

# this week

## Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group  
 9:00-9:40 a.m. Library Open  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Worship, *Receive Our King*  
 12:00 p.m. Student Handbells, All-Church Belize  
 Mission Christmas Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open  
 4:30 pm. Ministry Center Committee Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. *A Child is Born*

## Monday, December 10

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

## Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 11:30 a.m. ESL Christmas Lunch  
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Weaving  
 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Builders Christmas Fellowship

## Wednesday, December 12

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m. ELP Teacher's Christmas Brunch  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Parties  
 5:45-7:00 p.m. Library Open  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study *Finishing Strong*  
 6:15 p.m. Student Christmas Party  
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Missions  
 Committee Meeting

## Thursday, December 13

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

## Friday, December 14

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 2:00 p.m. Ed Curtiss Memorial Service

## Saturday, December 15

11:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Christmas Brunch

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 12, 2018

*Hamburgers with all the fixins, French fries, onion rings, salad, 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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## more

**SUNDAY MORNINGS OF DECEMBER** - All five Sundays will follow our regular schedule: 8:30 Worship, 9:40 Bible Study and 10:50 Worship.

**TULAKOGEE FUNDRAISER** - Come out and eat at Smitty's Garage at 71st and Sheridan on Sunday, December 16 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. 10% of all purchases made during this time frame will be donated to Tulakogee in support of their ongoing camp updates.

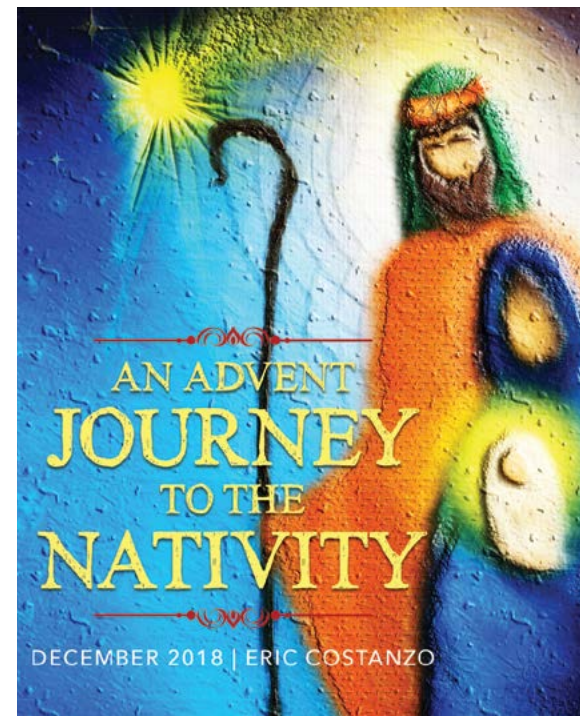
**GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS DECEMBER 10** - GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of your loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER** - Bring your whole family and celebrate Jesus' birth with us on December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**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. 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! Sign up online at perspectives-tulsa.org. Contact Adam Greer at adamgreer@gmail.com. Scholarships and childcare available.

**SORT CLOTHING** - Help is needed to sort through the clothing donations at the Ministry Center (312 S 33rd West Ave, Tulsa) any time Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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



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## 8:30AM Worship

**Call to Worship** John 3:16-17 Wes Webb  
*Glory to God*  
*Good, Good Father*  
*How He Loves*  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Pierce Family  
**Prayer and Welcome** Matt Wolff  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Logan Short & Mackenzie Weiss  
**Message** 2 Samuel 7:16, Matthew 1:16-24  
**Response** *He Will Hold Me Fast*  
**Good Morning South Tulsa**  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

**Prelude** *English Carol Medley*  
**Good Morning South Tulsa**  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Mowery Family  
**Prayer and Welcome** Zack Hudson  
*I Have Seen the Light | Receive Our King | Noel*  
**Nativity Family** Zack, Charly & Nathan Hudson  
*He Shall Reign Forevermore*  
**Giving** *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
*Christ Is Born*  
*It's About the Cross*  
**Scripture Reading** Logan Short & Mackenzie Weiss  
**Message** 2 Samuel 7:16, Matthew 1:16-24  
**Response** *When Love Crossed Over*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**  
*Hallelujah Chorus*



## Love

Matt Wolff

I love this time of year! As a believer, it fills me with so many feelings of God's love and peace over my life.

I recall several years ago when Shiloh and I welcomed Preston, our first child into the world. I was so overwhelmed with feelings of becoming a father. I just didn't know how I would handle it. The day arrived when he was supposed to be delivered into the world. I remember feeling so anxious, but then he was here and I felt overwhelming love for him. Preston hadn't done anything but enter my life and I was totally and completely in love with him.

When we begin to look at how we celebrate Christmas, the reason we celebrate this season begins with God's love for us. Not because of anything we have done, just because we exist.

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8).

God loves us and sends us His Son. His one and only Son. And why? Because He is demonstrating His love for each one of us. God wishes for everyone to be saved. He doesn't want anyone to perish because of the sin in our lives.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

God expresses His love by giving us His perfect gift of love - His son, Jesus Christ.

It really begs the question of how am I demonstrating love to others? Not because of what they do for me, but simply because God has placed them in my life.

How are others seeing in my celebration of Christmas as an expression of God's love?

Christmas should be an ultimate act of putting others' needs before self.

Let me challenge you to express your love to someone in a way that is selfless and demonstrates that you simply love them; and thank God for placing them in your life.

That's how we honor Christ this Christmas season. Love others!

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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.

**The Lottie Moon Christmas Card box is available in the Commons through January 6. Help Girls in Action collect money for LMCO by exchanging cards with the church family and putting the "postage" in the mailbox.**

ALL-CHURCH BELIZE MISSION

## Christmas Lunch

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, green beans, rolls, and cherry crisp! Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Belize Mission Trip. Join us immediately following the 10:50 a.m. worship service today. **Our students will also be selling the Dinner Theater centerpieces during the lunch. The Christmas tree and angel will sell for \$10 for the pair and the addition of the "There's Snowplace Like Home" block will sell \$12 for all three pieces.**

## Give Thanks, Give Food

Your generosity during our Give Thanks, Give Food drive for the Ministry Center is greatly appreciated! The donations were delivered this week and will be used to bless families in need through the Christmas season. Even though the special emphasis is complete, the need for food is ongoing. Thank you for your donations during November and your continued support.

## Girls in Action

Girls, help your class win by bringing your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions to GA on Wednesday, December 12. We will conclude our offering contest and enjoy Christmas parties in each class.

Preschool, Children's and Student Choirs

## A Child Is Born

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Schedule December 9:

4:30-4:45 p.m. Student Handbells, WC

4:45-5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells, WC

5:00-5:15 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes, WC

5:15-5:30 p.m. Children's Speaking Parts, WC

5:30 p.m. All Children's & Student Choirs meet in choir rooms

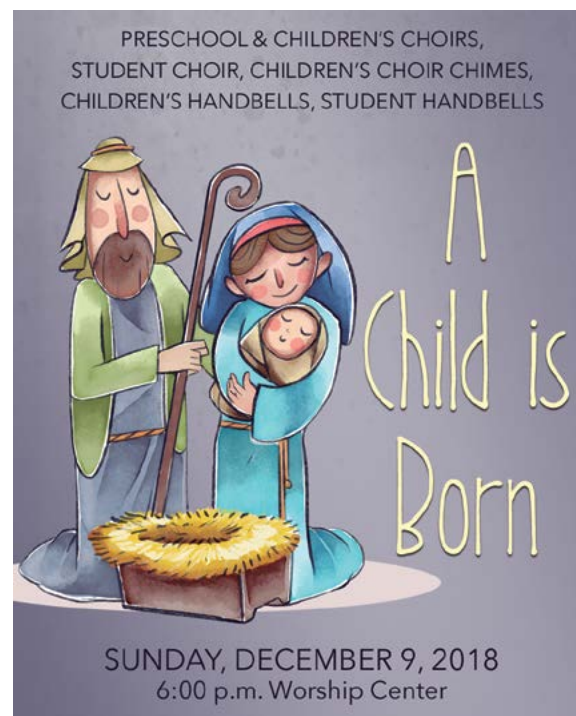
6:00-7:00 p.m. Preschool, Children's and Student Choirs present *A Child Is Born*,

Worship Center

**Children's Choir Christmas Parties December 12 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

*There will be no Children's Choir Chimes, Children's Handbells or Student Choir.*

Children's Choir and Student Choirs will not rehearse on December 19, 26 or January 2. Choirs will resume on January 9, 2019.



## Thank You

Dear church family, we are so grateful for each and everyone of you. Not only have you welcomed our family as one of your own, you have given us a "place to call home." Ha! (nod to Mary Ann and Philip 'wink' 'wink'). Thank you for loving on our entire family during this season of transition. The kids have connected

in such special ways through their classes and programs, and they look forward to the next

time we stay at "Dave's house." What a great privilege for our family to get to journey with you for a season of fellowship and ministry. You've made us rich in meaningful relationships, treasured memories, and renewed hope for the future. How refreshing to regularly be with so many dear people who love Jesus with all their hearts. And how encouraging to sit under godly teaching and ministries of such a joyful ministry team. Your lives and testimonies have given us energy for the next season of ministry in Asia and it's been an honor to walk with you these few months. We depart confident in the love of Christ continuing to bind us together in the faith and hope of His precious Gospel. We are eager for our next visit! Our prayers and love are with you.

If you would like to receive our prayer updates please send us an email at monty@growco.asia. We would love to stay in touch. If you would like to stay in touch with one of our kids send an email as well and we will connect you because they would love to hear from you!

Blessings to each of you! ~Monty and Germaine, for the seven of us



## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . \$1,581,369  
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . . 1,624,134  
General Fund . . . . . 92,079  
Capital Reserve (New Day) . . . . . 730  
Lottie Moon to Date . . . . . 18,062

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . . 551  
Students . . . . . 76  
Children . . . . . 105  
Preschool . . . . . 75  
Unclassified . . . . . 10  
Total . . . . . 817

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 145

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . . 23  
People Helped . . . . . 283

### JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers . . . . . 17  
People Helped . . . . . 150

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . . 5,411  
(U.S. 3,550; 13 Retirement Centers with 133;  
International 1,728)

ON DEMAND Views . . . . . 1,101  
(U.S. 734; International 367)

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Bill & Beth Polk . . . . . by letter

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