

this week

Sunday, August 30
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Discipleship Group Leader Training
4:30 p.m. Middle School Discipleship Groups
5:00 p.m. Before the Throne-Orchestra,
High School Discipleship Groups

Monday, August 31
9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. Men's Ministry Game Night

Tuesday, September 1
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

Wednesday, September 2
9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
9:15 a.m. Early Learning Program-Camp Kinder
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels, South Tulsa
Preschool Playgroup
11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m. Preschool Choirs, Kids Choirs,
Bible Study-*Job*
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Men's Bible
Study-*1 Corinthians*
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, Womens Bible Study-
Becoming a Vessel
6:30 p.m. Kids Missions (RA, GA, Mission Friends
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Student Ministry (*High School*)
Guatemala Mission Trip Information Meeting

Thursday, September 3
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
1:15 p.m. Precept-Revelation Pt 1

Friday, September 4
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Saturday, September 5
8:00 a.m. Gideons Meeting

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WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER
August 26, 2026

*Shrimp, baked potato bar, hush puppies,
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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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.



MUSIC MINISTRY LADIES BUNCO NIGHT - Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Choir room.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: BECOMING A VESSEL GOD CAN USE - Beginning September 2, on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Room C247. Books are \$17 and can be purchased when registering at southtulsa.org/events.

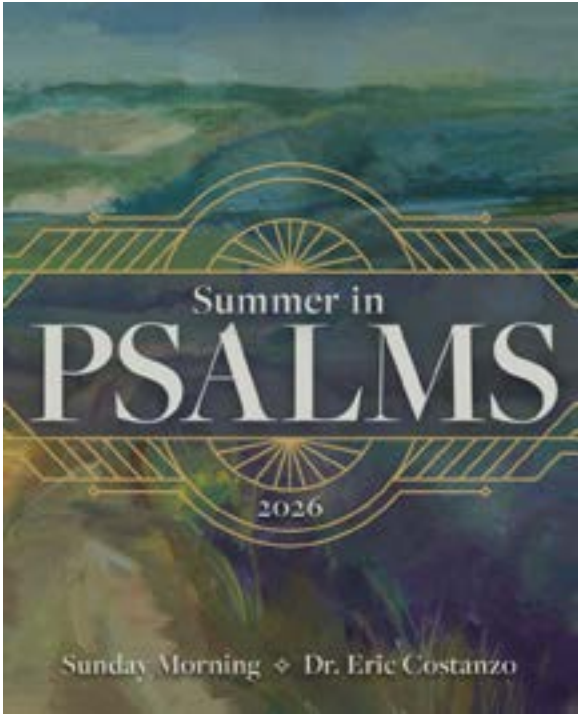
BIBLE STUDY: JOB - Beginning September 2, on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room C245. Taught by Jeff Curtiss.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS - Beginning September 2, on Wednesday nights, 5:45-6:45 p.m., in the Conference Room, and follows the children's schedule.

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT: REVELATION (Part 1 of 4) - Beginning September 3, on Thursdays, 1:15-3:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. Books are \$25 and may be picked up in the church office. Complete the first lesson before our first meeting. Register online at southtulsa.org/events.

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT: JOSHUA - Beginning September 14, on Mondays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Choir Suite. Books are \$22 and will be handed out at the first class. Please complete the first lesson by 9/21. If you are planning to attend, please let Mary know by email, mvsommers@gmail.com.

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



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8:30 AM Worship

Welcome and Prayer Rebecca Johnston
Call to Worship Matthew 7:24-27
No. 515 *The Solid Rock*
Observance of the Lord's Supper
No. 404 *The Communion Hymn (Behold The Lamb)*
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Christ Be Magnified
Announcements Phillip White
Discipleship Emphasis Zack Hudson, Seth Spoo
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Psalm 127 Cash Curry
Message "Summer in Psalms" Eric Costanzo
My Response *Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Welcome and Prayer Rebecca Johnston
Call to Worship Matthew 7:24-27
No. 515 *The Solid Rock*
New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 3:10-11
No. 346 *The Church's One Foundation*
Observance of the Lord's Supper
No. 404 *The Communion Hymn (Behold The Lamb)*
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Choral Worship *God Is Our Refuge*
Announcements Phillip White
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Different Roads, Same Destination

Phillip White

One of my favorite movie series and fandoms of all time is *Star Wars*. The original trilogy from the '70s-'80s was and still is an amazing tale of good defeating evil. *Star Wars* has many characters that make up its universe and give us stories to remember. Two lesser-known, more recent characters that have stuck out to me are the Rebel fanatics named Luthen and Saw. Both are supporters of the Rebellion, fighting the tyranny of the Empire. While they share a common enemy and are aligned to the same side, they operate completely differently – Luthen is organized, diplomatic, and cunning, while Saw is aggressive, militant, and reckless. Both are ruthless in their methods, but they are often in conflict with each other and don't agree with the other's strategies. One conversation particularly captures their disagreement well, **Luthen Rael**: "I'm the one that says we'll die with nothing if we don't put aside our petty differences." **Saw Gerra**: "Petty? I am the only one with clarity of purpose."

Looking at the Rebellion's efforts in hindsight, it is certain that both men were critical to its success. Two people with completely different ideologies, fighting for the same end goal.

How often do we see this play out in our faith? Someone who may not think the same as you, but is ultimately working toward the same goal? Our flesh may want to meet someone with disagreement and disunity, but the Lord often wants us to listen and try to understand first. I'm not talking about false teaching or doctrine, but rather someone taking a different road than you would have. We see Jesus speak on this concept in Luke, "'Master,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.' 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said, 'for whoever is not against you is for you'" (Luke 9:49-50). The Lord made us all each uniquely as the Body, and we see so many commands throughout Scripture to preserve unity. When we work together, despite disagreements, we glorify God and point others to Him.

Discipleship Groups

Beginning in September - Register Now

Discipleship is our lifelong journey of following Jesus as we grow in Christlikeness as the Family of God. There will be small groups for men, women, couples, and families. Groups can meet at church, in homes, or other locations. On Sunday nights from 4:30-6:00 p.m., kids (birth-6th grade) will also dive into Paul's letter to the Philippians with an interactive video series, scripture memory, and games. On Wednesday nights kids will participate in our Music and Mission activities.

Discipleship groups launch the week of September 20. More information can be found at southtulsa.org/discipleship-groups.

We need anyone interested in leading/facilitating a group to register [HERE](#) or scan the QR on the right. Please attend leader/facilitator training today, August 30 at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall or next Sunday, 9/6. If you would like to participate in a group, please register [HERE](#) or scan the QR to the left. Let's encourage and build one another up in the faith as we follow Jesus.



FACILITATOR



PARTICIPANT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lori Naiman by letter
Ava Gainer by statement
Barbara VanSickle by letter

SOUTH TULSA KIDS
Preschool Choirs
Children's Choirs
Mission Friends
Royal Ambassadors
Girls in Action

Music and Missions

Wednesday Nights
5:30 & 6:30 PM
Register Now
southtulsa.org/events

Begins 9/2

Bridge Builders Luncheon

Our next luncheon is Tuesday, September 1, 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the Bluegrass Gospel music of the Parkhill Pickers, a great lunch, and sweet fellowship. Sign up online, southtulsa.org/events.

Wednesday Nights

Begin again on September 2!

Join us mid-week for our Fellowship Dinner, Bible Study and Prayer, Kid's Music and Missions, Student Worship, choir rehearsals, men's and women's Bible studies, and more. There is something for everyone! Make your dinner reservations now, southtulsa.org/events.



Men's Morning

Prayer and Devotion

September 10, 6:00-7:00 a.m., Chapel

Men of all ages gather on the second Thursday of the month to pray together, and share a small devotional. Please join us. Coffee and donuts are provided!

September 13, 2026

Legacy
SUNDAY

Sunday Bible Study
9:15 a.m.

One Morning Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Vision Service
5:00 p.m.

CEO Widows Ministry

Apple of His Eye

Widows of South Tulsa, please join us on Saturday, September 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, fun, and fellowship!

Please bring a favorite recipe and any kitchen hint or hack you use when cooking for one. Please



RSVP at southtulsa.org/events by September 9.

Financial Peace University

Begins September 20 « Sundays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. « South Tulsa Conference Room

In this nine-week course, you'll learn how to pay off debt, invest for the future, and give generously. Dave Ramsey has been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles for almost 30 years. And they work. The cost is \$80 per family. Partial scholarships are available upon request. You will receive FPU materials and online resources. Space is limited. We're encouraging couples to attend together. Child-care is available by registration. Please register by September 14 at, southtulsa.org/events.

Young Adults

Our Wednesday Night Worship and Bible Study begins on September 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Join us for an in-depth study through the book of Jude. We will explore how to contend for the faith, recognize false teaching, and remain steadfast in Christ as God keeps His people secure.

GriefShare

NEW SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14 - GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of your loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Our group meets on Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

last week

GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts \$668,602
Ministry Financial Plan 742,296
General Fund 113,906

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 519
Students 75
Children 85
Preschool 83
Unclassified 10
Total 772

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 32
People Helped 211
Showers 41
Hot Meals 115
Church 18
Needs: canned veggies/beans, peanut butter.

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 48
People Helped 268
Prayed to Receive Christ 1
Needs: teen boy formal wear.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Sunday Worship at South Tulsa