

this week

- Sunday, August 3**
Collegiate Week at Falls Creek
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship, Baptism
2:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
4:00 p.m. Committee on Committees Meeting
- Monday, August 4**
Collegiate Week at Falls Creek
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Men's Ministry Game Night
- Tuesday, August 5**
Collegiate Week at Falls Creek
11:15 a.m. Bridge Builders Luncheon
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, August 6**
Collegiate Week at Falls Creek
10:00 a.m. Building All Children Playgroup
11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting
4:45 p.m. Student Worship Team Interest Meeting
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, Men's Bible Study,
Ladies Bible Study-What Every Christian
Ought to Know
6:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Pre-Choir Kickoff
- Thursday, August 7**
Collegiate Week at Falls Creek
10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry
- Friday, August 8**
FIT Ladies Retreat
5:30 p.m. Empty Nesters I Class Fellowship
- Saturday, August 9**
FIT Ladies Retreat
8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

SUMMER IN SAMUEL

This Week's Reading Plan

- 8/3: 2 Samuel 11

○ 8/4: Psalm 38

○ 8/5: 2 Samuel 12

○ 8/6: Psalm 51
- 8/7: Psalm 32

○ 8/8: 2 Samuel 13:1-22

○ 8/9: 2 Samuel 13:23-39

The Reading Plan is available on a printed bookmark at the Welcome Center.

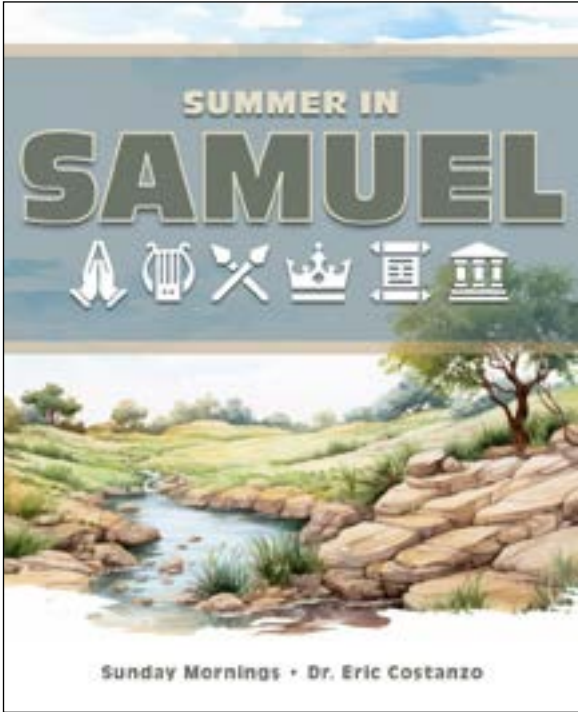


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- WELCOME GUESTS** - We're glad you joined us! We would love to get to know you and/or pray for you. Fill out the form and submit prayer needs at southtulsa.info. If you're worshipping with us today, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Area for Guests, adjacent to the Welcome Center, after the service to meet a member of our team and receive a welcome gift.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR JENKS CAREPOINT** - We are collecting school supplies through Sunday, August 10, to help Jenks CarePoint provide for client families. Donations can be placed in the Care-Point cart in the South Tulsa Atrium or at Jenks CarePoint, M-TH 9:00 a.m.-noon. A complete list of supplies needed can be found online at southtulsa.org/events. More information 918-600-2099.
- MORNING OF PRAYER** - Join us for our morning of prayer on Saturday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We will pray for our schools, teachers, and students as a new school year begins.
- WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO KNOW** - Ladies, please join us on Wednesdays, beginning August 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m., for a 13-week study in Room C247. *What Every Christian Ought to Know* by Adrian Rogers with Steve Rogers addresses essential truths like prayer, the Holy Spirit, resisting temptation, finding God's will, as well as the authority of the Bible and how to understand it better. Books may be purchased upon registration for \$10.50. Please sign up at southtulsa.org/events.
- CEO WIDOWS MINISTRY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** - The widows of South Tulsa are invited to our monthly Food and Fellowship at The Brook (91st & Memorial) on Monday, August 11 at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is "Dutch Treat."
- (For more information about upcoming events, please go to southtulsa.org.)*



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8:30AM Worship

- Call to Worship** Psalm 126:1-3 Lara McKinney
Great Things
Christus Victor (Amen)
Prayer and Welcome Zack Hudson, Kim Hayes
Announcements
New Testament Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Goodness of God
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 9:1-13 Teresa Powell
Message "Summer in Samuel" Eric Costanzo
My Response *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*
New Commitments - New Members
Commissioning - Jorja Hermes, Mission Associate
Blessing - *Goodness of God*

10:50AM Worship

- Baptism** Gwen Pierce
Call to Worship Revelation 4:9-11 Michael Ware
Choral Worship *Crown Him (Majesty)*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Trust and Obey
Prayer and Welcome Zack Hudson, Kim Hayes
Announcements
New Testament Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4
Commissioning - Jorja Hermes, Mission Associate
Christus Victor (Amen)
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Offertory *Hallelujah, What a Savior!*
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 9:1-13 Teresa Powell
Message "Summer in Samuel" Eric Costanzo
My Response *Lord, Here Am I*
Hallelujah, What a Savior!
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing - *Christus Victor (chorus)*



Cole Raymick, Student Ministry Intern

“I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was an outsider and you welcomed me...” Jesus called His disciples blessed by His heavenly Father, and it left them confused about when they had ever served Him in this way. He explained to them how whatever is done for the least of our brothers and sisters is done to Him (Matthew 25:31-46).

How would we treat Jesus if He walked into our church? Our challenge today is this: to care for the least among us. Who is the outsider? Who are the broken? Who are those who have been cast out? Who needs to be welcomed in? Who are the poor in our community? What friends do we need to reconcile with and care for? Can we care for those who hurt us (Matthew 5:43-47)?

This challenge comes with a testimony of joy. My family was welcomed to South Tulsa Baptist when we felt like strangers and outsiders. I remember feeling out of place and scared. It was the staff here and their kids, who are now my close brothers and friends, who invited me in while I was an outsider. For that, I am forever thankful. Much of our ministry in the church has been welcoming international outsiders. What a joy it is to serve others!

What a JOY! However, this is what we must remember: it will be hard. This type of joy must be fought for. There will be many moments in caring for one another and welcoming others where that joy does not appear worth it. When the ups and downs of life and caring for real people become messy, we must remember: the way we serve others is the way we serve Jesus Himself.

Again, I am so thankful for those who welcomed me in and entered into my mess while I was an outsider. I challenge us to continue to do this as a church body, for our King, King Jesus.

Welcome In the Outcast and the Least Among Us

Bridge Builders Luncheon

Please join us for our next Bridge Builders Luncheon on Tuesday, August 5, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. This month, our focus will be God’s Saving Grace. You will be blessed hearing from our guests: Jerry Zumwalt, Tom Ray, Jack Selby, and Doug White; and enjoy wonderful music with Philip Stephens and Sherry Remy. Let us know you’re attending by signing up online at southtulsa.org/events.



A Joyful Doxology

Enjoy an evening of instrumental praise as we join together to worship with the South Tulsa Orchestra on Sunday, August 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the South Tulsa Worship Center.

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday is coming up next week, August 10! This Sunday, August 3, 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 next week. Everyone will move to their new classroom on Sunday, August 10!

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 fall Titus2gether Women’s Mentoring Kickoff is on Sunday, August 24 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Music Suite. Learn more and sign up at southtulsa.org/events. Online registration ends August 18.

Men’s Morning Prayer & Devotion

Men of all ages—including teenagers and younger boys, please join us Thursday, August 14, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel for a time of prayer and devotion. Men meet on the second Thursday each month to pray for our church, our families, our community, our country, and the nations. A small devotional is also shared with the group. Coffee and donuts provided!

Hymns & Ice Cream

Please join the South Tulsa Choir and Orchestra in the Worship Center on Sunday, August 17, at 5:00 p.m. for a delightful evening of singing cherished songs of our faith followed by ice cream in the Commons! Bring your favorite ice cream to share with the church family. Let’s make Hymns & Ice Cream a sweet evening to remember.



Essentials of Effective Bible Teaching

You are invited to attend Essentials of Effective Bible Teaching on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Whether you are a new or seasoned student/teacher of the Bible, if you have been given the spiritual gift of teaching, or you have been called to teach for a season, we encourage you to participate in this teaching and discussion. Jeff Curtiss, our Sunday Bible Study Coordinator, who has over 38 years of experience teaching the Word of God, will be leading. We will discuss the basic framework of teaching and studying the Bible, and how to understand and apply God’s Word to daily life. God wants us to seek, knock, and ask Him about what He has inspired in the Bible so we can grow spiritually and disciple others. We will look at the most effective ways to accomplish what He has asked us to do. If you have questions, please contact Jeff at sbs@southtulsa.org. Register at southtulsa.org/events.

Worship Choir Kickoff

Come sing with us! Worship Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 13 at 6:45 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study

Galatians

Beginning September 3, men will meet on Wednesday nights, 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room for an in-depth study of Paul’s letter to the Galatians. This men’s group follows the children’s schedule on Wednesday evenings. If you have questions, please reach out to Phil DeYoung, Andy Ebert, or Kendall Jones.

Precept Bible Study

Daniel, Part 1

Beginning September 4, on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, join us for a study of Daniel. Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview placed God at the center, and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview and adhere to it even when it’s not the norm. Please register online; books are \$20 and may be picked up in the church office. Complete the first lesson before our first meeting.

Inside South Tulsa

Everyone is invited to attend a Wedding Shower for **Seth Spoo and Valarie Duncan** on Sunday, August 17 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the South Tulsa Commons. Please RSVP to Jennifer (918) 282-4297. The couple’s registry can be found at www.zola.com/wedding/valarieandseth.

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GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts \$251,652
Ministry Financial Plan 405,651
General Fund 46,088

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 480
Students 60
Children 93
Preschool 78
Unclassified 10
Total 721

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 38
People Helped 182
Showers 58
Hot Meals 195
Church Service 11
Needs: peanut butter and men’s shorts.

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 46
People Helped 411
Students-School Supplies 183
Needs: children’s athletic shoes, lunchboxes, men’s and children’s jeans, children’s socks.

NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan, Stephanie, and Liam Henderson *by letter*

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