

# this week

## Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:00-9:30 a.m. Library Open  
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study, Discover South Tulsa  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open, Youth Handbells  
 3:00 p.m. South Tulsa Car Show & Food Drive

## Monday, September 18

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Precept *Philippians*  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Adult Handbells  
 7:00 p.m. Precept *Philippians*

## Tuesday, September 19

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Wednesday, September 20

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open  
 4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells  
 4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Chimes  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:30 p.m. Student & Children's Choirs, Ladies Bible Study-*The Explicit Gospel*  
 5:45-6:30 p.m. Library Open  
 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Mentors Bible Study  
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship  
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Safety & Security Committee Meeting  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 21

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. ELP, Precept *1 Peter*  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Art Journaling  
 7:00 p.m. Precept *1 Peter*, Men's Basketball

## Friday, September 22

8:45 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program

## Saturday, September 23

8:00 a.m. A New Day Golf Tournament

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

September 20, 2017

*Lasagna, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert and beverage.*

Adults \$5, children \$3.50, family max \$18.

Please call the church office, 918-299-0904 to make your reservations by Tuesday at noon.

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Sharing the  
Good News about  
Jesus in our  
community and  
around the world

## more

**DISCOVER SOUTH TULSA** - This class for new members and those interested in becoming members of South Tulsa continues today, September 17 from 9:40-10:40 a.m. in the Family Room.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER CAST** - Cast members may pick up a cast list on a table by the northwest wall of the Gym. NEXT SUNDAY, September 24 is the first rehearsal and it is for ALL of the cast. We will begin the rehearsal promptly at 1:30 p.m., in the Gym.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** - Monday, October 2 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the South Tulsa Conference Room. Surviving the Holidays provides help and hope as you navigate the holiday season after the death of a loved one.

**DAYSPRING VILLA** - You are invited to be a part of the 2017 Royal Gala on October 5. We want to share with you all the good your generosity is accomplishing every day in the lives of women through DaySpring Villa. More info here: [dayspringvilla.com/royal-gala-2-/](http://dayspringvilla.com/royal-gala-2-/). Sugar, ranch dressing, ketchup, gallon size teabags, styrofoam cups and bowls, and size 3 diapers are needed. Items can be left in the container by the missions wall in the Atrium. Contact Judy White for more information.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE EXPLICIT GOSPEL** - A 7-week study by Matt Chandler begins Wednesday, September 20 from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. in room D165/166, childcare provided.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE ART JOURNALING** - Our last workshop this year is September 21, from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Contact Denise Curtiss, at [denise77@cox.net](mailto:denise77@cox.net).

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

**A NEW DAY GOLF**  
Tournament

SAT 23 SEPT

8.00 AM SHOTGUN START

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE  
DRINKS . SNACKS . BBQ LUNCH

\$75

SOUTH LAKES GOLF COURSE  
JENKS, OKLAHOMA

A NEW DAY  
AT SOUTH TULSA

benefiting

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[SOUTHTULSA.ORG/SPECIAL-EVENTS](http://SOUTHTULSA.ORG/SPECIAL-EVENTS)

14TH ANNUAL  
★ SOUTH TULSA ★

**Car Show & Food Drive**

Incredible cars and fun for the whole family

Rain Date: Sept. 24

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
3:00-6:00 PM

Bring canned goods & non-perishable  
FOOD FOR THE MINISTRY CENTER

Register at [southtulsa.org/car-show](http://southtulsa.org/car-show)

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## 8:30AM Worship

Join Us @ South Tulsa  
*This Is Amazing Grace*  
*How Great is Our God*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Eric Costanzo  
*Great I Am*  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Sharolyn Sorrels  
**Message** Hebrews 12:1-2  
**Response** *At the Cross*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

## 10:50AM Worship

Join Us @ South Tulsa  
**Congregational Reading** Psalm 100  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Eric Costanzo  
**Greeting One Another**  
*Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*  
*Redeemed*  
**Choral Worship** *Were It Not for Grace*  
 Solo - James Nance  
*Find Us Faithful*  
**Giving** *Love Lifted Me*  
**Scripture Reading** Sharolyn Sorrels  
**Message** Hebrews 12:1-2  
**Response** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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## The Art of Marriage

by Dru Finley

I can clearly remember the pastor during marriage counseling say, "Marriage can be the greatest relationship in your life, but it takes work!" He then added, "Dru, your job is to out serve Jamie, and Jamie, your job is to out serve Dru. When that is the pattern of your marriage you'll find that marriage works the way it was meant to." The amazing reality is, the work is never finished. We must learn that the most effective marriages are those who are not trying to get, but are trying to give!

Marriage is a wonderful gift from God! It was not man's idea, it was not set up by any civilization, rather it came from the very heart of God. It is His design to provide for human flourishing. It is more than merely a means of "filling the earth" (**Genesis 1:28**), it is that institution that brings flourishing in our relationships. Flourishing takes place in our spiritual lives as God uses marriage in His process of sanctification. He brings flourishing as He uses this institution to raise the next generation. And, it is this institution that is the foundational element of societal flourishing. Knowing this institution is God's design for our good, we should invest in it for our benefit and His glory!

Knowing that marriage is God's design for our flourishing, we will be hosting a powerful conference for all couples of any age to invest in strengthening their marriage. **The Art of Marriage Live** is a conference presented by FamilyLife, who for 40 years now have been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design.

Join us October 6-7 as guest speakers Jeff and Stacy Kemp lead and encourage our church to strengthen marriages and families through the Art of Marriage Live. Register at [southtulsa.org/marriage](http://southtulsa.org/marriage).

## Discipleship University

**Sunday Nights Beginning September 24, 2017**

This fall get involved on Sunday evenings with Discipleship University. The classes will be:

• **3 CIRCLES: Turning everyday conversations into gospel conversations** - Many Christians want to talk about Christ, but are often not sure what to say or where to start. The good news is, sharing the gospel with someone can be as simple as three circles. Discover how to share the gospel with anyone using the 3 Circles evangelism tool. 6 weeks, sign up today.

• **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more. 9 weeks, \$100, sign up today.

• **SUNDAY SERMON BONUS FEATURES** with Eric Costanzo - Many Sundays it feels like we only scratch the surface of the biblical text. There is a lot of excellent material and many questions that do not make the "cut" for the morning message. In our Sunday Sermon Bonus Features class, we will dig deeper and wrestle with the text together. Bring your thoughts and questions with you!

the art of marriage<sup>®</sup> **LIVE**  
with Jeff and Stacy Kemp  
getting to the heart of God's design  
**October 6-7, 2017**  
**FRIDAY** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (childcare available) &  
**SATURDAY** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (NO childcare)  
\$50 per couple  
(includes: conference, dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and Art of Marriage Manual)  
Register at [southtulsa.org/marriage](http://southtulsa.org/marriage)

## A New Ministry

Connections are important, and our heart as a church is to connect people to Christ! He is our hope and our life! It is through Him that we have been given reconciliation with the Father! And it is in Him that we have been called to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). So, our desire is to help people come to Him and find their joy in Him.

One natural place for us to help people find a connection with Christ is through our Sunday Bible Study groups. This is a place where they can learn from God's Word, share one another's burdens, be encouraged, and find family. This is why our goal is for everyone to be connected to a SBS group.

With this goal in mind we have created Touchpoint, a new ministry to help guests find a small group and become an integral part of our church family. This ministry is designed to mobilize our SBS groups as our outreach arm. Touchpoint teams will make phone calls and visits to guests who have attended our church services, and help guests assimilate into South Tulsa by becoming a part of a SBS class. If you would like to be involved with Touchpoint talk with your Sunday Bible Study leaders.



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - Children's Missions is collecting **Crayons-24ct., erasers and pencil sharpeners** for children in Guatemala. Bring donations to the church office, RA, GA, or Mission Friends.

## Car Show Desserts

Dont' forget, we are asking our church family to bring a dessert or two in DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS to share with our Car Show guests. Recommended items: cookies, brownies, bars, and other items that can be cut before you arrive and eaten with your fingers. Your help with desserts is greatly needed and appreciated.

Bring your family and friends today from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Don't forget to bless the Ministry Center with non-perishable food items. Register online at [southtulsa.org/car-show](http://southtulsa.org/car-show).**

## Connie Faurot

Please join us on Sunday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center/Commons for a special retirement recognition and reception to honor Connie Faurot for her 23 years of service as Minister to Families with Children. We have specified a Love Offering for Connie. Please designate to South Tulsa Baptist Church and in your check reference field specify Connie or online select Other and specify Connie.

Mentors

## Men's Bible Study

**Manhood Restored: How the Gospel Makes Men Whole** by Eric Mason is the new men's 6-week study that meets on Wednesday nights in room D174 at 6:00 p.m. The earthly crisis within manhood will be here until Jesus returns, but in Christ men are pointed toward the gospel as the vision for renewal. This study from the exciting new pastoral voice of Eric Mason combines theological depth with practical insights, putting men in step with a gospel-centered manhood that directs them back to God's original intent for their lives.

Women's Ministry

## Wonderstruck

A ladies event on **Sunday, October 1, 2017** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship as guest speaker, Carol Sallee shares thoughts about generational faith. Carol speaks across the United States and is full of humor, enthusiasm and has a passion for God's Word. FREE, just register online at [southtulsa.org/wevents](http://southtulsa.org/wevents) for accurate preparation. Childcare for South Tulsa kids birth-sixth grade by reservation.

## Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers after my mother's passing. I've never felt so much love. You all are a blessing to me and to others. May God keep blessing this church family. ~*Sherri Greenway and Family*

## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan.....	840,168
Actual MFP Receipts .....	623,067
General Fund .....	48,442
A New Day at South Tulsa.....	4,792

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults.....	508
Students.....	103
Children.....	98
Preschool.....	84
Unclassified.....	10
Total .....	803

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES .....

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers.....	27
People Helped .....	150
Medical Clinic.....	8

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views .....	3,290
<i>(U.S. 2,104; 12 Retirement Centers with 134; International 1,052)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views.....	600
<i>(U.S. 401; International 199)</i>	

### MINISTRY STAFF

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