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PRESMAK AND SMAK SET-UP TODAY - Leadership will set up at 2:00 p.m. in the Preschool area (PreSMAK) and the Fellowship Hall (SMAK).

SUMMER TUTORING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - Jenks Public Schools still need volunteers to help with their summer tutoring program for international students. They need people to help for two hours each day (M-F) from June 27 through July 12. If you can volunteer to help one or more days, please call Cindy at 918-528-1173.

MISSIONS ON OUR DOORSTEP - Sunday nights in July, 6:00 p.m. People from all over the world, including many unreached peoples, now live within blocks of our church. In July, incredible teachers and leaders in missions like J.D. Greear, Danny Akin, and others will lead us through a biblical and strategic study on how to more effectively engage our international and refugee neighbors.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS - Please note our summer hours: Sundays from 9:00-9:40 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 5:45-7:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays nights in July).

BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP - Ladies, join us on Thursday, June 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in room B123. Girls ages 8 and up may attend with their moms/grandmas. Please contact Denise Curtiss for information, denise77@cox.net.

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED - If you would be interested in assisting with photography needs at the church, please contact Kim Hayes in the church office, 918-299-0904 or kim@southtulsa.org.

(For more information about upcoming events please go to southtulsa.org)
This week the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (#SBC18) will be held in Dallas, TX. Usually, this gathering is mostly worship, sermons, and meetings among the “messengers.” Each year there are also resolutions passed to communicate faith statements to the outside world.

This year, however, things will most certainly be focused inward. If there has ever been a time to pray diligently for our denomination, that time is now. The SBC is already declining in both attendance and giving among churches. An internal crisis could be the thing that either breaks us out of our slump or sinks the SBC for good within a generation.

Many of the issues at the center of #SBC18 speak volumes about the state of our denomination. Here are a few:

1. There have been very serious allegations regarding failures to protect victims of assault and abuse. Our SBC churches and institutions should be the first to speak out and stand up for those who cannot protect themselves.
2. There is a movement of women of all different ages calling out those who have minimized the important roles of women in SBC life. Our denomination needs to improve greatly in this area, and I will be among the pastors advocating that these women be heard.
3. The election of the next SBC president is being billed as old guard vs. young guard. This is unfortunate, as I believe both candidates being considered are men of character and would do an excellent job in the role. We need to come together in intergenerational unity, not split over a power struggle.

The world is already watching #SBC18, and it has yet to begin. Please pray for #SBC18, for our denomination, and also for our church. Pray that God will continue to lead us to follow Jesus closely, to love our neighbor as He has called us to, to live and speak and act with humility and righteousness, and to glorify God in everything we do.

Save the Date
Church family, it’s time to celebrate!
Join us for “A New Day at South Tulsa Celebration” on Sunday, July 8. We will have a combined service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a church family brunch in the commons at 10:45 a.m. to celebrate our church being DEBT-FREE! What began as a 20-month initiative to payoff our existing debt has been completed in just over a year. Mark your calendars to celebrate with us as we give thanks for God’s faithfulness to our church and as we also look ahead joyfully towards the new things He is doing among us!

Sewing Classes for Refugee Women
RISE (Refugee Sewing Enterprise) is a local program that provides sewing lessons, income opportunities, English dialogue, and faith discussions for refugee and immigrant women who live in the Tulsa area. RISE meets at South Tulsa on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The classes are instructor led, but volunteers are needed to assist with basic sewing skills. More than 30 ladies are enrolled in RISE, and most are from Myanmar. If you would like to help on Mondays, please contact the church office. You can learn more about RISE at southtulsa.org/localmissions#sewing.

Church Week at LifeWay
Mark your calendar - June 11-16 is South Tulsa Baptist Church Week at the Tulsa LifeWay Christian Store. We’ve partnered with LifeWay to lead you to resources for every step of your faith journey. And LifeWay is offering an additional 20% off your purchase store-wide, including sale and clearance—only VBS purchases are excluded! Just mention our church at checkout to receive your discount.

Pies Needed Friday for SMAK Pie Fellowship Friday Night
Following the presentation of “Nic at Night” Friday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m., the SMAK children and their families will go to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a piece of pie. South Tulsa family, if you can furnish a pie or two, please contact Chris, 918-299-0904. This is a great time to come and meet people from our community that do not have a church home. Let’s make everyone feel welcome at South Tulsa!

SUMMER MUSIC ACTIVITY FOR KIDS
Begins Tomorrow
The time for PreSMAK and SMAK is here! Boys and girls will have many opportunities to learn about God through music! Enroll today at southtulsa.org/music-events or at the table near the Preschool Welcome Center.

PreSMAK is Monday - Wednesday, June 11-13 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., for kids ages three through completed Kindergarten. Our theme is “The Thank You Meal.” Children will learn Bible verses and songs expressing gratitude to God, while being exposed to musical concepts and rhythm instruments. The mini week concludes with a program on Wednesday night at 6:00. The cost is $20. Each child will receive a t-shirt.

SMAK is Monday - Friday, June 11-15, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., for kids who have completed grades 1-6. Boys and girls will participate in daily activities and learn the musical “Nic at Night” in one week. Nic at Night tells the story of Nicodemus and answers one of the great mysteries of the Bible—what does it mean to be “born again?” The musical will be presented on Friday evening in the gym, followed by a Pie Fellowship. Each child should bring a sack lunch and drink each day. The cost is $35. This includes a t-shirt and all activities.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES ..... 115
THE MINISTRY CENTER
Volunteers ..... 25
People Helped ..... 157
Prayed to Receive Christ ..... 1
WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE
LIVE Views ..... 3,252
(W.U. 1,209; 13 Retreat Centers with 13P; International 984)
ON DEMAND Views ..... 2,555
(U.S. 1,670; International 885)
NEW MEMBERS
Baker Copeland ..... by baptism
Dwight Ratliff ..... by letter
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