

this week

**Sunday, January 11**  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - All Ages  
10:50 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Student Praise Ringers  
12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Leadership Meeting,  
Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Properties Meeting,  
FIT Teacher's Meeting  
5:00 p.m. January Bible Study – Deron Spoo,  
Student Discipleship

**Monday, January 12**  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Men's Ministry Game Night,  
Adult Celebration Ringers

**Tuesday, January 13**  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ESL Registration  
5:00-7:00 p.m. ESL Registration  
5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

**Wednesday, January 14**  
4:15 p.m. Kid's Handbells, Kid's Chimes  
4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
5:30 p.m. Preschool/Kid's Choirs, Bible Study-  
*Jesus Speaks to Seven Churches*, FIT Ladies  
5:45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, Men's Galatians  
6:00 p.m. Student Worship, Men's Bible Study,  
College & Young Adult Group, Planning  
Center Tutorial Class  
6:30 p.m. Kid's Missions - RA, GA, Mission Friends  
6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 15**  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
12:00 p.m. Weaving Ministry  
1:00 p.m. Precept-*Daniel 2*

**Friday, January 16**  
9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
10:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Saturday, January 17**  
8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting, Gideon's Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Morning of Prayer  
10:30 a.m. Meet & Greet/Q&A with Seth Spoo

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**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**  
January 14, 2026  
*Pizza, salad, 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](http://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.



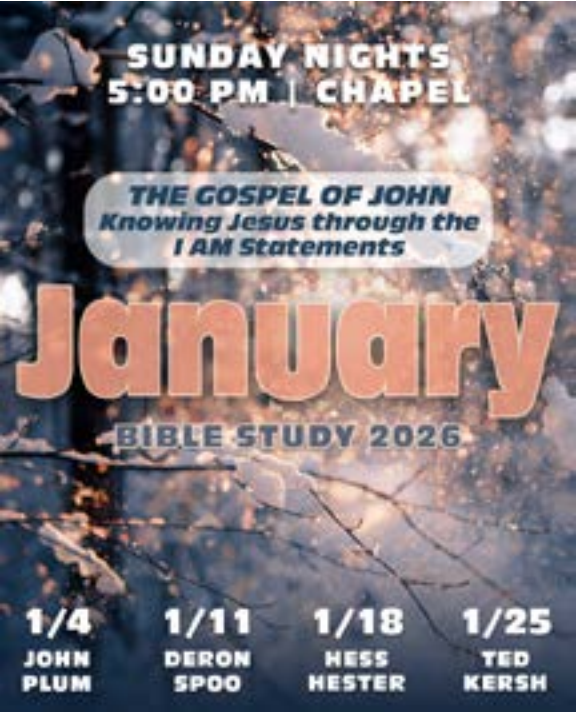
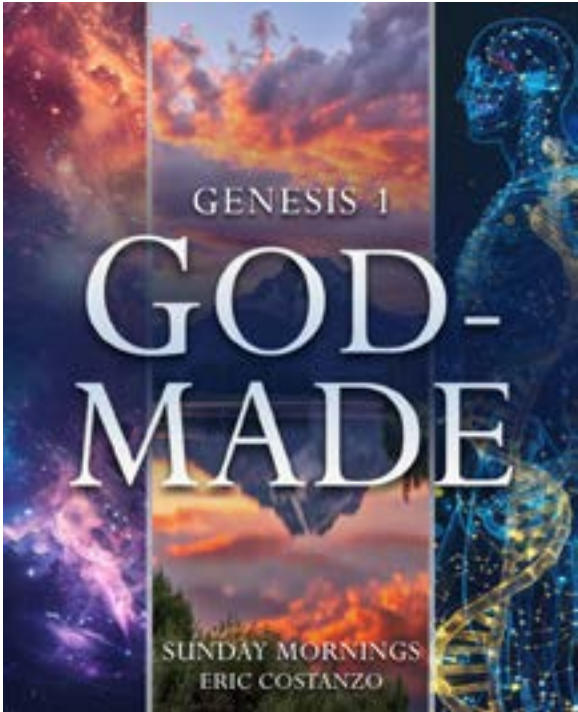
**EXTENDED TIME OF RESPONSE** - If you have decisions you wish to share, need prayer, have questions, or would like to join the church, please meet with a minister after the service in the Commons at the seating area just to the right (west) of the Kids Ministry welcome desk.

**KIDS CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 4:00 p.m.** - This summer our completed 3rd-6th graders will be headed to a new camp! Parents and campers are invited to a Kids Camp Information Meeting in the Student Room, where we will share important updates, schedules, and new details. Please join us to ask questions and get everything you need for a great camp experience.

**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](mailto:kim@southtulsa.org).

**CEO FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** - Our CEO Widows Ministry will have our first monthly dinner together of 2026 tomorrow, Monday, January 12, 4:00 p.m. at Jason's Deli (61st & Memorial). This is Dutch treat. Hope to see you there!

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



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Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering

Our Goal: \$220,000

**\$250,249**  
Given!

8:30AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 19:1-6 Abigail Costanzo  
*Across the Lands*  
*This I Believe*  
**Welcome** Rebecca Johnston  
**New Testament Reading** Hebrews 11:1-3  
**Prayer, Worship in Giving, and Children's Offering**  
*His Glory and My Good*  
**Announcements** Zack Hudson  
**Greeting Time**  
**Scripture Reading** Genesis 1:6-8 Amber Hermes  
**Message** Eric Costanzo "God-Made"  
**My Response** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

10:50AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 19:1-6 Lori Carver  
*Across the Lands*  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
**Welcome and Prayer** Rebecca Johnston  
**New Testament Reading** Hebrews 11:1-3  
*Glorious Is Thy Name*  
**Choral Worship** *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
**Announcements** Zack Hudson  
**Greeting Time**  
**Scripture Reading** Genesis 1:6-8 Amber Hermes  
**Message** Eric Costanzo "God-Made"  
**My Response** *He Knows My Name*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing** - *Glorious Is Thy Name*





# Prayer

Jesse Johnston

I recently started going through a devotional called *Everyday Prayer with the Puritans*. The Puritans had a way of taking a verse or a concept in Scripture and uncovering as many layers as they possibly could. The result is a profound understanding of a subject in Scripture. The Puritans’ writings on prayer hold a deep trust that God understands, hears, and responds to His children’s prayers no matter the form they may take.

One Puritan theologian, David Dickson, writes of the prayers we speak aloud as an expression of earnestness and dependence upon God. The use of our voice in prayer is the expression of the faith we have in God and the great privilege we have to go directly to the throne of God. *“Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth (Psalm 52:2).”* We can trust that the Lord hears our prayers. However, there are moments in our lives when prayers may be difficult to speak. In such moments where sorrow runs so deep, we do not have the ability to express our prayers with words. On this, the Puritan Richard Sibbes writes, *“My groanings are not hid from thee (Psalm 38:9),* God can pick sense out of a confused prayer... Sometimes a Christian hath such confused thoughts, he can say nothing, but as a child cries, ‘O Father,’ not able to shew what it needs, as Moses at the Red Sea.” What a beautiful reminder of God as our Father and us as His children. We may not know the fullness of the difficult circumstance we find ourselves in. Even still, our immediate cries, sometimes without words, are understood by our Father in Heaven.

In Romans 8:15-16, the Apostle Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit is our constant reminder that we are God’s children and that by the Holy Spirit we cry out “Abba, Father.” We can find comfort that as children of God we are never alone. In fact, we are invited by God to communicate directly with Him. “Prayer is the means by which our conversations with God occur and by which we speak to God and listen to God. Praise God!” (Donald K McKim, author of *Everyday Prayer with the Puritans*).

# 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 our Discover South Tulsa class on Sunday, January 18. The class will meet at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and lunch is provided. You will have 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](mailto:cindy@southtulsa.org) or 918-299-0904.



Bridge Builders Luncheon

Women’s Ministry

# Bunco Night

Thursday, January 22 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ladies of all ages, please join us in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun playing Bunco with friends. Childcare will be available by reservation only by January 19, for babies to kindergarten. Bring a salty or sweet snack to share. We hope to see you at Bunco Night! Please sign up and register your children online [HERE](https://southtulsa.org/events) or at [southtulsa.org/events](https://southtulsa.org/events).



# Minister to Families with Students

Our Personnel Committee, along with the Advisory Council, is pleased to present Seth Spoo in view of a call as our next Minister to Families with Students. We hope you’ll join us for these opportunities to learn more about Seth and Valarie and get to know them better. There will be a Meet & Greet/Q & A with Church Family on Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel, and a Q & A with Parents and Students on Sunday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Room. Our church membership will vote on Seth during Special Called Business Meetings after both morning services on Sunday, January 25.

Seth is currently the Pastoral & Student Ministry Associate at South Tulsa Baptist Church, accompanied by his wonderful wife Valarie. Seth grew up in Tulsa, attending First Baptist Church of Tulsa downtown. He was an intern at South Tulsa in 2023 and joined our church staff officially in 2024. Seth gave his life to Christ at a young age and felt the call on his life to serve in the ministry as he started high school. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University, where he earned a bachelor’s in business administration. He is currently attending Southeastern Theological Seminary to receive his Master of Divinity. “In my time at South Tulsa,” Seth says, “I pray that I can create an urgency to spread Christ to those near and far, raising disciples to be confident and perseverant in the faith!”



# Brandon Brister Celebrates 20 Years

Congratulations to our own, Brandon Brister, who was recognized by the Oklahoma Baptists for 20 years of service with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Brandon serves as the director at the University of Tulsa BCM. He and his wife, Paula, and their kids, Elijah and Alianna are active members of South Tulsa.



# Middle School Hangout!

Saturday, February 7 | 1:00-7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Calling all 5th-8th graders! You’re invited to hangout with us for an afternoon of worship and fun! We will gather in the Student Room, spend time at an indoor adventure park, and end with a movie night at the church. Don’t miss it! Register online [HERE](https://southtulsa.org/events) or at [southtulsa.org/events](https://southtulsa.org/events).

# Weekday Bible Studies

JESUS SPEAKS TO

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Please join us on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in room C245 as Jeff Curtiss leads 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.

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*. 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](https://southtulsa.org/events); books are \$25

and may be picked up in the church office. Complete the first lesson before our first meeting.

# last week

## GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts . . . . . \$2,509,479  
Ministry Financial Plan. . . . . 2,368,985  
General Fund . . . . . 165,644  
**Lottie Moon to date . . . . . 250,249**

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults. . . . . 474  
Students. . . . . 58  
Children. . . . . 90  
Preschool. . . . . 72  
Unclassified. . . . . 10  
**Total . . . . . 704**

## THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers. . . . . 42  
People Helped . . . . . 169  
Showers. . . . . 35  
Hot Meals. . . . . 100  
Prayed to Receive Christ. . . . . 1  
Church Service . . . . . 15  
*Needs: small jars of peanut butter, canned corn.*

## JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers . . . . . 38  
People Helped . . . . . 160  
*Needs: all sizes jeans, children’s winter clothing.*

## MINISTRY STAFF

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