

this week

Sunday, January 20
Germany Mission Trip, 18th-27th
 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
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open
 12:00 p.m. Student Handbells
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensembles
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble
 6:00 p.m. January Bible Study, Bible Skills and Bible Drill
 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, January 21
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells

Tuesday, January 22
 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 Group
 6:00 p.m. Perspectives Class

Wednesday, January 23
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Library Open
 4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells
 4:30 p.m. Children's Chimes
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Children's/Student Choirs, ESL Citizenship, ESL Class, Ladies Bible Study *Psalm 119*
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
 5:45-7:00 p.m. Library Open
 6:00 p.m. Singles Bible Study *Psalm 119*, Men's Bible Study *Mere Christianity*
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept Ezekiel 2
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Precept Ezekiel 2
 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 25
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 6:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door January Social

Saturday, January 26
 8:00 a.m. BGO Keyboard Festival

WEDNESDAY DINNER
 January 23, 2019

Mini-meatloaf, twice-baked mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, roll, 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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STUDENT GATHERING | JANUARY 27 - Join us in the Gymnasium starting at 6:00 p.m. to play dodge-ball and get to know other students. Invite a friend. No cost and drinks will be provided.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - *Psalm 119* by Matt Chandler is a ten week study that meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. thru March 13, 2019. If you are interested in joining us, please email Debby Arnold at darnold@capmgtco.com or call 918-639-5777.

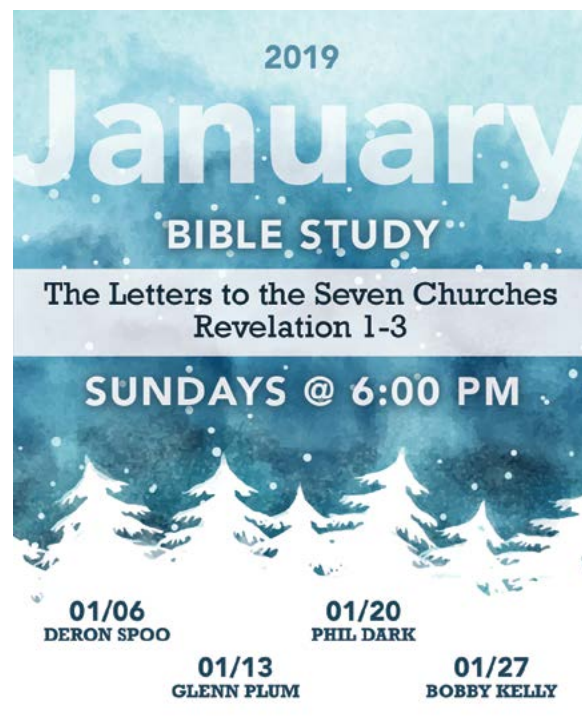
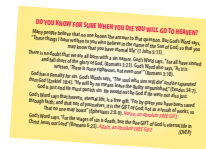
SINGLES BIBLE STUDY - Single adults are invited to a weekly Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This study of *Psalm 119* is led by James Nance, Mike Bean and Joe Ross. We will discuss finding God's perfect will and how to live the Christian life.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER - If you would like to receive our daily email prayer list, please contact the church office, brandi@southtulsa.org. A weekly, printed prayer list is also distributed on Wednesday nights at the Bible Study and Prayer time and can also be found at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

YELLOW WITNESSING CARDS - Share the Good News, yellow witnessing cards are available on the track rack by the church library.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT - Perspectives is a 15-week discipleship course that meets on Tuesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The class just began on January 15, so it's not too late to join us this Tuesday. Sign up online at perspectives-tulsa.org. Contact Adam Greer at adambgreer@gmail.com. Scholarships and childcare available.

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



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 HUMAN LIFE
 SUNDAY
 JANUARY 20, 2019

<p>8:30AM Worship</p> <p>Call to Worship Psalm 33:1-5 Wes Webb <i>This Is Amazing Grace</i> <i>Great Are You Lord</i> <i>Hosanna (In the Highest)</i> Prayer and Welcome Eric Costanzo Church Matters Eric Costanzo Greeting One Another Scripture Reading Bob Ball Message Philippians 1:1-11 Grace and Peace to You: Philippians Response <i>Jesus Son of God</i> Good Morning South Tulsa New Commitments - New Members Blessing</p>	<p>10:50AM Worship</p> <p>Good Morning South Tulsa Call to Worship Psalm 57:7-11 Emiley Rogers <i>I Sing Praises</i> <i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff Greeting One Another <i>How Majestic Is Your Name</i> Church Matters Eric Costanzo Choral Worship <i>Because He Lives (Amen)</i> <i>Find Us Faithful</i> Offertory <i>I Will Sing of Your Love</i> Ladies Ensemble Scripture Reading Bob Ball Message Philippians 1:1-11 Grace and Peace to You: Philippians Response <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> New Commitments - New Members Blessing</p>
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“Pro-Life” in Every Sense of the Word

Eric Costanzo

To be pro-life is to affirm the value of “all life,” including both the unborn and the born.

As Russell Moore writes: “No human life is worthless, regardless of skin color, age, disability, or economic status . . . We need Sundays like this because human dignity is a spiritual issue. It’s a spiritual issue because the gospel grounds human dignity in Jesus Christ himself . . . To deny human dignity, then, is to deny Christ himself.”

Abortion is the main focus of this Sunday, however. Abortion is a direct affront to the value of personhood and the image of God that each human being holds, beginning at conception.

It is important to state clearly here, however, that our God is a redeeming God. He graciously and mercifully offers His love and forgiveness to all who belong to Him. His grace extends to this sinful practice as well.

Globally more than 50 million babies are aborted each year, including more than 1 million in the U.S. Last year, the number of abortions dropped in nearly every state nationwide. Unfortunately, Oklahoma was not one of those states; our abortion number increased.

With all of this in mind, below is some helpful information, along with Scriptures, that demonstrate God’s incredible design of full human life as it exists within the womb.

5 STAGES OF GESTATION

#1: Conception - life begins and DNA is established. “You guided my conception and formed me in the womb.” **Job 10:10**

#2: 2 Months - All major organs present, arms and legs are formed, fingerprints developed. “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.” **Psalm 139:13**

#3: 3-6 Months - Can hear sounds and see light, feel and respond to pain, lungs are developing. The brain, nerves and muscles work

together. “Ears that hear and eyes that see—the Lord has made them both.” **Proverbs 20:12**

#4: 7-8 Months - All senses are developed, will double in weight, brain and nervous system maturing. “Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother’s womb you have cared for me.” **Psalm 71:6**

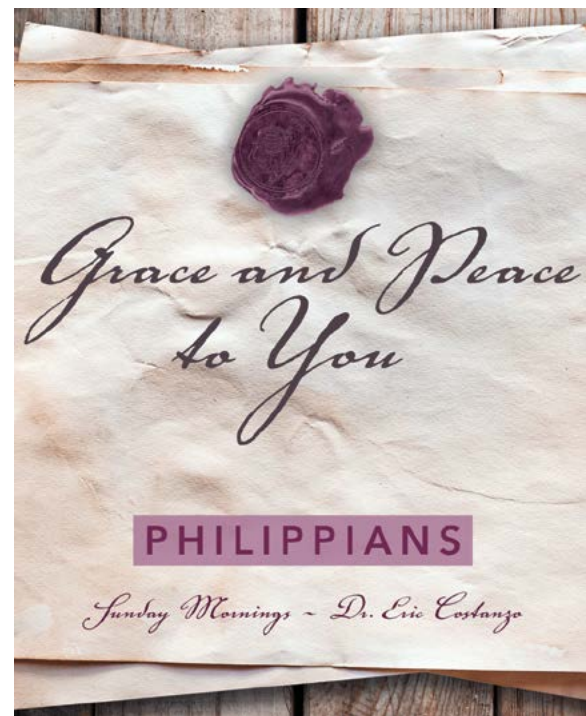
#5: 9 Months - Birth! “Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.” **Psalm 127:3**

Men’s Bible Study

Join us for a men’s Bible study, *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 in room D174. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish.

Grace and Peace to You: Philippians

As we continue “Grace and Peace to You” - our journey through the heart of the Apostle Paul’s letters - we come once again to a prison letter. Philippians is a consistent call for the follower of Christ to put selfish desires to death. This letter challenges us to deny our flesh for the good of our relationship with God, to let go of our selfish pursuits for the good of God’s Kingdom, and to put aside our preferences for the good of others.



Classroom Changes Happening Today!

With our Chapel renovation completed, our Families in Training classes are excited to take advantage of this new space and all meet together in the Chapel. This move frees up key locations in our gym and generates a lot of new classroom space for our Sunday Bible Study classes. Take a look to see if your group has moved.

Ruth’s Open Door Class: Director/Teachers: Betty Jo Wohl, Felicia White, Wanda Payne, Shelly Davis and Crucina Freeman - **Room D178/179.**

Families in Training- FIT: All Classes - Directors: Randy & Kay Watson - **Chapel.**

Empty Nesters I: Directors/Teachers: Keith & Laura Lynn, Joe Donelson & Jeff Curtiss - **Room C141/143.**

Kingdom Builders: Director/Teachers: Larry Haynes, Cliff Richard - **Room D172/173/174.**

Don’t have a Sunday Bible Study group? Stop by the Welcome Center or go to southtulsa.org/with-others to learn more.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE - Next Sunday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. along with the conclusion of our January Bible Study.



The Heart of a Mom

February 12, 2019

Join us for the Heart of a Mom Gathering for

Moms of all ages on Tuesday, February 12 with speaker, Joe White from Kanakuk. This FREE event will be in the Chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a catered lunch just for you! No childcare available. Please RSVP online at heartofamomevent.com by February 9.

Discover South Tulsa

New members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa Baptist Church, please join us for our Discover South Tulsa class on **Sunday, February 17** from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. If you’d like to attend or need more information, please call Cindy at 918-528-1173 or email cindy@southtulsa.org.

Keyboard Festival

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Worship & Music Ministry provides opportunities for development and enrichment by holding Area and State Keyboard Festivals to prepare young musicians to lead our churches in the future. South Tulsa will host a Keyboard Festival on Saturday, January 26. 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. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and to shuttle critique sheets to the festival secretary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Philip Stephens in the church office.

Today’s Flowers

Congratulations Bryan and Sherry! Today’s flowers have been given in celebration of Bryan and Sherry Pollard’s 50th Wedding Anniversary!

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GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$1,999,851
Actual MFP Receipts 2,155,453
General Fund 32,243
Capital Reserve (New Day) 155
Lottie Moon to Date 97,594

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 529
Students 101
Children 90
Preschool 76
Unclassified 10
Total 806

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 386

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 25
People Helped 298
Salvation 1

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 25
People Helped 260

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 4,016
(U.S. 2,623; 13 Retirement Centers with 140; International 1,253)
ON DEMAND Views 6,263
(U.S. 4,175; International 2,088)

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