



8:30AM Worship

Announcement Countdown

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Amy Monigold

Praise the King

I Got Saved

Baptism - Louis Copeland

Prayer and Welcome Debbie Steen

In Christ Alone

Giving Moment - Hope Pregnancy Center

Children's Offering

Scripture Reading Beth Ellen Bayless

Message Acts 6:8-15 Eric Costanzo

ekklēsia: The Essential Church in Acts

Response *O Come to the Altar*

New Commitments - New Members

Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Announcement Countdown

Call to Worship Isaiah 12:4-6

Sarah Sweaney

Message in Song *I Will Sing*

Ladies Ensemble, solo - Lori Carver

To God Be the Glory

Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff

Giving Moment - Hope Pregnancy Center

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

God Will Make a Way

Choral Worship *Never Once*

Children's Offering

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Response *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

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God's Ways During Dark Days

Phil Dark

Sometimes the structure of our lives breaks down. Cancer or COVID-19 strikes, the stock market collapses, a tornado devastates our city, and we face our own weakness and mortality. This may be where we are at any moment, or at any age. Our loss or lack of confidence becomes God's opportunity to move closer to us and show us the wonderful reality that He is with us. As our future seems unclear, we become like King David in Psalm 25, and ask to be pointed in the Lord's perfect path.

Join me as together we prepare to seek God's ways in the dark days that come our way. As is our habit when seeking the Lord, we turn to Him and pray. What shall we pray? There are at least three prayers revealed in Psalm 25 which are necessary for us to pray.

We need to pray for God's deliverance. See Psalm 25:1-3, and Matthew 11:28. Here is an offer of a personal relationship with God in Christ. This is a reality offered to every believer.

We also need to pray for God's direction. See Psalm 25:4-15. During our times of being afraid of illness, or job loss, or the loss of love, or the loss of hope, God offers us guidance.

We need to pray for God's defense. See Psalm 25:16-22. This is a humble person coming to plead for mercy, not a proud person coming to make demands of God. This is the affirmation that we actually pray to a God who turns to us and listens to us and hears us.

One of the benefits we receive as Christians is when dark days come into our lives, God has ways to help us deal with them. We can pray to God. He will hear us when we pray for deliverance, for direction, and for defense. Whether we realize it or not, each of us lives in a state of dependency on the Lord. Jesus, Himself said (John 15:5), *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* So let us actually turn to the God who listens to us and hears us and will answer us.

Music for Boys & Girls

3 YEARS- 6TH GRADE

Even though we are not having Children's Choir

this semester, we have some exciting musical activities for you to have at home. TODAY, September 13, you may pick up two Activity Kits to have at home. Each kit has a music CD, an activity book, four crayons and two sticker sheets. Kits are available in the Commons beginning at 8:15 a.m. Later in the fall some of our choir teachers will make videos of other fun things to do at home with music! Let's have a wonderful time with music this fall!



TITUS2GETHER - WOMEN'S MENTORING PROGRAM KICKOFF MEETING TODAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 4:00-5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL. CONTACT MELODI McCARVER (adpihogalum@yahoo.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Volunteer Nurse

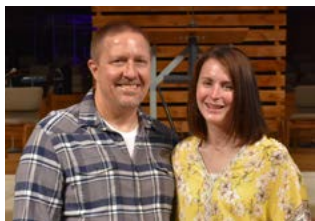
The Ministry Center hosts a free medical clinic twice a month through the Good Samaritan Health Services organization. We have an ongoing need for a nurse to volunteer during our clinics to take and record our patients' vitals and medical histories. Hours needed are from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Application to serve at our clinic may be found online at <http://www.goodsamaritanhealth.org/volunteer-application/>. If you have any questions, contact Alice Bones at alice@ministry-center.org or call (918) 720-5419.

Deacon Nominations

Members of South Tulsa are asked to prayerfully submit names of those persons whom they feel should serve as deacons. 2021 Deacon Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center, the tables near the Worship Center and on our website at southtulsa.org/with-church to submit online. Completed forms are due by October 4.

Getting to Know You

New Members of South Tulsa



Welcome to Anthony & Stephanie Echols who recently joined the church!

Anthony and

Stephanie were both born and raised near Hot Springs, Arkansas. Although they grew up within five miles of each other, they didn't meet until they were adults. Stephanie was working with Anthony's aunt and she introduced them. They were married six weeks later and, along with Anthony's son, Christian, they became a family. In August they celebrated their 14th anniversary and moved their son into college for his sophomore year at Southern Arkansas University.

Anthony is an Orthopedic Nurse Practitioner and his jobs have taken them from Arkansas to Tulsa to Dallas and back again to Tulsa. He enjoys participating in triathlons, duathlons and the occasional marathon. He wasn't raised in a Christian home but largely due to the kindness and persistence of a classmate, he accepted Christ while he was obtaining his master's degree at the University of Central Arkansas.

Stephanie is an office manager for a company based in Dallas. She works from home and enjoys cooking and being outdoors. She was raised in a preacher's home and came to Christ at an early age.

Because they have both gone through the heartbreak of divorce, their experiences have given them a heart for mentoring couples and individuals, as well as blended families, and they have enjoyed leading small groups in their home. They look forward to getting involved here at South Tulsa.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY &

EXTENDED CARE - Please make a reservation by 5:00 p.m. on Fridays for your preschoolers to attend Sunday Bible Study and Extended Teaching Care (for babies - 3's) during the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday worship services. Reservations can be made online at southtulsa.org/ps-reservations.

Media Volunteers Needed

Our media ministry has grown significantly over the last few years and with the pandemic has become even more vital. With that, we are in need of more volunteers. NO EXPERIENCE is necessary. Help is needed in both the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services - running words for music and scripture or running cameras for our broadcast. Now don't let that scare you off, these positions are as simple as pushing a button or using a joystick. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our Media Associate, Joel Greenway at joel@southtulsa.org.

Fall Bible Study

Join us on Mondays, 1:00-2:30 p.m. September 14 - November 16 in the Choir Suite, for Precept Upon Precept Inductive Study - *A Divided Heart...A Divided Nation* (1 Kings 1-15:8, 2 Chronicles 1-13). What lessons can we learn for our lives today from the examples of Solomon, Rehoboam, Jeroboam, and Abijam? What does God do when His people trust their own judgment and disobey Him? Homework is five days a week for approximately 30 minutes per day. Chairs will be set up 6-feet apart for social distancing. To join the study, please contact the church office or Mary Sommers, (918) 409-6563.

NEEDED THIS WEEK @ JENKS CAREPOINT - CHILDREN'S NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$ 735,268
Actual MFP Receipts 654,623
General Fund 68,256

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 3,813
(U.S. 2,878; 8 Retirement Centers with 88;
International 847)
ON DEMAND Views. 645
(U.S. 430; International 215)



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Student Ministry

State Fair Night

Who loves going to the Fair? Join us tonight, September 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Gym as we bring a little bit of the State Fair to South Tulsa! We will have a food truck with jumbo corn dogs, funnel cakes, fried pickles and fried Oreos for purchase. We will also have cotton



candy, drinks, fair games and prizes! Invite your friends and family and come spend the evening with us Sunday! We will have food tickets to purchase for \$10 that will buy one of each item from the food truck or you can purchase tickets for individual items.

Sunday Night

Join us for our Sunday night discussion on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel or by Zoom (us02web.zoom.us/j/83425244450).



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER'S 2020 FUNDRAISING EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Details to this virtual event:
obhc.org/WeAreHope

Watch in your home or small gatherings.
Would you be a Watch Party Host by inviting others to watch?

Contact Kelli Brantley at (405) 942-3800 ext. 4643
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Help men and women have hope and choose life for their babies.
We are the hands and feet of Jesus to a world desperate for Hope.

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CHURCH IN ACTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS
ERIC COSTANZO

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ON THE COVER
Praise band