of their playing.

*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**

## {Getting to Know You}

New Members of South Tulsa



Meet Don McIntosh who joined the church on November 19!

Don grew up in Marshfield, Missouri and moved

to Tulsa 47 years ago. He has been employed with Tulsa Heaters, Inc. for 30 years as a designer, project manager and now an expeditor.

Don has one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren. He enjoys traveling in his spare time.

## Men's Ministry Breakfast

Men of South Tulsa Baptist, join us Saturday, February 3 at 8:00 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, having won numerous championships throughout his career, 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. Please sign up on the website [southtulsa.org/men](http://southtulsa.org/men) so we will know how to prepare.



## Women's Ministry Book Club

The Women's Ministry Book Club that began over the summer will meet on February 22 in Room B123 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to go over two books, *Extraordinary Women of the Bible* and *Uninvited*. Extra copies of *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst are available if you would like one before the club meets. Betty Jo Wohl will be the facilitator for the evening. If you have questions, please call or text her at 918-693-4456.

## Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for my retirement recognition and love offering. Though my decision to retire was very hard, I thank you for all your cards, love, and support. Jim and I are excited to see what God has in store for our future. ~Much love, Kaye Cole

## Mission Moments

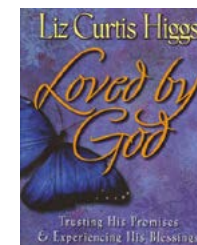
Mario Miño, Guatemala

We are constantly reminded that serving Him is a real adventure and we are very thankful for His grace, mercy and provision in our lives and in the lives of the children! For Christmas, each one received a wrapped gift, a large bag of goodies, candy and an extra special meal. It

was fun to see the excitement and anticipation in their faces. We also took the opportunity to remind the children about the special gift that God has provided for us through His Son Jesus Christ! The majority of the children do not receive presents at home so the gifts that they received truly gave them much joy! In addition, some of the children even received a scholarship as a Christmas present! The joy and gratitude in their faces clearly communicated that God is good! Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we serve where God has called us. It is a real privilege to serve the living God that makes a real difference in the lives of the children and their families. It is also an honor to have you as our partners in ministry. We love and appreciate you!

## 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 24 from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in room D164-165, childcare provided. Contact Debby Arnold about the workbook by phone/text 918-639-5777, or email [darnold@capmgtco.com](mailto:darnold@capmgtco.com).



## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,095,711
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	1,953,554
General Fund . . . . .	51,897
A New Day at South Tulsa . . . . .	3,221
Lottie Moon to date . . . . .	102,497

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	500
Students & Parents . . . . .	77
Children . . . . .	83
Preschool . . . . .	75
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	745

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 193

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	19
People Helped . . . . .	174
Salvations . . . . .	1

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	3,650
<i>(U.S. 2,338; 13 Retirement Centers with 143; International 1,169)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views . . . . .	750
<i>(U.S. 501; International 249)</i>	

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