

# this week

## Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:00-9:40 a.m. Library Open  
 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group  
 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. Library Open

## Monday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 1:30 p.m. GriefShare, Ladies Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

## Tuesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program  
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Weaving Group

## Wednesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise  
 9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program Cleaning Day  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open  
 1:00 p.m. Bill Bass Memorial Service  
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 5:30 p.m. PreSMAK Planning Meeting  
 5:45 p.m. Ministry Financial Plan Q & A, Bible Study & Prayer

5:45 -7:00 p.m. Library Open

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship  
 6:30 p.m. SMAK Planning Meeting  
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 17

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ESL Classes  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day  
 11:30 p.m. Early Learning Program Luncheon  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

## Friday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise  
 9:00 a.m. Early Learning Program Cleaning Day

## Saturday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. Security Awareness Training  
 9:30 a.m. FIT Service at The Ministry Center

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

May 16, 2018

Hamburgers and all the fixins, dessert and beverage.

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

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



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 Good News about  
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 community and  
 around the world

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**2018-2019 MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN** - A printed copy of the proposed plan is available on the Welcome Center or it can be found on the "church family page" on our website southtulsa.org/church-family (use church WI-FI password). The second Question and answer session is this Wednesday, May 16 at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will vote on the proposed budget, without discussion, on Sunday, May 20 during both worship services.

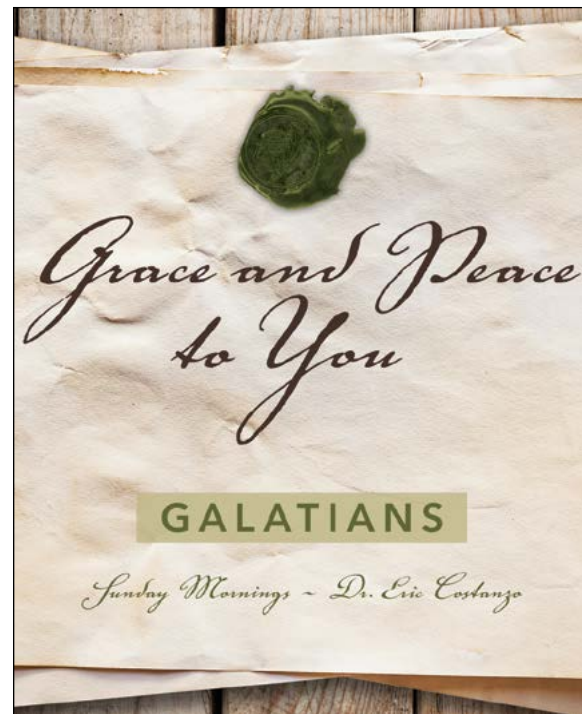
**WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Book Club:** Meet with ladies from South Tulsa and other churches at LifeWay Book Club on Monday, May 14 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at LifeWay (10333 E 71st St S). The May book is *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Contact Debbie Steen, debbie@southtulsa.org if you have questions.

**GRIEFSHARE: NEW SESSION BEGINS MAY 21** - GriefShare is a caring group of people who will walk alongside you as you grieve the death of a loved one. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the South Tulsa Conference Room.

**SUMMER MUSIC FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS - SMAK** June 11-15, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., finished grades 1-6, \$35. **PreSMAK** June 11-13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., ages 3 years-kindergarten, \$20. Register at southtulsa.org/music-events.

**SMAK & PRESMAK PLANNING MEETINGS THIS WEDNESDAY** - PreSMAK leaders will meet on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in room D-268-269. SMAK leaders will meet at 6:30 p.m. in room D-268-269.

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



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8:30AM Worship

**Video Welcome**  
**Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-3 Jeff Curtiss  
*Open Up the Heavens*  
*Your Love Defends Me*  
*This I Believe*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Eric Costanzo  
**Bible Drill Demonstration** Rebecca Lee  
**Greeting One Another**  
**Scripture Reading** Bill Harrington  
**Message** Galatians 2:1-10  
**Response** *Lead Me to the Cross*  
**Ministries@SouthTulsa Announcements**  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
**Blessing**

10:50AM Worship

**Ministries@SouthTulsa Announcements**  
**Call to Worship** Psalm 24 Preston Wolff  
*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
**Prayer and Welcome** Dru Finley  
**McCarver Family Dedication**  
**Greeting One Another**  
*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It*  
**Bible Drill Demonstration** Rebecca Lee  
**Choral Worship** *Jesus Keeps Me Singing*  
*With All My Heart*  
**Giving** *All Things Through Christ*  
 Mixed Ensemble  
**Scripture Reading** Bill Harrington  
**Message** Galatians 2:1-10  
**Response** *Lord, Here Am I*  
**New Commitments - New Members**  
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## Spring Gardening

Alice Bones

I am a fair-weather lover of digging in the dirt. Not sure I would classify myself as a gardener by any stretch of the imagination, but I do love to dig and plant when Spring starts showing up and the weather is nice. While working in my yard, I just marvel at the beauty that God created and am in grateful awe that He has given me a little piece of His creation that I can work.

In the spring I am always anxious to plant my flower bed, my veggie garden, and add a new shrub or two in strategic spots. I will spend hours walking up and down the aisles of greenhouses trying to decide on what to plant this year. BUT, here's my confession: I am really bad about preparing the soil and getting my yard ready for the new plants. Raking and weeding and tilling seem like such drudge work . . . I just want to get to the beautiful work of planting!

However, my lack of discipline at preparing my garden always reminds me of Jesus' parable of the sower found in Matthew 13. In the parable, some of the sower's seeds fell along the path and the birds ate them. Others fell on rocky ground where there wasn't much soil. They sprang up quickly, but soon withered under the sun because they had no root due to the lack of soil depth. Some seeds landed among the thorns and were choked out. But, finally, some of the seeds fell on good, fertile soil and produced an abundant crop.

Oh God, how good You are at reminding me that I need to prepare my "soil." I need to be a disciplined gardener with my life. If I want to be able to produce an abundant crop for my Lord, I need to be reading and studying His Word, praying and being in constant fellowship with Him, seeking wise and Godly counsel, and participating in worship and fellowship with like-minded believers. I need to seek His guidance in where He wants me planted and where He wants me to serve.

How does your "garden" grow?

### Summer Bible Study

## The Art of Parenting

Wednesdays 5:45-7:15 p.m. | Begins June 6

Discover how to integrate your faith into everyday parenting moments. Don't go it alone. Lay a spiritual foundation that your children will build on for the rest of their days.

Drawing on expertise gleaned through their years of ministry, the Rainey's offer advice on how to help your kids discover who they are in Christ, live wisely and honorably, foster godly connections, and understand God's purpose for their lives. Books are \$10. Childcare/activities for children of all ages. Please register (adults and children) online at [southtulsa.org/with-god](http://southtulsa.org/with-god).



## International/Refugee Ministry

Volunteers for our international/refugee ministry - If you are interested in our ministry to internationals here at South Tulsa and would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please call the church office or email [cindy@southtulsa.org](mailto:cindy@southtulsa.org). There will be several opportunities for us to help with international students at Jenks Public Schools this summer, so we will need a lot of volunteers.

**Nic at Night**  
A Mystical play for Kids about Nicodemus  
By KATHIE HILL

**SMAC**  
Summer Music Activity for Kids  
**June 11-15**  
10 am to 2 pm

For kids who have completed grades 1-6  
Register Now [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org)

\$35 INCLUDES T-SHIRT

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**PreSMAC**  
Summer Music Activity for Kids  
**June 11-13**  
10 am to noon

For kids 3 years old thru Kindergarten  
Register Now [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org)

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**The "Thank You" Meal**

## {Getting to Know You}



New Members of South Tulsa

Meet the Cardwell family who joined the church on April 22.

CJ and Kim

moved to the Tulsa area from Kansas in 2004. CJ grew up in Vernon, Texas and has worked in the oil and gas business for a long time. He currently travels a lot with his job. He loves sports, especially football.

Kim was born in South Carolina but was in a military family and moved many times while growing up. She loves music and stays busy playing clarinet in six different groups. She also plays in the orchestra here at South Tulsa.

CJ and Kim have been married for 16 years. He has a son and daughter who live in Texas, and she has two daughters who live in San Diego and Idaho and two sons who live in Broken Arrow with them. They have seven grandchildren between them.

Aaron is currently working at a pizza restaurant and also drives for UBER. He is looking forward to going back to college soon.

Brandon is a graduate of Rhema Bible College. He loves studying history and facts.

CJ and Kim attend the Empty Nester's 1 class and enjoy being involved at South Tulsa.

**GAME ON!**  
GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME  
2 PETER 1:3

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 25-28**  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
For kids who have completed K-6th Grade

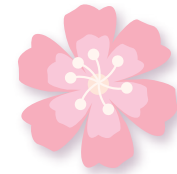
**Family Fun Night June 28!**  
Enroll Now at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org)

### Graduating High School

## Senior Recognition Sunday - May 20

We will recognize our graduating high school students during the 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 20. Senior videos will be shown at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Commons. Join us for this special time of celebration.

*Her mouth speaks wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. ~ Proverbs 31:26*



**NO SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES TONIGHT - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

## Mission Trips

**ARIZONA, JUNE 29-JULY 7** - A FAMILY summer mission trip is planned to serve with Pastor Charles Scheffe and The Church at Estrella (a church plant of the North American Mission Board) located in Goodyear, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. Families will drive from Tulsa to Goodyear. We will worship with The Church at Estrella and spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 4th of July doing community outreach and evangelism. Coming home the team will visit Sedona, the Grand Canyon and Petrified Forest. Contact Joe Donelson for more information at [jrdon@olp.net](mailto:jrdon@olp.net).

**GUATEMALA, SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 6** - A fall mission trip to Guatemala will serve at both Campos de Suenos and with BuildinGUATE. Constructing a home, providing clean water, feeding the children, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ are just a few of the things we will do in Guatemala. Please contact either Robert Shain, [robertandsally@yahoo.com](mailto:robertandsally@yahoo.com) or Joe Donelson, [jrdon@olp.net](mailto:jrdon@olp.net) for more information.

## last week

### GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan . . . . .	3,231,360
Actual MFP Receipts . . . . .	3,260,005
General Fund . . . . .	113,768
A New Day at South Tulsa . . . . .	6,749

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults . . . . .	508
Students . . . . .	72
Children . . . . .	73
Preschool . . . . .	81
Unclassified . . . . .	10
Total . . . . .	744

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES . . . . . 193**

### THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers . . . . .	22
People Helped . . . . .	139

### WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views . . . . .	3,317
<i>(U.S. 2,124; 13 Retirement Centers with 131; International 1,062)</i>	
ON DEMAND Views. . . . .	847
<i>(U.S. 565; International 282)</i>	

### NEW MEMBERS

David & Loyce Robbins . . . . .	<i>by statement</i>
James & Jan Milton . . . . .	<i>by letter</i>
Steve Adamson. . . . .	<i>by baptism</i>
Sharon Villareal. . . . .	<i>by letter</i>

### MINISTRY STAFF

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