

# this week

## Sunday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Praise Ringers-Student Handbells,  
 Benevolence Committee/Interviewers Mtg.  
 3:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. Student Ministry Escape Room Event,  
 Committee on Committees Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Portraits of Praise - Preschool & Kids  
 Choirs Spring Program

## Monday, May 4

9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells, Men's Game Night  
 7:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe

## Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 11:15 a.m. Bridge Builders Luncheon  
 5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

## Wednesday, May 6

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m. South Tulsa Preschool Playgroup  
 11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Student Worship/Prayer, Men's Bible  
 Study, Women's-Lead Me Holy Spirit,  
 Kids Missions Pinewood Derby  
 6:30 p.m. College & Young Adults Pickleball Night  
 6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 7

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry  
 1:30 p.m. Early Learning Program Spring Sing

## Friday, May 8

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 6:00 p.m. Gideon's Pastor Appreciation Banquet

## Saturday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

May 6, 2026

Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy,  
 vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

Adults \$5.00, children (12 & under) \$3.50.

Please make your dinner reservations [online](#)  
 by Tuesday at noon. Questions? Call the  
 church office (918) 299-0904.



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## more

**WELCOME GUESTS** - We're glad you joined us! We would love to get to know you and/or pray for you. Fill out the form and submit prayer needs at [southtulsa.info](#). If you're worshipping with us today, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Area for Guests, adjacent to the Welcome Center, after the service to meet a member of our team and receive a welcome gift.



**COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS PICKLEBALL NIGHT** - Join us this Wednesday, May 6, for pickleball at Courts & Commons! Meet at Braum's (109th & Memorial) at 6:30 p.m. We will play pickleball at 8:00 p.m. We'll cover the courts, just bring your own paddle and ball. Please RSVP on GroupMe.

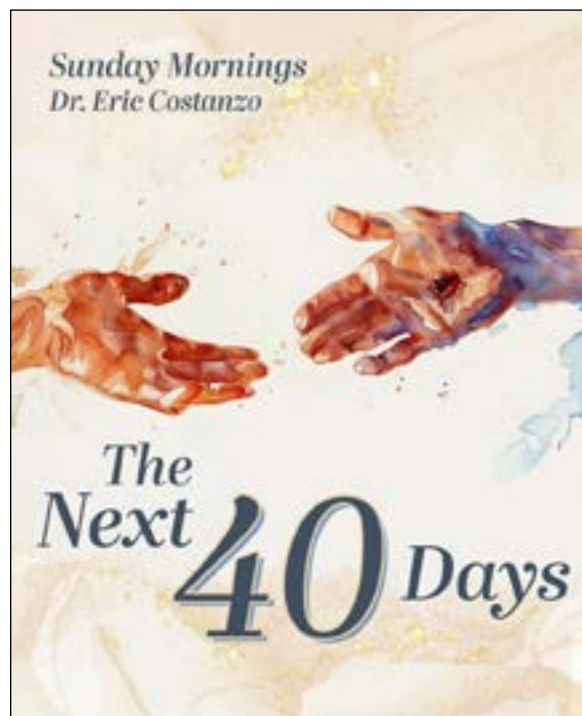
**COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS BACKYARD WORSHIP NIGHT** - Let's gather at the White's house on Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for acoustic worship around the fire. Please RSVP on GroupMe.

**SUMMER MUSIC ACTIVITY FOR KIDS PLANNING MEETINGS** - If you are helping with SMAK, SMAK Jr or PreSMAK please attend a leadership meeting on Wednesday, May 13. PreSMAK leaders meet at 5:30 p.m. in D268-269; SMAK/SMAK Jr leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. in D268-269.

**MEN'S MORNING PRAYER AND DEVOTION** - Men of all ages, please join us Thursday, May 14, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel for a time of praying together and a small devotional. Coffee and donuts are provided!

**VBS TEACHER'S MEETINGS** - There are meetings on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. for everyone helping with VBS. Elementary teachers will meet in D172, Preschool teachers will meet in D165. We will distribute curriculum and review all the details for a successful VBS!

*(For more information about upcoming events, please go to [southtulsa.org](#).)*



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## 8:30 AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 71:22-23 Michael Ware  
*Rejoice*  
*Holy Forever*  
**Welcome** Phillip White  
**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 53:4-6  
**Stephen Ministry Commissioning** - Lisa Woods  
**Prayer**  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
*King of Kings*  
**Announcements** Zack Hudson  
**Greeting Time**  
**Scripture Reading** John 20:24-29 Emily Forney  
**Message** "The Next 40 Days" Eric Costanzo  
**My Response** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 71:22-23 Julie Jackson  
*Oh, the Glory of Your Presence* Ladies Ensemble  
*Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen*  
*Since I Have Been Redeemed*  
**Prayer & Welcome** Phillip White  
**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 53:4-6  
**Stephen Ministry Commissioning** - Lisa Woods  
*It Is Well with My Soul*  
**Choral Worship** *Sometimes I Hear God's Music*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
**Announcements** Zack Hudson  
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## National Day of Prayer

Jesse Johnston

This week on May 7, it will be the National Day of Prayer.

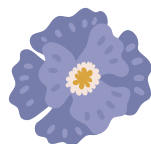
This year, the theme is **Glorify God Among the Nations**. Throughout scripture, God reminds His people that He has a redemptive plan for the nations. God blessed Abraham and promised that a descendant would come who would bless all the nations of the earth. This was fulfilled in Jesus, and now the Church lives within that mission as it shares the Gospel with the world.

Our College and Young Adult group has been studying the book of Romans all semester. It has been an amazing study of God's grace and about who we are to be as a people shaped by our relationship with Christ. As Paul draws his letter to the Romans to a close, he calls this beloved group into a time of prayer for him and his ministry of sharing the Gospel with those who have not heard the name of Jesus. His instruction can guide us as we approach this day of praying for God's glory among the nations.

In Romans 15:30, Paul urges the Romans to join his struggle by praying for him. We may not be called as a missionary to another nation, but we can join their struggle as their brothers and sisters by interceding for them in prayer. In verse 31, Paul specifically asks the Romans to pray for his safety as he goes to a people that may be hostile to the Gospel. Let us not stop praying for the safety of missionaries and for the hearts of those with whom they share Christ. Pray that they find people of peace who will welcome them into their communities.

Paul finishes by asking them to pray that he may joyfully join them in person and be refreshed by their company. Pray that the Church around the world will be a unified people that is refreshing to one another as we are on mission for Christ. Go into this special time of prayer, seeking the Lord's provision for missionaries around the world and for our community of faith here in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as we encounter the nations right here at home.

## Bridge Builders Luncheon



Join us for our next luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, at 11:15 a.m. in the South Tulsa Chapel for a Mother's Day celebration. Our guest speaker is Carolyn Curry. Philip Stephens and Sherry Remy will bless us with special music. Enjoy a wonderful lunch and a great time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please make your reservations at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

## Ministry Financial Plan - Budget Q&A Sessions

We will have two Q&A sessions to go over the 2026-2027 Ministry Financial Plan, so you can pick whichever date works best with your schedule. The first session is Wednesday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the second is Sunday, May 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Printed copies of the plan will be available for you to pick up and review by May 10. Our church will vote on the proposed Ministry Financial Plan at the end of both morning services on Sunday, June 7.

## Falls Creek 2026

Falls Creek camp is coming up June 15-19 for students in grades 7-12, and you won't want to miss it! This year's in-cabin theme is Set Apart, where we'll explore what it means to be set apart for holiness by God and how that shapes the way we live every day. It's going to be an incredible week packed with fun—volleyball, kickball, tons of ICEEs, and plenty of time to hang out. But more than anything, it's a chance to grow in your faith, spend meaningful time in community with other believers, and dive deep into Scripture together. The cost is \$225 and registration is open now, [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

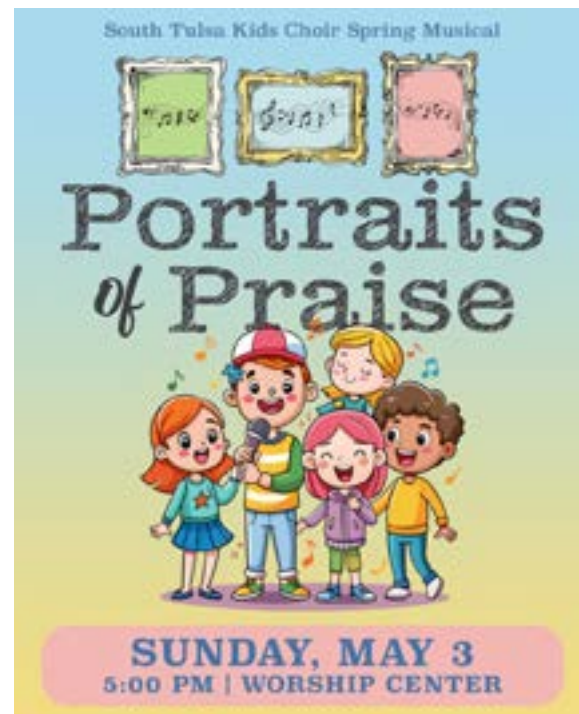
## Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday is May 17! We will recognize all of our graduates during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. If you or your student would like to be recognized as one of our 2026 High School Graduates, please contact Dani Jones at [dani@southtulsa.org](mailto:dani@southtulsa.org). Our High School seniors and their families are invited to a luncheon, following the service, in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP online at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events) by May 11.

2026 COLLEGE graduates, and others completing graduate degrees, will also be recognized on Sunday, May 17. If you or your student would like to be included, contact Laura McFarlin at [lauram@southtulsa.org](mailto:lauram@southtulsa.org). Please include a photo, name of university, degree earned, and future plans. All information must be received by May 11.

## Portraits of Praise

Come and join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. as our Kids Choirs present their spring program. All preschool and elementary choirs, chimes, and handbells will join together in the Worship Center for a musical tour through a Christian art exhibition. We will celebrate the gospel and sing praises to our great God.



## 10th Anniversary Celebration



On Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate Pastor Eric's 10th anniversary at South Tulsa. Join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future. Special recognition will take place in the morning worship services at 8:30 & 10:50 a.m., followed by a reception in the Commons at noon. Let's show our love and appreciation to Eric, Rebecca, and their family for a decade of faithful leadership, service, and spiritual guidance! A basket for cards is located at the Welcome Center.

## Summer Fun

Registration is open at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events)!

### Summer Music Activity for Kids:

PreSMAK is June 1-3, 10:00 a.m. to noon for preschoolers age 3 years (by 9/1/25) - kindergarten. The cost is \$30. SMAK & SMAK Jr are June 1-5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SMAK is for 3rd-6th grade and the cost is \$50. SMAK Jr is for 1st-2nd grade and is \$40.



### Vacation Bible School:

VBS is June 22-25, 9:00 a.m. to noon for kids who have completed kindergarten - 6th grade, and it's free!

## Summer Volunteers Needed!

Did you know that our summer kids programs are some of the biggest outreach events we host each year? Each summer we get to meet and welcome dozens of new families from our community. Our teachers are a vital part of this outreach opportunity. This year we are still looking for teachers for both PreSMAK (June 1-3) and preschool and elementary Vacation Bible School (June 23-26). Please talk to Rebecca Johnston if you are interested in serving this summer!

## last week

### GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts . . . . . \$3,769,187  
Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . 3,759,572  
General Fund . . . . . 66,213

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . . 452  
Students . . . . . 60  
Children . . . . . 105  
Preschool . . . . . 88  
Unclassified . . . . . 10  
Total . . . . . 715

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . . 35  
People Helped . . . . . 246  
Showers . . . . . 50  
Hot Meals . . . . . 243  
Church . . . . . 14  
Needs: peanut butter, and canned protein.

### JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers . . . . . 46  
People Helped . . . . . 227  
Needs: men's jeans, new adult underwear.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nathan Kelley . . . . . by statement

### MINISTRY STAFF

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