

this week

Sunday, November 25

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship, Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal

Monday, November 26

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, November 27

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Weaving
 7:00 p.m. CDT Community Night

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 4:15 p.m. NO Children's Handbells
 4:30 p.m. NO Children's Chimes
 4:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Student Choir, ESL
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study *Finishing Strong*
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

Friday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

Saturday, December 1

1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

November 28, 2018



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Good News about
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TICKETS FOR SALE - Tickets are still available for Christmas Dinner Theater. You may purchase them in the Commons today, beginning at 9:00 a.m., online at southtulsa.org/music-events any-time or in the church office during the week. The Christmas Dinner Theater is November 29-December 1 at 7:00 p.m., reserved seating only. Tickets are \$15. There is also a free matinee on Saturday, December 1, 1:30 p.m. You will also need reserved tickets for this production.

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER DRESS REHEARSALS AND SHOWS - Sunday, November 25 and Monday, November 26, 6:00-8:30 p.m.; Performances - 11/27, 11/29, 11/30 - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Time, 8:00 p.m. Curtain; 12/1 - 1:00 p.m. Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m. Matinee Curtain, 5:00 p.m. Cast Dinner, Fellowship Hall, 7:30 p.m. Prayer Time, 8:00 p.m. Curtain.

DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - December 7-9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Baptist Children's Home in Owasso (12700 E 76th Street N, Owasso). Learn more at obhc.org/owasso/christmas.

STUDENT ICE SKATING - Hey Students! Let's enjoy some ice skating on Sunday, December 2. Join us at the church before 5:00 p.m. We will be driving our buses to the BOK Center. Cost is \$10. Bring some extra money for hot chocolate! We will be back at the church around 7:30 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS DECEMBER 10 - GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of your loved one. 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.

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

**Give Thanks
GIVE
FOOD**

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE FOR
THE MINISTRY CENTER

Please bring non-perishable food: canned meat or fish, canned vegetables and fruit, and peanut butter (24 oz or less). Food can be dropped off along the Jesus wall.

To make things more interesting, we're making it a competition. Who will show the most compassion and give the most?
Preschool & Children | Students | Adults

All-Church | Belize Mission

**Christmas
Lunch**

Sunday, December 9

Celebrate Christmas with the church family and bless our students going on the Belize Mission Trip over Spring Break. Enjoy a wonderful meal - smoked ham, cheesy potato casserole, greenbeans, rolls, and cherry crisp prepared just for you! Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. Join us immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

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8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-6
Rick Ketchum
The Lion and the Lamb
10,000 Reasons
Who You Say I Am
Prayer and Welcome Rebecca Lee
Church Matters Eric Costanzo
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Bob Ball
Message Ephesians 6:18-24
Response *Revelation Song*
Good Morning South Tulsa
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Good Morning South Tulsa
Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-6 Logan Short
He Has Made Me Glad
O Worship the King
Prayer and Welcome Zack Hudson
Greeting One Another
Holy Is He
Church Matters Eric Costanzo
Choral Worship *Grace Alone*
Give Thanks
Offertory *Give Me Jesus*
Andrew and Sarah Harper
Scripture Reading Bob Ball
Message Ephesians 6:18-24
Response *As the Deer*
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Advent is a Cure to Consumerism

Eric Costanzo

William Wilberforce, whose leadership helped end the slave trade in England in 1807, once said, "Prosperity hardens the heart." With each passing year, the Christmas season seems to bring out some of the worst aspects of our country's unprecedented prosperity.

Nine out of 10 Americans celebrate Christmas, yet far too few truly focus on the Christ. Instead, the consumerism of our culture capitalizes on two areas with which we all struggle - greed and selfishness.

Thankfully, our forebears in the Church centuries ago, as part of the regular rhythms of the liturgical calendar, developed a season to help ground the hearts of believers in the true message of Christmas. We call this season ADVENT. During the season of Advent we celebrate the first "coming" of Christ, as we also wait expectantly for His second coming.

Advent is celebrated during the four Sundays before Christmas through scriptures, readings, music, decor, and involvement by every member of the family.

When it feels like we are drowning in the overwhelming darkness all around us, Advent focuses on HOPE.

In a culture where people are becoming increasingly polarized in their disdain towards each other, Advent focuses on LOVE.

When we find ourselves tired and saddened by the state of the entire world, Advent focuses on JOY.

In the midst of the hectic busyness we endure during this time of the year, Advent focuses on PEACE.

If we find ourselves being drawn once again towards selfishness and the incessant desire to accumulate more and more, Advent concludes on Christmas Eve by focusing on CHRIST.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ~Isaiah 9:6

STEPHEN MINISTRY - If you are interested in becoming a trained Stephen Minister, please contact the church office at 918-299-0904.

Children's Choir Crazy Choir Daze #3

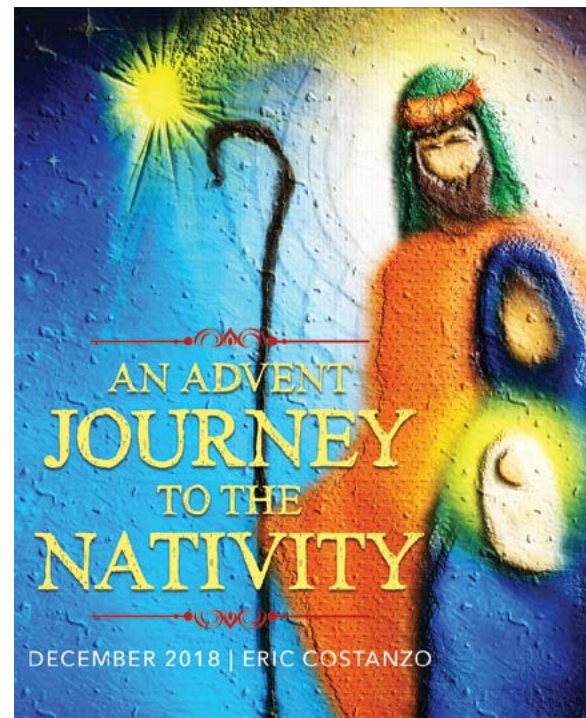
Lottie Moon Offering Day

Wednesday, November 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m., boys and girls are encouraged to bring money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Children's Choir. They will also be able to spend their wooden nickels at the Fruit Market. Children have received wooden nickels throughout the month for their attendance, bringing a visitor to choir, being Choir Member of the Week, saying their memory verses or singing the Hymn-of-the-Month. Choir Leaders are also encouraged to wear their *Fruit of the Spirit* t-shirt.

PLEASE NOTE: On Wednesday, November 28, Children's Choir Chimes and Children's Handbells will not meet. All Children's Choirs, however, WILL meet at 5:30 p.m.

A Child Is Born

The Preschool, Children's, Youth Choirs and the Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells and Youth Handbells Christmas program is on Sunday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.



Getting to Know You



New Members of South Tulsa

Welcome to Dan & Sharon Mabe who joined the church in September!

Dan and Sharon were both raised in

the area, Dan in Foyil and Sharon in Collinsville. They have been married for 41 years and have four children. A son and daughter live in the area, one daughter lives in Ohio and a son lives in Texas. They also have four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. They have lived in the Tulsa area most of their lives.

Dan worked for the City of Claremore for a while and then was a truck driver until he retired. Sharon has worked at St. Francis as a nurse tech in the CCU and ICU for 23 years. Dan and Sharon enjoy being outdoors, camping and having picnics. Sharon likes to sew, and Dan likes to spend his spare time visiting with friends over coffee. They are former members of South Tulsa Baptist Church and are very happy to be back. They attend the Empty Nester's 3 Bible study class.

RECEIVE THE KING - The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present Receive the King on Sunday, December 9 at 10:50 a.m.



Every Church. Every Nation.

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church—and every church member—has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that. Because you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation. Our goal: \$110,000.

Perspectives

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

This 15-week discipleship course will meet on Tuesdays beginning January 15, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Your eyes will be opened to the heart and purpose of God, and how you can take part in His work all over the world. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, international missiologists and mobilizers will challenge and inspire you with their personal experiences that show how big God is, and how much He desires that all come to know Him. Whether you are single, married, a student, a homemaker, a professional or retired, Perspectives will bless and challenge your life and direction. The first 30 people from South Tulsa who sign up will get a \$50 scholarship, and sign up before December 15 for a \$25 discount! You can sign up for the Tulsa class online at www.perspectives-tulsa.org. For questions, contact Adam Greer at adambgreer@gmail.com. Scholarships and childcare available.

Pick Up Food

Someone is needed to pick up the food donations from Reasor's near 21st and Yale each Monday and then deliver the food donations to the Ministry Center (312 S 33rd West Ave, Tulsa). Any vehicle will accommodate the donations. If you could serve in this way, please email Alice at alice@ministry-center.org.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$1,389,289
Actual MFP Receipts 1,407,953
General Fund 83,450
Capital Reserve (New Day) 1,180

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 499
Students 71
Children 85
Preschool 63
Unclassified 10
Total 728

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 118

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 23
People Helped 239

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 15
People Helped 177

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 3,668
(U.S. 2,406; 13 Retirement Centers with 135; International 1,127)

ON DEMAND Views. 1,954
(U.S. 1,303; International 651)

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ON THE COVER Preschool friends