

this week

Sunday, December 14 - Advent Joy
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Community Night Dinner
6:00 pm. Christmas at South Tulsa - Gloria

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

Tuesday, December 16
9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate

Wednesday, December 17
9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Student Christmas Party, Men's Bible
Study, College & Young Adults
6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, December 18
9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ESL Classes
11:00 a.m. ESL Christmas Lunch
12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry
6:00 p.m. ESL Christmas Party

Friday, December 19
Saturday, December 20
8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP
DINNER - December 17, 2025

But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you good
news that will cause great joy
for all the people.” ~ Luke 2:10

Awaiting Advent Reading Plan:

JOY - week of 12/14

- 12/14: Isaiah 9:1-7
- 12/15: Luke 1:26-38
- 12/16: Luke 1:39-45
- 12/17: Luke 1:46-56
- 12/18: Luke 2:6-7
- 12/19: Luke 2:22-35
- 12/20: Galatians 4:4-7

An Advent reading plan is available at the Welcome Center
or to download [HERE](#).



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in our community and around the world

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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.



ADVISORY COUNCIL DECEMBER 21 - The Advisory Council will meet immediately following "An
Evening of Lessons and Carols" next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

YEAR-END GIVING - The Christmas season prompts us to reflect on the Lord's blessings and to
consider opportunities for us to bless others in return. It is our privilege to help church members
maximize the impact of tax-advantaged gifts. Please go to southtulsa.org/give to discover the many
ways to share your gifts with our church's ministries. For stock gifts or any other questions, please
contact the church office or our Financial Manager, Laura Forney (lauraf@southtulsa.org). We are
grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

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.

SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CHURCH MERCHANDISE - If you placed an order it is available for
pick up in the church office.

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



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8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship Luke 2:8-14 Brian Easterwood
Manger Throne
Angels We have Heard on High
Advent Candle Lighting - JOY Spoo Family
Welcome and Prayer Rebecca Johnston
Faith Story Allie Smith
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
Noel
Announcements Eric Costanzo
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Kantrell Bradley
Message Eric Costanzo Awaiting Advent -
The Promises Before the Manger
My Response Jesus, Messiah with
O Come Let Us Adore Him
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High Orchestra
Call to Worship Luke 2:8-14 Scott Copeland
Gloria Scott Copeland, Solo
Welcome Rebecca Johnston
Jesus, Born on This Day Marnie Copeland, Solo
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Advent Candle Lighting - JOY Carlton/Garcia Family
Behold Our God Tim & Lori Carver, Duet
Glory in the Highest Heaven
Here With Us Lara McKinney, Solo
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Kantrell Bradley
Message Eric Costanzo Awaiting Advent -
The Promises Before the Manger
Sing the Story Brian Easterwood, Solo
Wonderful Name
Blessing - Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come



Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Michael Ware

It is my joy to offer a very heart felt thank you for your encouragement and support of me to be your Minister of Music. I am so humbled and grateful to be a part of this incredible church. I couldn't imagine a better church family or staff to serve alongside. I love this church's heritage of musical excellence. It is my great desire that this tradition continue as the Lord leads us on in the months and years to come. We have such dedicated Christian musicians that faithfully use their abilities to serve the Lord and His church.

As you are reading this today, our music ministry is presenting *Christmas at South Tulsa - Gloria*. It is a wonderful time for our community and church family to come together and see the gospel presented in music, drama, and service. Even if you attend the shortened program in the 10:50 a.m. service, I would encourage you to come back tonight for the full performance with live nativity at 6:00 p.m. I know that you will be blessed. So many people have worked together to make it a very special night.

As we continue our journey through this Christmas season, I pray that our voices, hearts, and lives would be in tune with the Lord as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. May our souls magnify the Lord with Mary, praise Him for redemption with Zechariah, and sing glory to God with the angels. "Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

Christmas Eve

Bring your family and celebrate Jesus' birth with us. We will have two wonderful services to choose from on Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. in our Worship Center. Each service will feature Christmas carols, the Lord's Supper, a message from Pastor Eric, and the lighting of the Advent candle. Both services conclude with candlelight and glow sticks as we sing "Silent Night." Make plans to join us as we focus our hearts on the Good News!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In 1873, Lottie Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. She spent nearly 40 years sharing the gospel with love, courage, and unwavering faith. Her letters home inspired churches to pray and give, leading to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Today, this offering supports missionaries and helps take the life-transforming message of Jesus to the nations. Let's honor her legacy by praying and giving so others can hear the hope of the gospel.

Every dollar you give becomes more than a gift – it brings hope, it brings light. 100% of your offering supports missionaries who carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. This Christmas, carry the light of Christ to others. Together, we can shine in the darkest places. Thank you for giving today. Our church's goal: \$220,000.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX - The Lottie Moon Christmas Card box is available in the Commons through January 4. Help Girls in Action collect money for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by exchanging cards with the church family and putting the "postage" in the mailbox.



Getting to Know You

New Members of South Tulsa



Welcome to the **Gifford Family** who recently joined the church! Alex grew up in Topeka, Kansas and Molly in Parsons, Kansas.

They met in college at Washburn University and moved to Tulsa shortly after getting married in 2010. They have two children, Emma and Lucas, and two dogs. Emma is 13 and Lucas is 10, and they both attend Mingo Valley Christian School and are involved in various sports activities. Their family enjoys skiing, the beach, and fellowshiping with friends.

Alex worked at SpiritBank for 14 years and left as the Chief Lending Officer to serve as the Broken Arrow President for Regent Bank. Molly is an educator by training, but she currently owns and operates a gameday/corporate apparel company (recently engaged by the church for merchandise).

Alex and Molly are members of one of the FIT Bible Study classes. Molly and Emma have been serving in the children's ministry, and Alex is serving on our Legacy Committee. They say, "we're excited to join the community and appreciate all the church has done to make us feel welcome!"



Happy Retirement Sherri Greenway

For the last 15 years, Sherri Greenway has served our church, Music Ministry, and Administrative Ministries in many ways. We will miss Sherri's passion for her work, friendly spirit, and presence on our church's support staff. We are praying for joyous days ahead for Sherri as she steps into this next season! We will recognize Sherri in our 10:50 a.m. service on December 21 with a reception to follow. A basket for cards can be found at our Welcome Center, where you can show your appreciation to Sherri for her many years of faithful service.



January Bible Study

Make plans to attend our January Bible Study beginning Sunday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The topic is "The Gospel of John - Knowing Jesus through the I AM Statements." When a typical person begins a sentence with "I am....," you are about to hear something revealing. When Jesus does it, it's something amazing. Those two little words often introduced the most profound and beautiful truths about God. And they still do. This is your chance to get to know Jesus on a much deeper level. Join us as we take a closer look at the "I am..." statements of Jesus and discover more about who He is and what He came to do. Our guest speakers will be: John Plum 1/4, Deron Spoo 1/11, Hess Hester 1/18, and Ted Kersh 1/25.

Bridge Builders Luncheon

We hope you will join us for our next Bridge Builders Luncheon on Tuesday, January 6. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m. The Parkhill Pickers will be our guests. Enjoy hearing Bluegrass Gospel music with guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and bass! Make your reservations at southtulsa.org/events.

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GIVING	
MFP Actual Receipts	\$1,850,443
Ministry Financial Plan	1,984,294
General Fund	105,212
Lottie Moon to date	25,876

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	
Adults	477
Students	60
Children	90
Preschool	80
Unclassified	10
Total	717

THE MINISTRY CENTER	
Volunteers	38
People Helped	274
Showers	39
Hot Meals	150
Church Service	27
Prayed to Receive Christ	1
Received Christmas Gifts	166
<i>Needs: warm clothing items and gloves.</i>	

JENKS CAREPOINT	
Volunteers	57
People Helped	543
Received Christmas Gifts	320
<i>Needs: Towels, blankets, winter wear.</i>	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	
Jim and Faith Kelley	<i>by statement</i>

MINISTRY STAFF	
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<i>Student Choir</i>	