

this week

**Sunday, April 13** - Palm Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages  
10:50 a.m. Worship  
12:10 p.m. Student Praise Ringers  
12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Ordination Council  
4:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble  
5:00 p.m. Licensing & Ordination Service,  
Kids Sunday Nights  
6:00 p.m. Reception for Jesse Johnston, Student  
Discipleship

**Monday, April 14**  
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
1:30 p.m. Ladies Jubilee Belles  
2:00 p.m. CEO Widow's Ministry Leadership Mtg.  
4:30 p.m. CEO Widow's Min. Food & Fellowship  
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Celebration Ringers,  
Men's Ministry Game Night  
7:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe

**Tuesday, April 15**  
9:00 a.m.-1:30 & 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m. Moms in Prayer  
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

**Wednesday, April 16**  
9:00 a.m.-1:30 & 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
9:30 a.m. Preschool Playgroup, ELP Teacher  
Planning Day  
4:15 p.m. Kid's Handbells, Kid's Chimes  
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
5:30 p.m. Kid's/Preschool Choirs,  
FIT Ladies Bible Study  
5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, Men's-Philippians  
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, College & Young Adult  
Night of Worship, Men's Bible Study, Ladies  
Bible Study-Living by the Book  
6:30 p.m. Kid's Missions (RA, GA, Mission Friends)  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 17**  
9:00 a.m.-1:30 & 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry  
1:00 p.m. Precept-Acts Pt 2

**Friday, April 18** - Good Friday  
Church Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 19**  
8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting, Deacon's Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Deacon & Wife Breakfast

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
April 16, 2025  
Italian baked chicken, rice, vegetables, 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.



**SONSHINE ROOM OPEN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS** - Our Sonshine Adaptive Room is now open all morning for preschoolers through fourth grade. Please make reservations to ensure student/teacher ratios are appropriate. Email [sonshine@southtulsa.org](mailto:sonshine@southtulsa.org) to make your reservation.

**DEACON'S MEETING & BREAKFAST** - Saturday, April 19: Deacon's Meeting, 8:00-9:30 a.m. including ordination council for Howard Hermes, followed by our Deacon and Wife (+1) Breakfast from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **NO Morning of Prayer this month.**

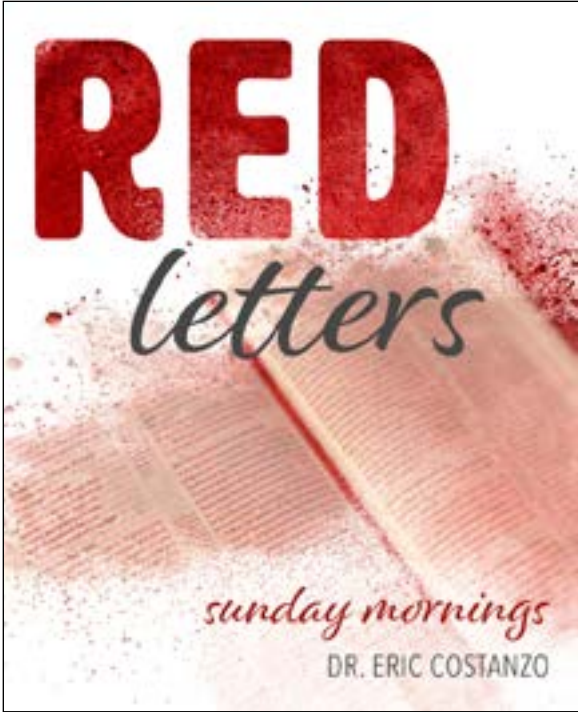
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20** - Identical worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday Bible study for all ages at 9:40 a.m. NO evening worship service.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27** - All-Church Family Worship at 5:00 p.m., Advisory Council at 6:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 4** - Quarterly Conference in Chapel at 4:15 p.m., Children's Choir Spring program in the Gym at 5:00 p.m.

**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 in the Church Office reception area, after the service.

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



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8:30AM Worship

**Call to Worship/Responsive Reading** Jesse and Rebecca Johnston Psalm 118:1-2, 16-29  
*Praise the King*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Phillip White, Kim Hayes  
**Announcements and Greeting Time**  
**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 41:1-4  
**Gideon Report** Dan Hayley  
*Because He Lives (Amen)*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
*Were You There?*  
**Scripture Reading** Mark 2:1-12 Bob Ball  
**Message** Red Letters Eric Costanzo  
**My Response** *Build My Life*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing** *Because He Lives (Amen)*

10:50AM Worship

**Call to Worship/Responsive Reading** Jesse and Rebecca Johnston Psalm 118:1-2, 16-29  
*Lamb of God* Ladies Ensemble  
*He Lives*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Phillip White, Kim Hayes  
**Announcements and Greeting Time**  
**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 41:1-4  
**Gideon Report** Dan Hayley  
**Choral Worship** *At the Cross*  
*Were You There?*  
*Lamb of Glory*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
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# Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Praise

by Michael Ware

Psalm 95 has always been one of my favorite passages of Scripture. It's one that we might read at the beginning of a service as a call to worship, and that would be very appropriate because it encourages the people of God to come, sing, shout, and kneel before the Lord. It also reminds us that we belong to God. What an amazing fact that we belong to and have a relationship with the God of the universe who created all things. It tells us that we are to worship this God with joy.

The second half of the Psalm takes a different turn and tells of a people who go astray in their hearts by retelling the wilderness wanderings. They put God to the test and He told them that they would not enter His rest. That doesn't sound like an encouraging passage that we might read at the beginning of a worship service. I've often wondered how these two parts of the psalm fit together. The psalmist expresses a call to praise as well as the Lord's rebuke. We were reminded in Pastor Eric's message from this past Sunday in Matthew 15, the attitude of our heart matters. That attitude will show in what comes out of our mouths and in our lives. I believe that Psalm 95 is saying something similar. We can learn that our coming, singing, shouting, and kneeling are all fruitless if our hearts are not in tune with God's heart. I pray that each of us could say, "Tune my heart to sing Thy praise." I am so thankful to be a part of our church family at South Tulsa, thankful to be in a church that sings their praises to God with enthusiasm. However, I am even more thankful to be in a church that seeks to follow after the Lord and obey Him with a whole heart.

# Good Friday

Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of worship, prayer, and reflection, on April 18 in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. as we remember Christ's love and His death on the cross.

# Licensing and Ordination Service

Please join us in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. to-night, April 13, for the licensing and ordination service for Jesse Johnston. You won't want to miss this special time. A reception will follow.

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

## Step Into the Story

Many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt," Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® move the mission forward providing support for thousands of missionaries. New churches are being planted in unreached communities and needs are being met. [Watch Tyler and Ashley Martin's story.](#)



# Women of Joy

## Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5

The Women's Ministry of South Tulsa will take a group to the Women of Joy conference in Branson, Missouri. Reserve your spot for \$25. Additional cost will include lodging and registration fee. The group will be reserving an Airbnb for lodging. Speakers are Lisa Harper, Whitney Capps, and Amber Emily Smith, with music by Katy Nicole, Laura Story, and Charles Billingsley. Transportation will be provided for the first 11 people to sign up. For more information or to sign up contact Sandy Ashford ([sandy@southtulsa.org](mailto:sandy@southtulsa.org)).

# CEO Widows Ministry

There are two events coming up just for the widows of South Tulsa. Please join us for our second Food and Fellowship night at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 14 at Cheddar's (71st street & Hwy 169). Dinner is Dutch treat.

The second is our "Run for the Roses" on Saturday, May 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this fun afternoon with friends. We will be making fascinators and taking pics in the photo spot! Bring a salty or sweet treat to share. Please RSVP by 4/28, [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

# Bridge Builders Luncheon

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



# Summer Fun

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

**Summer Music Activity for Kids:** PreSMAC is June 2-4, 10:00 a.m. to noon for preschoolers age 3 years (by 9/1/24) - kindergarten. The cost is \$20. SMAK & SMAK Jr are June 2-6, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SMAK is for 3rd-6th grade and cost \$40. SMAK Jr is for



1st-2nd grade and is \$35.

## Vacation Bible School:

VBS is June 23-26, 9:00 a.m. to noon for kids who have completed kindergarten - 6th grade, and it's free!



# College Graduation Recognition

We will be recognizing college graduates on Sunday, May 18. If you or your student would like to be included, please contact Laura McFarlin at [lauram@southtulsa.org](mailto:lauram@southtulsa.org) and include a photo, name of university, degree earned, and future plans. All information must be received by May 12.

# Preschool Playgroup

## Wednesdays, Now - May 21, 2025

South Tulsa Baptist preschoolers and a parent, or grandparent are invited to gather each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the new indoor playground. A guest may join you! Storytime will be at 10:20 and 11:20 a.m. Enter through the southeast playground doors. Park strollers outside the playground. No food or drinks inside - a water fountain is available. There will be no Preschool Playgroup on May 7. Please email any questions you may have to [sonshine@southtulsa.org](mailto:sonshine@southtulsa.org).

# End-of-Year Spring Kids Musicals

## The Amazing Grace Race

Our Children's Choir Spring Musical is Sunday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Gym. Hear our Choir Chimes and Children's Handbells present their spring selections, followed by our first-sixth grade choirs who will present, "The Amazing Grace Race."

## God's Masterpiece

Our Preschool/Kindergarten Choirs Spring program is in the Chapel on Wednesday, May 7 at 5:45 p.m. All Preschool/Kindergarten choirs, please meet in individual choir rooms at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Children's Handbells or Choir Chimes, and no Children's Choirs.

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## GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts . . . . . \$3,736,805  
Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . 3,259,132  
General Fund . . . . . 67,031

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . . 430  
Students . . . . . 86  
Children . . . . . 108  
Preschool . . . . . 82  
Unclassified . . . . . 10  
Total . . . . . 716

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . . 40  
People Helped . . . . . 175  
Meals . . . . . 120  
Showers . . . . . 46  
Church Service . . . . . 12  
*Needs: men's and boy's athletic pants, shorts*

## JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers . . . . . 56  
People Helped . . . . . 291  
*Needs: men's jeans, athletic shoes, children's jeans and summer clothing, new underwear*

## MINISTRY STAFF

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