

this week

Sunday, September 20
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study – All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Ministry Center Leadership Team Mtg.
5:00 p.m. Discipleship Groups Launch Service
6:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, September 21
9:00 a.m.–1:15 p.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
1:00 p.m. Precept-*Joshua*
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Men’s Ministry Game Night
7:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe

Tuesday, September 22
9:00 a.m.–1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday, September 23
9:00 a.m.–1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
4:15 p.m. Kids Chimes, Kids Handbells
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m. Preschool Choirs, Kids Choirs,
Bible Study-*Job*, Student Choir
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Men’s Bible
Study-1 *Corinthians*
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, Young Adult Group,
Womens-*Becoming a Vessel*
6:30 p.m. Kids Missions (RA, GA, Mission Friends)
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24
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*
6:00 p.m. FIT Ladies Dinner Night, Gideon’s
Dinner Meeting

Friday, September 25
Women’s Ministry Trip to Jen Wilkin, In the Word
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
6:00 p.m. Faithbuilders Class Fellowship

Saturday, September 26
Women’s Ministry Trip to Jen Wilkin, In the Word
8:00 a.m. Gideons Meeting

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WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER
September 23, 2026

*Mini meatloaf, vegetable, twice-baked
mashed potatoes, roll, 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.

ADVISORY COUNCIL TONIGHT – The Advisory Council will meet tonight, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EXTENDED TIME OF RESPONSE – If you have decisions you wish to share, need prayer, have questions, or would like to join the church, please meet with a minister after the service in the Commons at the seating area just to the right (west) of the Kids Ministry welcome desk.

SERMON NOTES – The sermon notes are translated into four different languages – Spanish, Burmese, Chinese, and Russian – located right outside the Worship Center.

STUDENT HANDBELLS – Student Handbells will be starting soon, rehearsing on Sundays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join, even if you don’t have experience ringing. This will be an exciting new year of music! If you have any questions, please reach out to Neva Hayley or Sean McKinney. Registration is open - just follow this [link](#)!

JOIN OUR WEAVING MINISTRY – Each Thursday at noon, the ladies in the Weaving Ministry take plastic grocery bags and make sleeping mats and pillows for the underprivileged. They would love to have you join them as they serve the community!

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

Sunday Mornings

Philippians 2026

Dr. Eric Costanzo

SEPTEMBER 20, 5:00 PM
LAUNCH | WORSHIP | CHALLENGE

GROWING IN
CHRISTLIKENESS AS
THE FAMILY
OF GOD

DISCIPLESHIP
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8:30 AM Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 100 Michael Ware
Rejoice
The Lord Is My Salvation
Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3:1-6 Zack Hudson
Offertory Prayer Zack Hudson
Worship in Giving and Children’s Offering
Build My Life
Announcements Zack Hudson
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Philippians 1:1-11 Bob Ball
Message “Philippians” Eric Costanzo
My Response *His Glory and My Good*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Baptism – Chloe Lento
Call to Worship Psalm 100 Michael Ware
No. 283 *Redeemed*
No. 172 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3:1-6 Lori Carver
Trust and Obey
Offertory Prayer Michael Ware
Worship in Giving and Children’s Offering
Choral Worship *Amazing Love*
Our God Will Go Before Us
Announcements Zack Hudson
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With You Lord, I am Blessed

Rebecca Johnston

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Have you ever read these three instructions from Paul (especially on a bad day) and thought “Well that’s impossible”? No? Just me? I have often asked when coming across these verses how God can expect us to do these things when we are surrounded by a fallen world where we experience so much pain and suffering?

However, as I have contemplated these instructions, I have come to notice Paul does not tell us to rejoice because of the things happening or say we have to be thankful for the hard times. Rather, he is calling followers of Christ to find reasons to rejoice, pray, and give thanks in the midst of those circumstances.

When hard days hit, it is easy to focus on what we have lost, the things we wish were different, or the things that are out of our control. But if our focus turns to gratitude, our perspective changes. A focus on gratitude helps us look for the blessings that are still present even when our circumstances are not what we would have hoped for.

The song *I’m So Blessed* by CAIN has been stuck in my head this week after I read these verses. The chorus of this song says, “On my best day, I’m a child of God. On my worst day, I’m a child of God. Every day is a good day and you’re the reason why. I’m so blessed, I’m so blessed. Got this heartbeat in my chest. It doesn’t matter about the rest. If I got you Lord, I’m so blessed.” This song is a reminder that our greatest blessing is simply belonging to God.

Today may not be one of your best days. You might be carrying something no one else can see. If so, I encourage you to remember God’s goodness in the midst of it.

You can rejoice because He is with you. You can pray because He hears you. You can give thanks because you belong to Him.

Philippians

New Sermon Series Begins Today

This fall, our Sunday morning study of Philippians will be paired with our discipleship emphasis and the curriculum being used by our D-groups. The letter of Philippians is the perfect starting place for biblical teaching on following Christ as a disciple. This letter speaks to obedience and faithfulness in the life of the individual believer, and the importance of being healthy and unified in the Church. Philippians presents God’s instructions in a warm and encouraging tone, as believers are challenged to conduct ourselves at all times and in all places “in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Songs of Faith

Volume 2 - Available at the Welcome Center
Be sure and pick up your copy of the Fall 2026 edition of Songs of Faith. Whether you are a musician or not, I believe you will receive a blessing through using this book as a devotional tool. It contains 10 new and classic songs that we will be singing in the months to come. Each song is paired with Scripture readings and a devotional written by one of our ministers. I pray that this resource would help us to sing with understanding and to become more devoted followers of Christ.



Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Join us for a Bible Study on Wednesday night! A group meets for Bible Study and Prayer in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. A men’s study of *1 Corinthians* meets, 5:45-6:45 p.m., in the Conference Room. A group meets to study *Job* at 5:30 p.m. in room C245, and a Women’s group is exploring *Becoming a Vessel God Can Use* at 6:00 p.m. in room C247.

Discipleship Groups Launch Tonight

Discipleship is our lifelong journey of following Jesus as we grow in Christlikeness as the Family of God. Our small groups for men, women, couples, and families launch tonight! Everyone, including the kids, will dive into Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Let’s encourage and build one another up as we follow Jesus. The launch, worship, and challenge are tonight, September 20, in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. We will all gather in the Chapel, meet our facilitator(s) and other group members, and receive the Philippians materials. Learn more about Discipleship Groups online at southtulsa.org/discipleship-groups.

Stephen Ministers Listen

Stephen Ministry is a vital part of our church. A Stephen Minister is trained to help someone who may be experiencing difficult life situations such as loss of a family member, job loss, divorce, estrangement of family, and other personal difficulties. Listening is an important part of a Stephen Minister’s role in helping someone during a time of need. You might just need a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are available to listen, support and pray with you. If you or someone you know would like more information, please call the church office. You will be contacted by a Stephen Minister.

Bridge Builders Luncheon

Join us on Tuesday, October 6 at 11:15 a.m. in the South Tulsa Chapel for our Bridge Builders Luncheon. Let’s celebrate Gospel Music with the Music Man, our special guest, Wade Daniel in concert. Wade is the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Enjoy a wonderful lunch and great time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Make your reservations now, southtulsa.org/events.



Legacy Sunday

Deacon Nominations

Members of South Tulsa are asked to prayerfully submit names of those persons whom they feel should serve as deacons in 2027. Deacon nomination forms are available today at the Welcome Center and the tables in the Worship Center, or can be filled out [online](#). Completed forms are due October 11.



Student Choir

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us as we prepare to sing in both morning services (8:30 & 10:50 a.m.) on Sunday, October 11. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, September 23, September 30, and October 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Room.

Men’s Morning Prayer and Devotion

Men of all ages, please join us Thursday, October 8, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We meet on the second Thursday to pray together and a small devotional is also shared with the group. Coffee and donuts provided!

Volunteer

Photography Team Opportunities

We are seeking individuals who enjoy taking photos to serve on our church photography team. If you would be interested in serving or learning more about serving on the team, please contact Kim Hayes at kim@southtulsa.org.

last week

GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts	\$891,756
Ministry Financial Plan	992,335
General Fund	84,887

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults	424
Students	56
Children	79
Preschool	82
Unclassified	10
Total	651

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers	34
People Helped	183
Showers	36
Hot Meals	194
Church	18
Accepted Christ	1
<i>Needs: canned veggies/beans, peanut butter.</i>	

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers	49
People Helped	296
<i>Needs: men’s and children’s jeans.</i>	

MINISTRY STAFF

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