this week

Sunday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages, Marriage Enrichment

10:50 a.m. Worship, Baptism

2:00 p.m. Wedding Shower for Seth Spoo & Valerie Duncan

5:00 p.m. Hymns & Ice Cream, Student Discipleship

6:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

6:30 p.m. Men's Ministry Game Night

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program Open House/ Meet the Teacher

10:00 a.m. ESL Registration

5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 a.m. South Tulsa Preschool Playgroup, ESL Registration

5:00 p.m. ESL Registration

6:00 p.m. Student Worship & Prayer Night, Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study-What Every Christian Ought to Know

6:30 p.m. Essentials of Teaching the Bible

6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day

12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry

5:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting

Friday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

6:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Retreat

7:30 p.m. PROMISED in Concert

Saturday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry Retreat

SUMMER IN SAMUEL

This Week's Reading Plan

O 8/20: Psalm 40 O 8/17: 2 Samuel 18:19-

19:8

O 8/21: Psalm 41 O 8/22: Psalm 61

O 8/18: Psalm 5

O 8/19: 2 Samuel 19:9-43 O 8/23: Psalm 62

The Reading Plan is available on a printed

bookmark at the Welcome Center.



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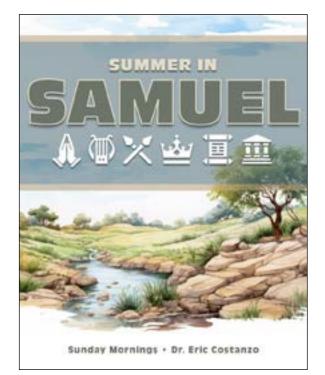
WELCOME GUESTS - We're glad you joined us! We would love to get to know you and/or pray for you. Fill out the form and submit prayer needs at southtulsa.info. If you're worshiping with us today, we invite you to stop by our Welcome Area for Guests, adjacent to the Welcome Center, after the service to meet a member of our team and receive a welcome gift.

WEAVING MINISTRY - Do you have a couple of hours each week to weave mats for the homeless? The weaving ministry recycles plastic grocery bags into comfortable ground barriers, and it's easy! No skills required. We meet on Thursdays from noon until 2:30-3:00 p.m. in room D269 above the Gym, and we take a break for fellowship and snacks. If you have questions please contact Melba Witherby (mjwitherby@gmail.com).

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.

MEN'S GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY - 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.

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





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8:30 AM Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-6 Sean McKinney House of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements Zack Hudson, Seth Spoo **New Testament Reading** Romans 16:17-20

First Grade Bible Presentation Prayer, Worship in Giving, Children's Offering

How Great Thou Art All Hail King Jesus

Greeting Time

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 15:1-13 Amber Hermes

Message "Summer in Samuel" Eric Costanzo My Response Nothing Else New Commitments - New Members Blessing

10:50 AM Worship

Baptism Sarah Elizabeth Ebert Call to Worship Ephesians 3:14-19 Scott Copeland Musical Praise Your Grace Still Amazes Me You Are God Alone with All Hail the Power

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A Heart for Our Families

Eric Costanzo

"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you

do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them" (Deuteronomy 4:9).

As a new school year begins, many of our parents are seeking the Lord's strength for some big life changes.

I am one of those parents! In addition to having a high school graduate, we also now have a college senior, a soon-to-be new driver (you've been warned), and our youngest is starting a new school. It's as if Rebecca and I have blinked a few times and suddenly jumped years ahead. Words could never describe how much I love my family and my longing to see each of them thrive in every way—most importantly in how they honor the Lord.

Having served here as pastor at South Tulsa for nearly ten years now, I've also grown to love your families dearly! One of the greatest joys of my work in ministry is seeing your preschoolers, children, and teenagers throughout the week and watching them grow year after year. We truly have wonderful families in our church, with many parents and grandparents who are committed to the discipleship and spiritual development of their loved ones. We also have a great staff and many great teachers and volunteers who give much of their time and energy to investing in our young people and helping shepherd them towards a closer walk with Jesus.

I hope each of our families know that you have a pastor and staff who pray continually for you, your children, and your grandchildren. As this school year gets underway, we are more committed than ever to supporting you and your family as you grow in the Lord together and as we all seek to proclaim His faithfulness to "our children and their children after them."

Titus2gether Women's Mentoring

If you desire to see the women of South Tulsa encouraged and built-up in the faith, we invite you to 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.

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. 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. If you have questions, please contact Jeff at sbs@southtulsa.org. Register at southtulsa.org/events.



PROMISED - Concert

We are excited to welcome PROMISED in concert on Friday evening, August 22. Promised began in 2020 at Highland Colony Baptist Church in Ridgeland, Mississippi, when Jason Easley, Melissa Duncan, and Jennifer Leach got together around the piano to do a song for a virtual devotional during the COVID pandemic. Bring a guest and join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Suicide Prevention and Family Safety

Join us Sunday, September 14, for Suicide Prevention and Family Safety, an event sponsored by our Stephen Ministry. Lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall right after the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The seminar will be taught by Daphne Hillhouse, LCSW, Suicide Prevention Coordinator at Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center (623), Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System. Learn about how to talk to someone who is thinking about suicide, the characteristics of our Veterans that put them at greater risk for suicide, resources in our area for mental health support, suicide from a Biblical perspective, and interventions we see in Scripture. Free gun locks will be available. Childcare is available for preschoolers (babies-K). Please bring a lunch for your preschooler; it will not be provided. This event is open to all adults. Children are excluded due to the sensitive nature of the subject. Please register by 9/7 online at southtulsa.org/events.

Bridge Builders Luncheon

Let's Celebrate Our Grandparents on Tuesday, September 2, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Our special guests will be the Four Guys Men's Quartet from First Baptist Church, Owasso. Enjoy a wonderful lunch, a songfest with Philip Stephens and Sherry Remy, and an inspirational message from Phil Dark. Sign up soon at southtulsa.org/events.

Highlights of the Old Testament

Beginning September 3, join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for The Highlights of the Old Testament Bible study in room C245 (above Fellowship Hall). We will examine some of the more obscure and less talked-about accounts from the Old Testament and see what the Holy Spirit has to teach us about the character and nature of God and how it can help us live our lives today.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 3!

The Parables of Jesus

Jesus was a master storyteller. He knew how to craft stories that were relatable but hid the truth from those who didn't have ears to hear. Come discover the mysteries of the Kingdom as we study the 20+ parables of Jesus. What truths was Jesus revealing to some and concealing from others? How can we apply these timeless truths to our lives today? Our study begins at 9:40 a.m. on September 7, in the Pastor's Conference Room. All are invited. If you do not currently have a Sunday Bible Study Class, come check us out!

Inside South Tulsa

Everyone is invited to attend a Wedding Shower for **Seth Spoo and Valarie Duncan** today, August 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the South Tulsa Commons.

Congratulations Cliff and Marty! Please join us for a celebration of Marty and Cliff Richard's 65th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 30, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the South Tulsa Chapel. RSVP to allen@freedom-church.com.

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MFP Actual Receipts	\$432,780
Ministry Financial Plan	
General Fund	70,939

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 486
Students
Children 105
Preschool72
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Total

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People Helped 158
Showers
Hot Meals 117
Church Service

Needs: peanut butter and men's clothing.

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Volunteers	. 56
People Helped	426
Students-School Supplies	164

Needs: jeans, athletic shoes, children's back to school clothing, lunch boxes, very gently used and new toys.

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Collegiate Week at Falls Creek