

this week

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study – All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Discipleship Group Leader/Facilitator Interest Meeting
5:00 p.m. Quarterly Conference, Hymns & Ice Cream, Student Discipleship
6:00 p.m. Young Adult Group–Men’s Bible Study

Monday, July 27

9:00 a.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes, Young Adult Basketball
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Men’s Ministry Game Night

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. ESL Classes
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes, Student Ministry Pool Party at the Perona’s Home
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, Young Adults–Unfiltered

Thursday, July 30

10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Gideons Meeting

NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 29, 2026

Summer in PSALMS

Sunday, July 26 – Psalm 84

Sunday, August 2 – Bobby Kelly



*“Blessed are those who dwell
in your house;
they are ever praising you.”*

~ Psalm 84:4



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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.

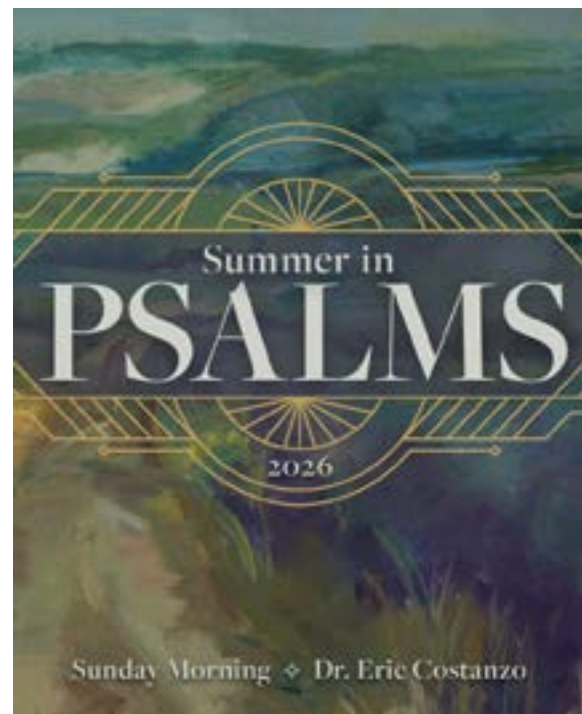


BRIDGE BUILDERS LUNCHEON – Join us for our next luncheon on Tuesday, August 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the South Tulsa Chapel as we honor Christ and the Gospel by celebrating our past and anticipating our future! Enjoy a wonderful lunch and this great time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend. Make your reservations at southtulsa.org/events.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KIDS – Jenks CarePoint is collecting back-to-school supplies for our client families through August 9. Supplies can be dropped off in the CarePoint cart in the South Tulsa Atrium or at Jenks CarePoint, Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon. You may purchase supplies from the list online or directly from our Amazon wish list. Questions? Call (918) 600-2099.

JUNIOR/SENIOR TRIP – We recently took our Junior/Senior Trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico, and it was a great few days filled with fellowship and adventure! Students and sponsors enjoyed riding the ski lift, exploring Taos, relaxing, and making memories through karaoke, late-night conversations, and line dancing in Red River. The trip gave students and leaders valuable time to strengthen relationships, encourage one another, and rest from the busyness of summer. We will miss our graduated seniors but send them off to Laura McFarlin and the Young Adult group joyously!

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



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8:30 AM Worship

Welcome and Prayer Phillip White
Call to Worship Isaiah 45:22-24a
Lion and the Lamb
New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-5
Worship in Giving and Children’s Offering
Hymn of Heaven
Announcements Eric Costanzo
5-Year Anniversary Recognition – Phillip White
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Psalm 84 Kantrell Bradley
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
Sean & Lara McKinney
Message “Summer in Psalms” Eric Costanzo
My Response *Be Thou My Vision*
New Commitments – New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

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Be Strong In the Lord | O Worship the King
New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1-5
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Choral Worship *We Love You Lord*
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My Response *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
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Abide

Dani Jones

I am not always one to have a “word of the year” when a new year begins, but I was encouraged by members of my praying mom’s group to find a verse of the year to pray over for each of my kids, my husband, and a verse for myself.

When I was trying to think of a verse for me, the word “abide” kept coming to my mind like a soft, consistent whisper and led me to choose John 15:4. The verse says, “*Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.*” I had no idea when I selected John 15:4 as my verse for the year that the Lord would lead me to the position of Student Ministry Associate. In fact, when Seth approached me about the position, I promptly told him he was crazy and that I am just a mom, with no qualifications for this role. The funny thing about John 15, though, is that the command is not to bear fruit. The command is to remain. We bear fruit only when we are connected to the True Vine. It is not about us or what we can do for the Kingdom but simply being a branch that has the privilege of bearing His fruit. The Holy Spirit is the fruit producer; we just get to be attached to the producer and fruit is displayed from that.

The theme of abide keeps coming up. It has led me to look at what Jesus means in John 15 when he calls believers to abide in Him. What I have taken it to mean in the past is what I can bring to the Lord so I can be accepted. What tasks can I perform to make me look better? What Bible study can I lead, event I can attend, church event I can help with that really makes me appear like I am abiding? But the action here is not performative; the call is to REMAIN in Jesus. Drawing close to the Father is not about what I can do, it is that He is the source of life, He is the living water, He is the hope. To dwell in Him is letting Him be my portion, my identity, my purpose.

While we were on Jr/Sr trip this last week, our wonderful intern, Rose, gave her testimony and it led to such a great conversation where

we discussed – how do we abide in Jesus? The answer I really needed to hear was to read your Bible and pray every day. I know it seems so simple, but sometimes it’s the simplest things we forget/dismiss, isn’t it? I don’t want to get so caught up in the “big ideas” that I forget the most important and that is to remain in my Lord. For me, that means to come to Him and His Word daily and to be in constant conversation with Him to fill me up. I cannot bear fruit without being connected to the True Vine. I want my eyes to be focused on the command of remaining in the Lord above all else. Only then does the fruit come.

“I have asked one thing from the Lord; it is what I desire: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking Him in His temple” Psalm 27:4.

Baptist Children’s Home Back-to-School Event

The annual event fundraiser is on Saturday, August 8, at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Broken Arrow. Come cheer on the children and moms of Baptist Children’s Home. This year’s theme is “Love in Action.” The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m., program begins at 10:30 a.m. Funds raised benefit the children and families at the OBHC Owasso campus. Visit obhc.org/owasso-styleshow for event information.

A Women's Ministry-Titus2gether Enrichment Event

Unlock Your
Spiritual Gifts with JAMY FISHER

Sat, August 8
3:00-4:30 pm • Chapel

Discover your spiritual gifts and unlock ways to serve out your giftings.

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Congratulations Phillip White



5-Year Anniversary

Five years ago, South Tulsa welcomed a new minister of administration in his mid twenties. Everyone knew the role would come with significant responsibility and “big shoes” to fill. Nevertheless, we were fully confident that God called Phillip and Clairra White into this new opportunity, and God has confirmed that calling in countless ways ever since. Phillip pursues all his work with excellence, and his minister’s heart bears constant witness to God’s calling on his life. Clairra has used her heart for missions, people, and her many gifts to bless our church. Perhaps most special of all has been watching their family grow from the two to a precious group of four, as we’ve welcomed both Ezra and Theo. Join us in celebrating Phillip and Clairra White and their five years of serving our church so well!

Discipleship Groups Beginning in September

Discipleship is our lifelong journey of following Jesus as we grow in Christlikeness as the Family of God. Our goals will be to strengthen:

- Biblical understanding for the Christian life
- Relationships in our community of faith
- Foundations of faith in our homes, church, and neighborhoods
- Mission welcoming and sending so that our personal and church commitment to make disciples remains constant until Christ returns.

If you are interested in learning more about leading or facilitating a discipleship small group, please join our Discipleship Group leaders’ interest meeting **TODAY, July 26, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room.

If you’re interested in being part of a discipleship group to build you up and encourage you as you follow Jesus, more information can be found at southtulsa.org/discipleship-groups. Registration begins **Sunday, August 9.**

Titus2gether Women’s Mentoring

If you desire to see the women of South Tulsa encouraged and built up in the faith, then get involved in Titus2gether. Mentoring trios consist of a mentor, mentee, and a prayer warrior. Trios are formed with prayerful consideration; however, existing mentoring partnerships are also welcome. The kickoff for our fall semester is Sunday, August 23 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Choir Suite. Please register by August 17, southtulsa.org/events.

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday is August 9!
Next Sunday, August 2, preschoolers and children will pick up a card with their new room number. Preschoolers will receive these in the classrooms at drop-off. Elementary kids will pick them up from the Kids Ministry Welcome Desk. Feel free to help your child(ren) find their new room so they know where to go. Everyone will move to their new classroom on Sunday, August 9!



Volunteer

Opportunities at The Ministry Center

We’re looking for volunteers to serve on Wednesdays in the clothing room at The Ministry Center. Volunteers will welcome and assist guests as they shop for clothing and help them complete the checkout process before they leave. If you’re interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Lisa (918-812-1061 or lisa@ministry-center.org). We’d love to have you on the team!

Children’s Choir Opportunities

An assistant teacher is needed in the 2026-2027 Kindergarten Choir class on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:25 p.m. beginning in September. Anyone interested can reach out to Sean (sean@southtulsa.org).

last week

GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts	\$224,583
Ministry Financial Plan	336,660
General Fund	61,102

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	496
Students	55
Children	82
Preschool	82
Unclassified	10
Total	725

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	34
People Helped	205
Showers	60
Hot Meals	183
Church	21
<i>Needs: canned veggies, canned beans, peanut butter.</i>	

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers	61
People Helped	364
Received School Supplies to date	362
<i>Needs: school supplies, back-to-school clothing/shoes.</i>	

MINISTRY STAFF

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High School Junior/Senior Trip