

# this week

**Sunday, January 25**

*Snow Day - Worship with us at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. online at [southtulsa.live](https://southtulsa.live)*

**Monday, January 26**

9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. ESL Classes

6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells, Men's Ministry Game Night

7:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe

**Tuesday, January 27**

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

5:30 p.m. Momentum ABKA Karate

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

**Wednesday, January 28**

9:00 a.m.-1:15 & 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

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

6:30 p.m. Kid's Missions - RA, GA, Mission Friends

6:45 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 29**

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

6:30 p.m. ELP 3s Daddy Date Night

**Friday, January 30**

9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

**Saturday, January 31**

8:00 a.m. Gideon's Meeting

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

January 28, 2026

*Hamburgers, baked potato bar, dessert, and beverage.*

**Adults \$5.00, children (12 & under) \$3.50.**

Please make your dinner reservations [online](https://southtulsa.org) by Tuesday at noon. Questions? Call the church office (918) 299-0904.



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## more

**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](https://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.



**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@southtulsa.org](mailto:lauraf@southtulsa.org) or at (918) 528-1155.

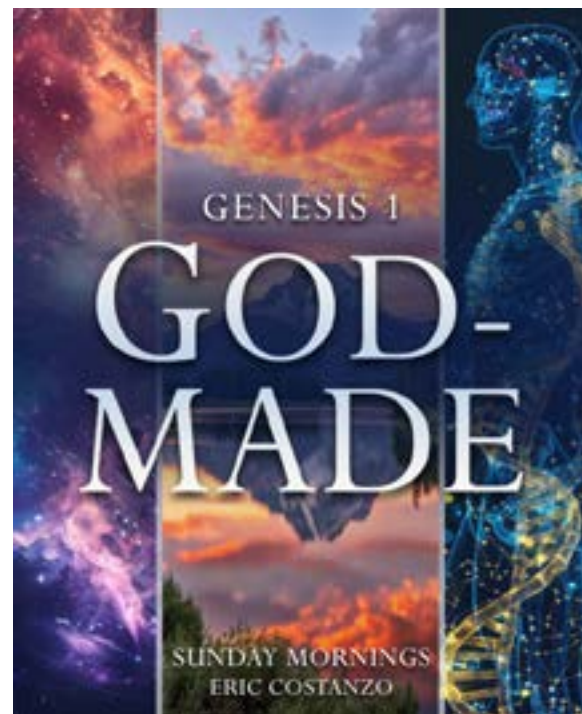
**CAREPORTAL INFORMATION** - If you signed up last fall to receive emails about South Tulsa's CarePortal program and have yet to receive any communication, please contact Paula Meese at [paulameese2@gmail.com](mailto:paulameese2@gmail.com) or (918) 520-5106.

**KIDS CAMP INFORMATION MEETING** - This summer our completed 3rd-6th graders will go to a new camp! The information meeting for parents and campers to learn about important updates, schedules, and new details will be rescheduled to a later date.

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE** - All members are encouraged to join us next Sunday, February 1 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.

**MONTHLY MORNING OF PRAYER** - Join us for our next morning of prayer on Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. We gather each month on the third Saturday.

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



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# Charlotte Digges Moon

Karen Pirtle

In RAs and GAs, we are studying the pioneer missionaries, along with our own IMB and NAMB Missionaries. We recently studied about Lottie Moon (Charlotte). In studying about her, I realized I actually knew very little about her life and service to the Lord. Honestly, I knew more about the Lottie Moon Christmas offering than the actual person.

Lottie Moon was from an affluent family in Virginia. Her father died when she was just 13 years old. Her family valued education. In 1861, Lottie received the first Master of Arts degree awarded to a woman. She was fluent in Latin, Greek, French, Italian, and later became an expert in Chinese.

Lottie cared little for the Christian beliefs most of her friends had, until she had a spiritual awakening on the college campus she attended, as many of her friends prayed for her.

In her early years, she taught at female academies until July 7, 1873, when the Foreign Mission Board (IMB) officially appointed 32-year-old Lottie as a missionary to China. She settled in Dengzhou and discovered her passion: direct evangelism. She had come to China to “go out among the millions” as an evangelist, only to find herself relegated to teaching school children.

She became a prolific letter writer to the head of the Foreign Mission Board, informing him of the realities of mission work and the desperate need for more workers, both men and women.

At the age of 45, she gave up teaching and moved into the interior to evangelize full-time. Her converts numbered in the hundreds. She continued to write letters and share the desperate need for more missionaries, which the poorly funded board could not provide. She encouraged Southern Baptist women to organize Mission Societies in the local church, to help support additional missionaries. This was the beginning of the Women’s Missionary Union (WMU). She then proposed that the

week before Christmas be established as a time of giving to Foreign Missions.

During the wars in China, famine and disease took their toll. She began to share her personal finances and food with anyone in need around her, severely affecting both her physical and mental health. By 1912, at 4’3”, she only weighed 50 lbs. Fellow missionaries arranged for her to be sent back to the States with a missionary companion. Sadly, Lottie died en route on December 24, 1912, at the age of 72 on the ship in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. When Lottie died, she had almost nothing left to her name, because she had given everything to the Chinese people she served.

I am so proud that our church gives so generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This year we surpassed our goal and gave \$257,760 that will go to IMB missionaries around the world.

## 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. Our church membership will vote on Seth during Special Called Business Meetings after both morning services next Sunday, February 1.

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!”



## 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](https://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. 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](https://southtulsa.org/events) or at [southtulsa.org/events](https://southtulsa.org/events) by 1/26.

## Women’s Ministry Galentine Party

“Gals” of all ages, please join us for a Galentine party, Thursday, February 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a time of worship, small devotional, fellowship, and food. Please bring snacks or finger foods to share. Dessert will be provided. We will also have a sweet sister gift exchange, so bring a \$5-10 gift of one of your favorite things. Childcare is available by reservation for babies-kindergarten. Please sign up by 02/01 at [southtulsa.org/events](https://southtulsa.org/events).

## Mission Lunch

Join us on Sunday, February 8, after the second worship service for a wonderful barbecue lunch and great fellowship. We are also taking orders for smoked meats by the pound. Please place your orders [online](https://southtulsa.org/events) by Sunday, February 1. Orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday, February 8 (no earlier than 11:00 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall. The cost per pound is: Sausage – \$10; Bologna – \$10; Boneless Chicken Thighs – \$12; Pulled Pork – \$14. Order at [southtulsa.org/events](https://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](https://southtulsa.org/events) or at [southtulsa.org/events](https://southtulsa.org/events).

## Men’s Morning Prayer and Devotion

Men of all ages, please join us Thursday, February 12, 6:00-7:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We meet on the second Thursday of the month to pray together and a small devotional is also shared with the group. Coffee and donuts provided!

## last week

<b>GIVING</b>	
MFP Actual Receipts . . . . .	\$2,631,190
Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	2,549,778
General Fund . . . . .	51,761

<b>SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	
Adults . . . . .	460
Students . . . . .	63
Children . . . . .	89
Preschool . . . . .	74
Unclassified . . . . .	10
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>696</b>

<b>THE MINISTRY CENTER</b>	
Volunteers . . . . .	62
People Helped . . . . .	259
Showers . . . . .	59
Hot Meals . . . . .	250
Church Service . . . . .	14
<i>Needs: blankets, towels, sheets and pillowcases.</i>	

<b>JENKS CAREPOINT</b>	
Volunteers . . . . .	49
People Helped . . . . .	309
<i>Needs: men’s and children’s jeans, gloves.</i>	

<b>WELCOME NEW MEMBER</b>	
Patricia Morast . . . . .	<i>by letter</i>
Jason & Lesley Edwards . . . .	<i>by statement</i>
Becky Riggs . . . . .	<i>by letter</i>

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**ON THE COVER**  
*Having fun at Women’s Ministry Bunco Night*