

this week

- Sunday, August 31**  
8:30 a.m. Worship, Baptism  
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages,  
10:50 a.m. Worship
- Monday, September 1** - Labor Day  
*Church Offices Closed*
- Tuesday, September 2**  
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 3**  
9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
9:15 a.m. ELP Camp Kinder  
10:00 a.m. South Tulsa Preschool Playgroup  
11:00 a.m. Homebound Committee Meeting  
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
5:15 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Preschool/Kid's Choirs, Highlights of OT  
5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, Men's Galatians  
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. Kids Missions - RA, GA, Mission Friends  
6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 4**  
8:30 a.m. Chaplaincy Training  
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  
1:00 a.m. Precept-Daniel 1
- Friday, September 5**  
8:30 a.m. Chaplaincy Training  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
- Saturday, September 6**  
8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting  
8:30 a.m. Chaplaincy Training  
5:00 p.m. FIT Date Night

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**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
September 3, 2025  
*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.



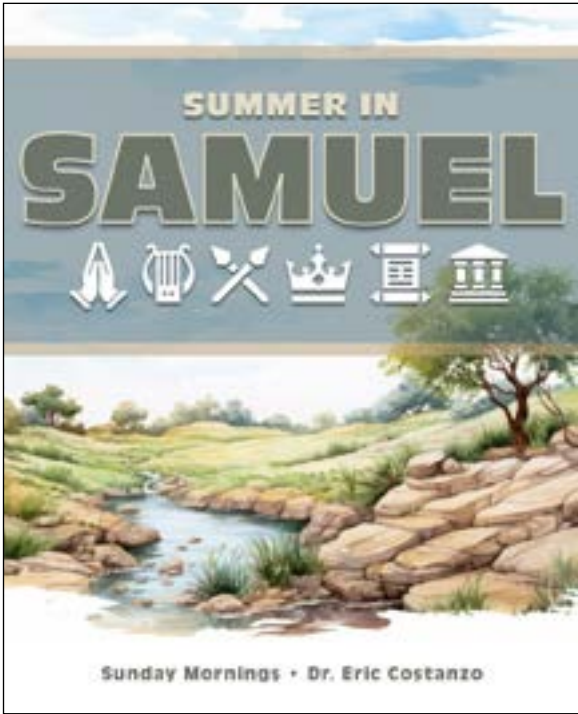
**MEN'S GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY** - Beginning September 3, men will meet on Wednesday nights, 5:45-6:45 p.m., in the Conference Room for an in-depth study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. This men's group follows the children's schedule on Wednesday evenings.

**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.

**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. Please register [online](#); books are \$20 and may be picked up in the church office. Complete the first lesson before our first meeting.

**MONTHLY MORNING OF PRAYER** - Join us for our morning of prayer on Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. We gather each month on the third Saturday. Our focus will be on missions and praying for the nations.

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



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

Begins 9/3

**Music and Missions**

Wednesday Nights  
5:30 & 6:30 PM

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8:30AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Revelation 21:1-5  
Abigail Costanzo  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
**Baptism** - Oliver Mills  
**Prayer and Welcome** Kim Hayes  
**New Testament Reading** Luke 4:14-21  
**Observance of the Lord's Supper**  
*Only a Holy God*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
**Greeting Time**  
**Video Announcements**  
**Scripture Reading** 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Bill Harrington  
**Message** "Summer in Samuel" Eric Costanzo  
**My Response** *Living Hope*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

10:50AM Worship

**Call to Worship** 1 John 5:11-15 Lara McKinney  
**Musical Praise** *Something Happens*  
*Hymn of Heaven*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Kim Hayes  
**New Testament Reading** Luke 4:14-21  
**Observance of the Lord's Supper**  
*O the Blood of Jesus*  
*Nothing But the Blood*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
**Offertory** *O God Beyond All Praising* Orchestra  
**Greeting Time**  
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# Are you listening?

Kara Lee

Our days are filled with noise. From the moment we awaken each morning to the moment we drift off to sleep each night, we sift through a barrage of never-ending sounds. We hear the alarm, the shower water, the coffee pot, foot-steps, voices, doors creaking, birds singing... the list is endless.

Though we hear many sounds, we aren't always tuning in and listening to each one. A baby's cry or someone calling your name will get your attention, but you likely don't even notice when you hear the air conditioner running or cars driving past outside your window.

**Hearing** is defined as the ability to perceive sound. Hearing, if you are fortunate enough to be blessed with a healthy auditory system, is passive. **Listening** is another matter entirely. It is an active and conscious process. It is only by listening that the sounds we hear take on meaning. When we listen and focus on what we are hearing, we gain understanding that allows us to respond appropriately to the situation or message.

Recently, I have realized that I am often a pretty poor listener, and I am not proud of what that says about me. Am I so self-consumed that I cannot be bothered to really listen, to become aware of someone's heart and offer compassion, sympathy, or even a little concern?

I am so thankful that I never have to wonder if God is truly listening to me. The Bible assures us that He is listening in Jeremiah 29:12, which says, "You will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 33:3 goes a step further when it says, "Call to me and I will answer you, and I will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know," reminding us that not only does God listen, but He promises to respond.

Thank you, Lord, that my prayers are not just noise to you, that You listen, and You answer. Teach me to truly listen to others and lead me to respond as You would.

# 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](http://southtulsa.org/events).

# Constitution & Bylaws Update

The Constitution and Bylaws Task Force, along with the Advisory Council, bring an updated version of our Constitution and Bylaws to the members of South Tulsa Baptist Church for approval. There will be two opportunities to ask questions. The first Q&A will be Sunday, September 7, at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel, and the second is on September 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. You may pick up a proposed draft of the document in the church office or view it online at [southtulsa.org/const](http://southtulsa.org/const) or in Church Resources on the app.

Women's Ministry

# Trivia Night

Please join us for a fun night of games and fellowship on Monday, September 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please bring a snack to share. Childcare is available for birth through kindergarten. Please RSVP for childcare by 9/8.

CEO Widows Ministry

# Food and Fellowship

Monday, September 8, 4:30 p.m.

The CEO (Caring for Each Other) Widows Ministry of our church invites all widows to a monthly Food and Fellowship (Dutch treat). This fellowship meets on the second Monday of the month at various area restaurants. In September, it's at Jason's Deli on the NE corner of 61st and Memorial. Come fellowship with us.

# Getting to Know You

New Members of South Tulsa



Welcome to Terry and Sheila Hull who recently joined the church! Terry was born and raised in Tulsa and graduated

from Tulsa Central. Later in life he went back to school at Northeastern University and received a business degree in accounting. After becoming a CPA, he worked in industrial accounting at several companies, retiring in 2013 from Fin Tube in Tulsa. Sheila was born and raised in McAlester and moved to Tulsa in 1978. She returned to college at Tulsa Community College where she earned an associate degree in applied science nursing. Earning her registered nursing license, she worked at St. Francis Hospital for 25 years before retiring in 2013.

Terry and Sheila married in 2005, lived in Coweta for many years and returned to Tulsa in 2020. They have a blended family of five children (spouses included) and six grandchildren. Terry and Sheila were motorcycle enthusiasts and loved traveling on their Harley Davidson until health issues made it no longer feasible. Now they live quietly, enjoying walks, swimming, and getting together with their children and grandchildren.

# 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!

# Men's Morning Prayer & Devotion

Men of all ages, please join us Thursday, September 11, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel for a time of prayer, a short devotion, and coffee and donuts. Men meet on the second Thursday each month to pray for our church, our families, our community, our country, and the nations. We hope you will plan to join us.

# 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 the 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](http://southtulsa.org/events).

CEO Widows Ministry

# Autumn Joy

Fashion, Fellowship, and Food

The widows of South Tulsa are invited to gather on Saturday, September 20, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall for Autumn Joy! Enjoy a fashion show, wreath-making demonstration, and a chili/soup cook-off contest. Please RSVP by 9/15 at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events), and let us know if you want to enter a pot of chili or soup in the contest.

# last week

## GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts . . . . . \$554,801  
Ministry Financial Plan . . . . . 688,960  
General Fund . . . . . 43,139

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . . 471  
Students . . . . . 69  
Children . . . . . 100  
Preschool . . . . . 73  
Unclassified . . . . . 10  
Total . . . . . 723

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . . 31  
People Helped . . . . . 200  
Showers . . . . . 37  
Hot Meals . . . . . 162  
Church Service . . . . . 10  
*Needs: peanut butter and men's clothes.*

## JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers . . . . . 41  
People Helped . . . . . 230  
*Needs: sheets, blankets, towels, all sizes jeans, children's athletic shoes.*

## MINISTRY STAFF

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