

this week

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Open

Thursday, December 27

Church Office Open

Friday, December 28

Church Office Open

Saturday, December 29

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER

December 26, 2018

Student Choir Super Singers



November



December

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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.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX - Help Girls in Action collect money for LMCO by exchanging cards with the church family and putting the "postage" in the mailbox. The box is available in the Commons through January 6. Check each week to see if cards have been left for you.

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LEADERS/DIRECTORS - Please join Zack Hudson on Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. for a wonderful meal and time to get better acquainted! He has a small book to give you with great reminders of simple things that will help you as you lead your classes. Please let Carolyn (carolyn@southtulsa.org) know if you can make it or not.

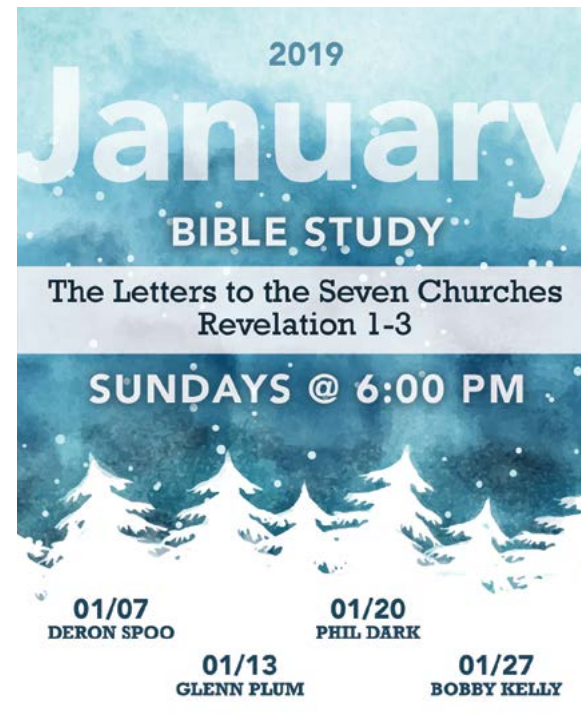
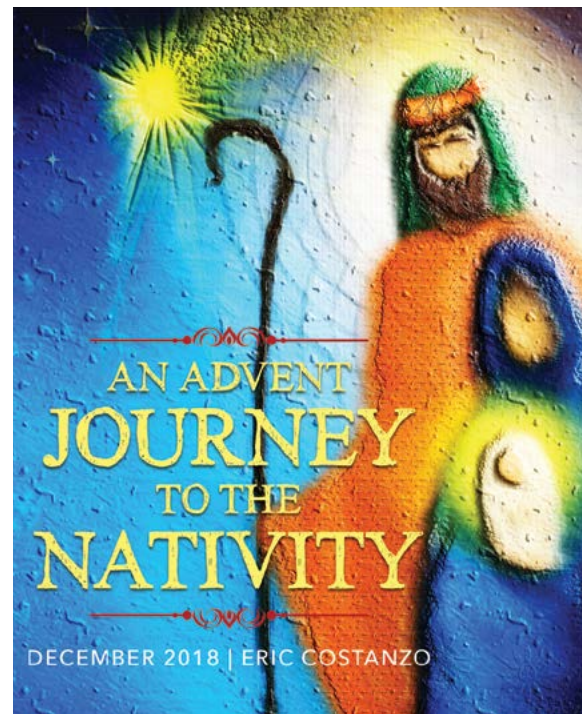
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 - Regular morning schedule, no evening worship.

CHRISTMAS BREAK - Children's Choirs, Student Choir, and Children's Mission groups will not meet on December 19, 26 or January 2. Choirs and Missions will resume on January 9, 2019.

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

WATCH CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER ONLINE - You may view the video of *A Place to Call Home* on our website at southtulsa.org/music-events.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship Philippians 4:4-9
Katelyn Easterwood
Angels We Have Heard on High
Peace
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Lighting of the Advent Candle Wolff Family
Prayer and Welcome
Church Matters Eric Costanzo
Greeting One Another
Scripture Reading Erin Zimmerman,
Bill Harrington
Message Micah 5:2-4, Matthew 2:1-12
Response *What A Beautiful Name*
Good Morning South Tulsa
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Good Morning South Tulsa
Call to Worship Luke 2:13-20 Jacque Sanders
Angels We Have Heard on High
Lighting of the Advent Candle Mosley Family
Prayer and Welcome Rebecca Lee
25th Anniversary - Carolyn Gates Terry Hobbs
Greeting One Another
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Church Matters Eric Costanzo
Choral Worship *Christ Is Born*
Emmanuel
Offertory *O Holy Night* Kaye Cole, Mary Roberts
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Peace

Zack Hudson

There are many verses we like to cling to and use during the Christmas season. When we talk about the Advent we mention some of the characteristics of Christ that we witness. One of those is the PEACE that is given through Christ.

One of the verses I want to share with you all is found in John 14. It isn't a typical verse that we'd use to tell the Christmas story, but it does relate well to the peace that we see when we think of Jesus. In this chapter, Jesus is finalizing His time on earth by giving some important instruction to His disciples. Jesus says in verse 27, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful." As Jesus prepares to leave His disciples physically, He wants to assure them that what is ahead with the coming Holy Spirit is preparing a time of peace with God unlike any that had been offered. The indwelling Holy Spirit would be able to bring a peace that can endure. This isn't just peace for a moment, but peace with God is something that lasts a lifetime.

I love how Jesus described what He brings as something that is different from what the world has to offer. The reality is that anything physically we find peace in that the world offers can be taken from us at any moment. Bank accounts once full can become empty, health can be great one minute and take a turn the next, death can rob us of relationships that we cherish, anything that we find peace in apart from God in this world is very temporary.

I'm not sure what circumstances could change that may rattle the peace and comfort you enjoy, but if your ultimate peace is found within a relationship with Christ, there's nothing that can take that away.



Year-End Giving

The Christmas season prompts us to reflect on the Lord's blessings and to consider opportunities for us to bless others. It is our privilege to help our church members maximize the impact of tax-advantaged gifts made to ministries in our community and around the world.

For example, did you know stocks and bonds can be transformed into charitable gifts for ministries? Through our church's brokerage account, our staff can help you liquidate shares of stocks and bonds and distribute the proceeds to the church. Our church will cover the entire cost associated with these gifts, eliminating commonly associated fees and boosting the overall impact of each gift.

Giving funds is another way to share generously. Please go to the southtulsa.org/give-now to discover the many ways to give.

For members 70 ½ or older, we can facilitate tax-free gifts from IRAs (individual retirement accounts). This type of gift is known as an IRA Charitable Rollover. Even if you don't qualify for an IRA gift, we encourage you to share this information with family that may benefit.

Please contact the church office or cathy@southtulsa.org if you have questions about year-end giving. Let us know if you need wiring instructions for a stock or bond gift, or sample language to provide to your IRA administrator. We are happy to serve you.



Women's Bible Study

Psalm 119 by Matt Chandler is a ten week study that will meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. January 9 thru March 13, 2019. Do you feel as if you are facing dark nights of the soul? See how you compare to King David, who experienced similar seasons of his life, wondering, "Where is the Lord in this?" In *Psalm 119*, pastor Matt Chandler aims to introduce viewers to the words of serving and the power of God's Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul. If you are interested in joining us, please email Debby Arnold at darnold@capmgtco.com or call 918-639-5777 so that class material can be provided.

Precept Bible Study

Ezekiel Part 2

When My Sanctuary Is in Their Midst Forever (7 lessons) **Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Choir Room beginning **January 3, 2019**. The workbook is available in the church office for \$17. Please complete the first lesson prior to class. Contact Patrick Lovelace at patricklovelace@cox.net, 918-286-3226 for more information or to enroll.

Singles Bible Study

Single adults are invited to a weekly Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This study of **Psalm 119** will be led by James Nance, Mike Bean and Joe Ross. We will discuss finding God's perfect will and how to live the Christian life.

Children's Choir Leadership

Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 6, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Leaders, please bring your families and eat lunch in Fellowship Hall after the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Leaders will move to D268 -269 after lunch for a brief time to receive spring literature. Then all teachers will meet in individual choir rooms to plan for the first day of choir, January 9. Come and find out about the exciting plans for 2019!

Suffering in Silence

You are invited to a special seminar addressing domestic abuse within Christian homes on Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (424 S Detroit Ave, Tulsa). Domestic abuse affects 1 in 4 women, and every 1 in 7 men - someone you know and love is suffering in fear and in silence from emotional, spiritual, or maybe even physical abuse. Find out how we as the Body of Christ can better recognize abuse and support victims. Learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suffering-in-silence-tickets-53698043293> or call (918)594-5000.



Carolyn Gates Celebrates 25 Years!

Congratulations Carolyn for 25 years of dedicated service to the South Tulsa Baptist Early Learning Program. As the Director, Carolyn has grown the ministry from two days a week to three. In 2016, Carolyn was instrumental in starting a kindergarten class. The Early Learning Program is an amazing outreach to our community and a blessing to all that are involved. Well done Carolyn!

"Wild Game" Night Monday, January 7

Men of South Tulsa, come enjoy a great evening as we watch the College Football National Championship, and eat meat (and other good food). Invite your friends and meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you are attending. RSVP online at southtulsa.org/men.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY LEADERS OF STUDENTS, CHILDREN AND PRESCHOOL -

Join us in the Student Room on Sunday, January 6 after the Belize mission lunch for a time of encouragement and sharing. Zack Hudson will share a brief word of encouragement to all, then each group will meet with their ministry leader(s) for a time of discussion.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$1,701,666
Actual MFP Receipts 1,769,327
General Fund 75,010
Capital Reserve (New Day) 566
Lottie Moon to Date 46,472

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 539
Students 73
Children 90
Preschool 80
Unclassified 10
Total 792

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 386

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 25
People Helped 281
Slavations 2

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 22
People Helped 353

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 3,364
(U.S. 2,189; 13 Retirement Centers with 140; International 1,035)
ON DEMAND Views 4,384
(U.S. 2,923; International 1,461)

NEW MEMBERS

Ted & Georgia Mueller by letter
Sidney Fuller by baptism

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