

# this week

**Sunday, January 18**  
 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. Discover South Tulsa Class  
 3:30 p.m. Parents/Students Q & A with Seth Spoo  
 4:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble  
 5:00 p.m. January Bible Study - Mike Lehew, Student Discipleship  
 6:00 p.m. Advisory Council

**Monday, January 19** - Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday - Church Offices Closed  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Big Game Night

**Tuesday, January 20**  
 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 ABAK Karate  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

**Wednesday, January 21**  
 9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. ELP Teacher's Planning Day  
 10:00 a.m. Preschool Open Playgroup  
 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 22**  
 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 p.m. Precept-Daniel 2  
 5:15 p.m. ELP Leadership Team Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Bunco Night

**Friday, January 23**  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

**Saturday, January 24**  
 8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting, OBU Keyboard  
     Festival  
 5:00 p.m. FIT Date Night

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

January 21, 2026  
*Mini Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, 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 [souhtulsa.info](http://souhtulsa.info). If you're worshiping 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.



**DISCOVER SOUTH TULSA CLASS TODAY** - If you're a new member or have been visiting and would like to find out more about our church, join us for lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

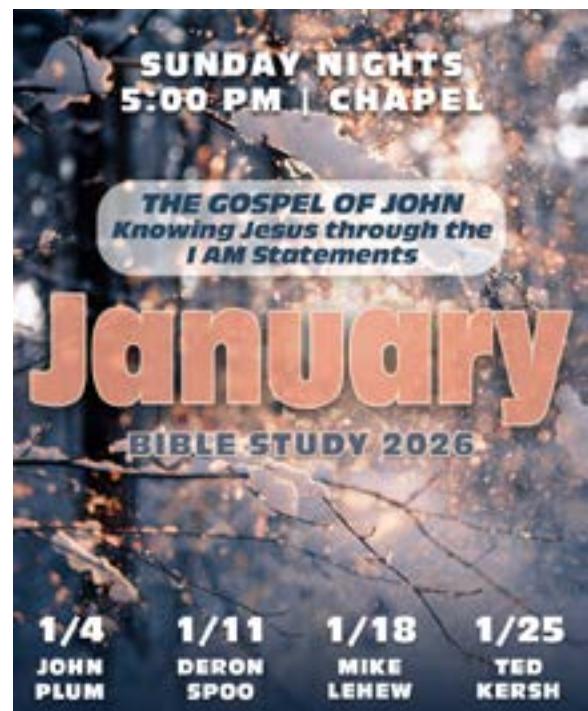
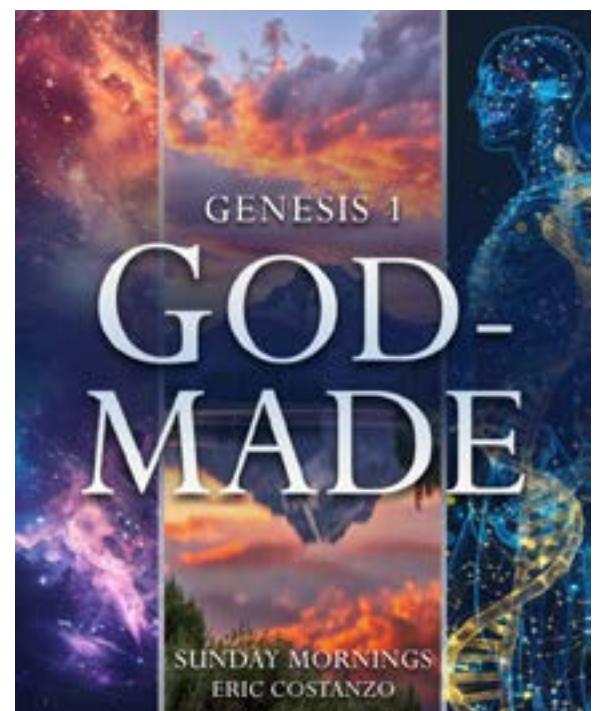
**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2025** - Statements were sent via email on January 15. Please check your email and SPAM folder for your emailed statement. For any questions, please contact Laura Forney at [lauraf@souhtulsa.org](mailto:lauraf@souhtulsa.org) or at (918) 528-1155.

**CAREPORTAL INFORMATION** - If you signed up last fall to receive emails about South Tulsa's CarePortal program and have yet to receive any communication, please contact Paula Meese at [paulameese2@gmail.com](mailto:paulameese2@gmail.com) or (918) 520-5106.

**KIDS CAMP INFORMATION MEETING** - This summer our completed 3rd-6th graders will go to a new camp! Parents and campers are invited to a meeting in the Student Room, next Sunday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. to learn about important updates, schedules, and new details.

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE** - All members are encouraged to join us next Sunday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel for our Quarterly Conference. You'll be able to see our financial reports, minister updates, and more.

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



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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



## 8:30AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 150 Brian Easterwood  
*Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)*  
**Welcome** Julie DeYoung  
**New Testament Reading** Colossians 1:15-17  
**Recognition** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
**Prayer, Worship in Giving, and Children's Offering**  
*What He's Done*  
**Announcements** Eric Costanzo  
**Greeting Time**  
**Scripture Reading** Genesis 1:9-13 Bob Ball  
**Message** Eric Costanzo "God-Made"  
**My Response** Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 84:9-12 Julie Jackson  
**Choral Worship** Better  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
**The Majesty and Glory of Your Name**  
**Welcome and Prayer** Julie DeYoung  
**New Testament Reading** Colossians 1:15-17  
**Recognition** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
*King of Kings*  
**Worship in Giving and Children's Offering**  
*This Is My Father's World* Sean McKinney, Bob Baker  
**Announcements** Eric Costanzo  
**Greeting Time**  
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## God-Made in His Image

Julie DeYoung

Today, on Sanctity of Life Sunday, I'd like to focus

on the sacredness of human life in relation to Genesis 1:27- "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

I invite us to take a moment to consider this wonderful truth that all human lives are sacred. We were created in the divine image of God... all humans—no matter how big or how small.

The other day, as I was talking with our six-year-old son—the smallest person in our family—we were discussing what makes something important. My husband stepped in to help

explain that something's size doesn't determine its value, and he used my wedding ring as an example. The diamond, he said, is tiny—one of the smallest things we own—yet it is among the most valuable. Not simply because of what a jeweler might say it's worth, but because of what it represents. The small stone carries meaning far beyond its size. In the same way, fundamental human worth is not grounded in physical strength, intelligence, productivity, independence, or social influence. It does not increase with competence or diminish with vulnerability.

In an article from Focus on the Family titled "Made in the image of God: What does it mean and why does it matter?" The author, Subby Sztersky, mentions that to be created in the image of God is to have value. He observes that "Everything in the cosmos has value because it was made by God. But since human beings bear God's image, we possess an innate value beyond anything else in the created order. This is why every human life, regardless of its relative potential or accomplishments, is sacred from the moment of conception to the moment of death."

Human value is God-given, not earned or assigned, because we are made in God's image. For that reason, every human life—no matter how small, dependent, or unseen—possesses a dignity and significance that cannot be measured or taken away.

## 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. Parents and students, we hope you'll join us for an opportunity to learn more about Seth and Valarie and ask questions, today, January 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Room. Our church membership will vote on Seth



Men's Ministry

## Big Game Night

Monday, January 19 | 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and we will enjoy food and watch the National Championship football game on the big screen in Fellowship Hall! Chris will make chili and dessert. Please bring an appetizer to share. RSVP at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

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 is available by reservation (by January 19), for babies to kindergarten. Bring snacks to share. We hope to see you at Bunco Night! Please sign up and register your children online [HERE](#) or at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

## Middle School Hangout!

Saturday, February 7 | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Calling all 5th-8th graders! You're invited to hang out with us for an afternoon of worship and fun! We will gather in the Student Room for pizza and spend time at an indoor adventure park. Don't miss it! The cost is \$20. Register online [HERE](#) or at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

## Guatemala Trip

The College and Young Adult Ministry recently returned from a mission trip to Guatemala, where they experienced a meaningful, joy-filled week of service, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

During the trip, the team partnered with three ministries. At Campos de Sueños, a church South Tulsa has partnered with for over 15 years, our team led children's Bible studies, helped lead worship services, and completed a sound panel project in the worship space, allowing God's Word to be heard more clearly.

The second ministry was Eden Por Salud, an organization that employs adults with intellectual disabilities. In Guatemala, there is no government support for individuals with disabilities, and many are hidden away from society or viewed as a burden to their families.

Eden provides opportunities for meaningful work, income, and belonging, while fostering independence, leadership skills, confidence, friendships, and stronger families and communities.



The final ministry the team served was Casa de Gracia (House of Grace), a new ministry currently developing a facility to serve some of the most vulnerable in their community. Casa de Gracia will provide housing and holistic care for young women who have aged out of the foster care system, while teaching life skills that promote independence. The ministry also plans to offer skills training for young men aging out of foster care. Our team assisted with property cleanup and learned more about the vision to care for the vulnerable and fatherless.

We are deeply thankful for everyone who supported this trip through prayer and financial generosity. It was a wonderful way to close out 2025 and begin 2026 serving alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ!

## Bridge Builders Luncheon

Please join us for our next Bridge Builders Luncheon on Tuesday, February 3 as we Celebrate the Language of Love with the Home Team. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m. Enjoy wonderful music with Philip Stephens, Sherry Remy, and guests, Sean and Lara McKinney! Hear from our own: David Edmonds, Alan Carlton, and Karen Pirtle. Make your lunch reservations at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events).

## Middle School Girls Discipleship

Our discipleship class for 7th & 8th Grade Girls meets on 2nd & 4th Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., in room C247-A. The middle school girls will begin a new study, *The Quest: Daring to Know the Heart of God*, by Beth Moore on January 25. Curiosity is hardwired in humanity. We have this innate need to question and seek after what we don't know or understand. In this 6-session study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

## Financial Peace University

Sundays 4:00-6:00 p.m. Begins February 1  
South Tulsa Conference Room

In this nine-week course, you'll learn how to pay off debt, invest for the future, and give generously. Dave Ramsey has been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles for almost 30 years. And they work. The cost is \$80 per family, with partial scholarships available upon request. You'll receive FPU materials and online resources. We're encouraging couples to attend together. Childcare is available by registration. Space is limited. Register [HERE](#) or at [southtulsa.org/events](http://southtulsa.org/events) by 1/26.

## last week

### GIVING

MFP Actual Receipts .....	\$2,579,430
Ministry Financial Plan .....	2,459,381
General Fund .....	69,951

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults .....	508
Students .....	61
Children .....	89
Preschool .....	86
Unclassified .....	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>754</b>

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers .....	42
People Helped .....	194
Showers .....	37
Hot Meals .....	125
Prayed to Receive Christ .....	1
Church Service .....	20
Needs: men's clothing and shoes.	

### JENKS CAREPOINT

Volunteers .....	47
People Helped .....	342
Needs: blankets, gloves, coats.	

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