

this week

Sunday, December 28
8:30 a.m. Worship, Baptism
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages
10:50 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 29
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. Men's Ministry Game Night

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Church Offices Open, College & Young Adults
Guatemala Mission Trip

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Church Offices Closed, College & Young Adults
Guatemala Mission Trip

Friday, January 2
College & Young Adults Guatemala Mission Trip

Saturday, January 3
College & Young Adults Guatemala Mission Trip
8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

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**NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP
DINNER** - December 31, 2025

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*"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done
marvelous things; his right hand and his
holy arm have worked salvation for him."
~ Psalm 98:1*



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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.



EXTENDED TIME OF RESPONSE - If you have decisions you wish to share, need prayer, have questions, or would like to join the church, please meet with a minister after the service in the Commons at the seating area just to the right (west) of the Kids Ministry welcome desk.

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).

KIDS CHOIR LEADERS PLANNING MEETING - The preschool and elementary choir volunteers will meet on Sunday, January 4, for lunch in the Fellowship Hall (after the 10:50 a.m. worship service). During this meeting, we will go over details of the Spring Semester and the Spring Musical. If you have any questions, please contact Sean McKinney in the church office.

MEN'S MORNING PRAYER AND DEVOTION - Men of all ages, please join us on Thursday, January 8, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We meet on the second Thursday to pray together, and a small devotional is also shared with the group. Coffee and donuts provided!

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

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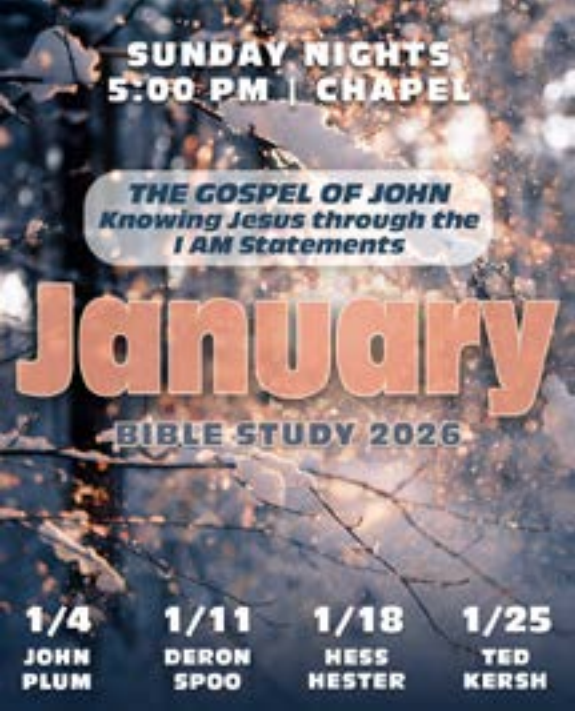
WE WISH YOU A
happy new year

8:30AM Worship

Call to Worship 1 Peter 2:9-10 Claira White
Glorious Day
The Lord is My Salvation
Baptism Elyse Anderson
Welcome and Prayer Phillip White
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-3
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Leave Behind the Darkness
Announcements Eric Costanzo
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Romans 13:11-14
Georgia Redman
Message Eric Costanzo "The Day is Almost Here"
My Response *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*
New Commitments - New Members
Guatemala Mission Trip Commissioning
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Call to Worship Responsive Reading Isaiah 50
Sean McKinney
I Have Seen the Light
What Child Is This
Welcome and Prayer Phillip White
Guatemala Mission Trip Commissioning
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Choral Worship *Here With Us*
All Is Well
Worship in Giving and Children's Offering
Faith Story Allie Smith
Greeting Time
Scripture Reading Romans 13:11-14
Georgia Redman
Message Eric Costanzo "The Day is Almost Here"
My Response *There Is a Redeemer*
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Blessing - *There Is a Redeemer*





Glorify the Lord with Me

Julie DeYoung

The word “glory” is often heard within our church setting—it was the title of our recent Christmas musical *Gloria*, and we also sing of the Lord’s glory in many of our hymns and worship songs throughout the year. I’d like to invite us to take a moment to pause amidst the busyness of the season to consider the depth of this word’s meaning—especially when referring to the glory of the Lord.

Author Paul David Tripp writes, “Life on earth is a constant glory war. We are attracted to glorious things. That’s why we love a great meal, a championship game, a sunset. But every glorious thing God has created points to His glorious glory. We were never intended to live for our own glory. Our glory orientation should drive us to the Lord.”

What glorious things has the Lord put before you and me to draw our attention upward toward Him? Are there areas in our lives that are trying to “steal the show” and bring glory to ourselves in contrast to glorifying the Lord who has given us all good things? One of my son’s favorite songs and albums is titled “*My Story, Your Glory*” by Matthew West. The song’s lyrics state:

*All of me, all for You
Let all I say and all I do
Point to the one who changed my life
And let me speak the legacy I leave behind

My story, Your glory*

As we have now wrapped up the holiday season and are heading into a new year, let’s acknowledge the glory of the Lord as we plan for the months ahead, to ponder the gifts that He has so graciously given us, and use them to bring glory to our Creator and Savior. Let us glorify the Lord together in the year 2026!

“*So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God* (1 Corinthians 10:31).”

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

Don’t forget to check to see if cards have been left for you and your family.

God-Made

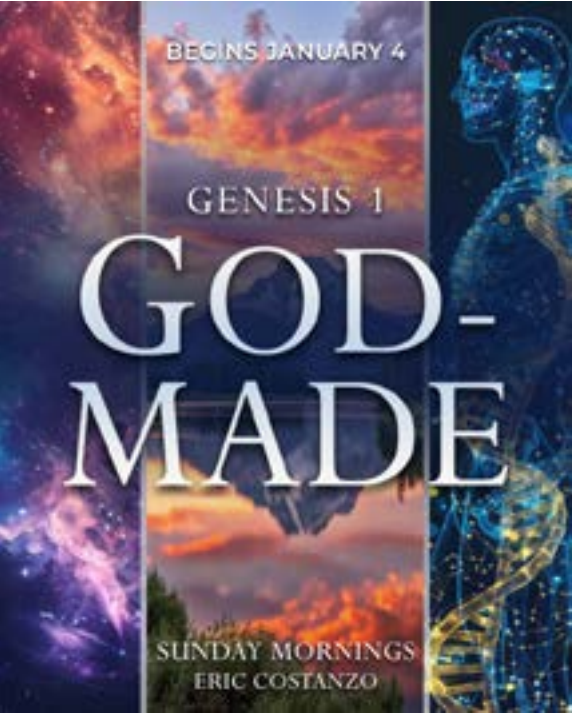
NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 4

As our world trends more towards the artificial, our connections to the pure goodness of God’s creation seem to be fading away. Though we have opportunities each day to enjoy the wonder of all that God has made—things man couldn’t make—we opt to spend hours upon hours looking down rather than up. We’re not growing happier, we’re just more distracted.

How might we swim against the tides of the trends?

What if the answers to our endless struggles with spiritual, mental, and physical health have been with us all along?

Let’s begin 2026 together with a renewed sense of admiration for all that is “God-made.” Genesis 1 describes God’s work of speaking and forming all of creation, including our own existence. As we revisit the story of creation in Genesis and beyond, we will discover countless ways the Bible points us to the wonder of God’s good creation, made by His powerful word. We’ll also discuss each week some helpful practices to help us pull away from the intense draw of our technology and media and find space again for the goodness of God.



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 teachers 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 lunch reservations at southtulsa.org/events.

GriefShare

NEW SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 5

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of your loved one. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone. Our group meets on Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their love and encouragement as I move into my retirement. You all are such a blessing to Jim and me. We hope to see you around in the future.
~God Bless, Sherri Greenway

Bible Studies Beginning in January

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Starting January 7, Jeff Curtiss will lead a study on Jesus’ messages to the seven churches as recorded by John in the Book of Revelation. In this study, we will cover the first four chapters (and the final two) of this most important prophetic record. In order to function properly as His followers, we, the Church today, need to understand this book and what our Lord had to say to each of us. Please join us on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in room C245.

PRECEPT - DANIEL PART 2

Beginning January 15, on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, join us for a study of *Daniel - Gaining Understanding of the Time of the End*. Does the turmoil in our times, the uprisings, and the spiritual decay of many have anything to do with the Book of Daniel? Daniel was a man who knew what God said about the end times. He focused on what God said, not the events of his own time. Therefore, he had an impact on the people that God placed in his life. How do you live as a Daniel in the crucial days in which you find yourself? How can you dare to be different? How do you get to know God Most High? The Book of Daniel has the answers. Please register online - southtulsa.org/events; books are \$25 and may be picked up in the church office. Complete the first lesson before our first meeting.

Discover South Tulsa

If you’re a new member or have been visiting and would like to find out more about the church, we invite you to attend the next Discover South Tulsa class on Sunday, January 18. Lunch is provided at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The class will give you an opportunity to learn more about the history of the church, meet some of the staff, and ask questions. If you’d like to attend, please contact Cindy at cindy@southtulsa.org or 918-299-0904.

last week

GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts \$2,132,494
Ministry Financial Plan. 2,180,490
General Fund 139,538
Lottie Moon to date 179,237

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 470
Students. 55
Children 76
Preschool 59
Unclassified 10
Total 670

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers
People Helped
Showers
Hot Meals.
Church Service 20
Needs: warm jackets and coats.

JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers
People Helped
Needs: Towels, blankets, winter wear.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Trisha Ricks *pending baptism*

MINISTRY STAFF

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ON THE COVER

Garcia and Carlton families light Advent candle