

this week

Sunday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Licensing Council for Adin Costanzo
4:00 p.m. Financial Peace, Student Handbells,
Ladies Ensemble, Men's Ensemble
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship, Kids Sunday Nights,
Student Discipleship
6:00 p.m. Advisory Council

Monday, November 17

9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ESL Classes
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells, Men's
Ministry Game Night
7:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 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, November 19

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
11:00 a.m. Norm Morton Memorial Service
4:15 p.m. Kids Handbells, Kids Chimes
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
5:30 p.m. Preschool/Kid's Choirs, Highlights of
OT, FIT Prayer Group, Student Choir
5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, Men's Galatians
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, Men's Bible Study,
College & Young Adults Friendsgiving
6:30 p.m. Kids Missions - RA, GA, Mission Friends
6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

Saturday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

November 19, 2025

*Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy,
vegetable, 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.



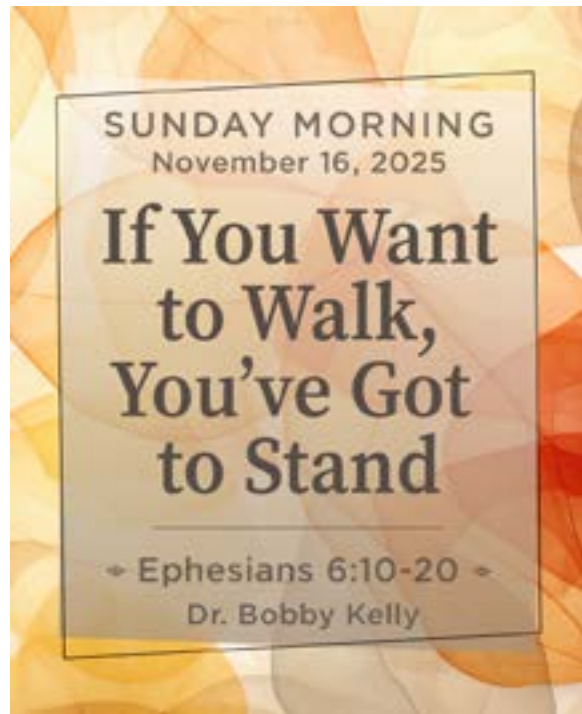
WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO? - Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others - listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received, and employing the tools of faith. If this job description fits your personal goals of ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A training class starts in January! An informational meeting to answer your questions and pick up an application will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m., or you may contact the church office at (918) 299-0904.

STUDENT CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM - Students in 7th-12th grade, please join us in the Student Room at 5:30 p.m. for Wednesday night rehearsal - November 19. We are preparing Christmas music to sing in worship on December 7. All students are welcome!

PRESCHOOL & KIDS CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Everyone is invited to our children's choir Christmas musical, "More Than a Baby" on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

SOUTH TULSA PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM - 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.

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



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Arts & Crafts Expo

8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 121 Philip Hudson
*Always
Glorious Day*
Welcome and Old Testament Reading
Joshua 1:7-9 Sean McKinney
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
O Praise The Name (Anástasis)
Announcements and Greeting Time Zack Hudson
Message Dr. Bobby Kelly Ephesians 6:10-20
"If you Want to Walk, You've Got to Stand"
My Response *He Will Hold Me Fast*
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Crown Him with Many Crowns Handbells
Call to Worship Lamentations 3:21-26
Ann Holden
Musical Praise *Faithfulness*
God of Grace and God of Glory
Prayer and Welcome Sean McKinney
Old Testament Reading Joshua 1:7-9
What He's Done
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Thanks Be to Our God
Lara McKinney, Bob Baker
Announcements and Greeting Time Zack Hudson
Message Dr. Bobby Kelly Ephesians 6:10-20
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What is Prayer?

Seth Spoo

Prayer, in its truest sense, is a conversation with God. It is a place where our heart meets His. The Bible shows that prayer isn't about saying the perfect words, but about being honest and open before the One who already knows us completely.

When I pray, I'm reminded of Philippians 4:6, which says, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* Prayer becomes the place where my worries are conquered, and my weakness finds strength. Jesus modeled this intimacy with the Father. Before major decisions or moments of hardship, He withdrew to pray. That reminds me that prayer is not an obligation, but that it's an invitation. When I slow down and speak with God, I find peace that no distraction can offer. Even when I don't have the right words, Romans 8:26 comforts me: *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."*

Prayer changes us. It softens our hearts, teaches us to forgive, and helps us listen more than we speak. Some days, prayer feels like quiet stillness. Other days, it's tears, questions, or gratitude. Yet every prayer, whether whispered in faith or spoken through pain, draws us closer to God.

I call you to use the easiest way to talk to God: PRAYER! It's in prayer that we find His presence, His peace, and the quiet assurance that we are never alone.

A Season of Joy

CEO - Caring for Each Other Widows Ministry

Widows of South Tulsa, please join us on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel for fun, food, fellowship, and a special guest! Wear your Christmas bling and bring an ornament or other Christmas decor for a gift exchange (\$10 or under). Please RSVP online at southtulsa.org/events by Monday, December 1.

South Tulsa Baptist Church Merch!

We are excited to once again offer South Tulsa-branded merchandise available for purchase online. There are great options for everyone with adult sizes, youth sizes, and toddler sizes, plus a tote bag, caps, and a coffee tumbler! **The online**



store closes on TODAY, November 16. Look for the table in the Commons to see merchandise samples. Order at southtulsa.org/events or scan the QR.



Women's Ministry Presents

Prepare Him Room

Ladies, join us for a Christmas dinner and virtual event on Friday, December 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Learn alongside Kelly Minter and worship with Lindsay McCaul as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, embrace the true meaning of Christmas, and prepare Him room. The cost is \$20. Preschool childcare is available by reservation. If you can, please bring an unwrapped toy for our Jesus Christmas Rooms at Jenks CarePoint and the Ministry Center. Please register by 11/30 at southtulsa.org/events.



Christmas at South Tulsa - Gloria

Sunday, December 14
with Community Night Dinner

This year, our Christmas at South Tulsa program will be on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. It will be a wonderful evening of Christmas music presented by our choir and orchestra, celebrating the birth of Christ, complete with a live nativity and children's choir.



We are delighted to once again host our Community Night Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Gym as a gift to our under-resourced and marginalized community and their local support. After the dinner, everyone will gather for Christmas at South Tulsa - Gloria. As always, we will not be able to provide this outreach ministry without our great volunteers! Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday Bible Study classes and online [HERE, southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

Advisory Council Tonight

The Advisory Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Bridge Builders Luncheon

Let's have a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 2, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel! We are blessed to welcome Sarah Coburn-Rothermel in concert. Sarah is an independent performing arts professional and the daughter of members Tom and Carolyn Coburn. Enjoy a wonderful lunch and Christmas carols with Philip Stephens and Sherry Remy. Sign up at southtulsa.org/events.

Jesus Christmas Rooms

Each year, Jenks CarePoint and The Ministry Center provide our client families the opportunity to shop free of charge for Christmas gifts for their children. Thanks to the generosity of many, last year, more than 1,200 children received Christmas gifts from their moms and dads. We are asking that you help us again this year by donating new, unwrapped toys, books, or other age-appropriate gift items. Our Jesus Christmas Rooms will be open from November 17-December 19. Donations can be dropped off in the marked bins in the South Tulsa Atrium or at Jenks CarePoint Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving week). Scan the QR for gift ideas or view the list [HERE](http://southtulsa.org/events). Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little merrier for so many in need.



Benevolence Fund

Our Benevolence Fund is running low and in need of donations so we can continue to meet the needs of our community. Our church helps with critical bills such as rent, utilities, and other important payments in world of increasing costs of living. We have a wonderful ministry in place where we can talk with, pray for, and meet tangible needs of those that reach out for help. Please prayerfully consider donating to our Benevolence Fund online or by designating "Benevolence" on a check or cash donation.

last week

GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts \$1,496,153
Ministry Financial Plan 1,676,782
General Fund 76,544

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 490
Students 58
Children 97
Preschool 69
Unclassified 10
Total 724

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 32
People Helped 259
Showers 49
Hot Meals 150
Church Service 23
Prayed to Receive Christ 2
Needs: Thanksgiving food drive items, feminine hygiene products.

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers 75
People Helped 235
Needs: Jesus Christmas Room gifts for newborn-17 years.

MINISTRY STAFF

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18th Annual Arts & Crafts Expo