

this week

Sunday, September 9

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
 12:00 p.m. Student Handbells
 1:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Theater Auditions
 3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Mixed Ensemble
 4:30 p.m. Ladies Ensemble, Media Volunteer Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Vision Gathering Discussion
 6:00 p.m. Fall Preview, Student Discipleship
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Renovation Review

Monday, September 10

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, Adult Handbells

Tuesday, September 11

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program
 10:00 a.m. Moms in Prayer
 12:00 p.m. Ruth's Open Door Weaving

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 a.m. ELP Teacher Planning
 9:00 a.m.-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 Chimes
 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 5:30 p.m. Student Choir, Children's Choirs, ESL
 Citizenship Class, Ladies Bible Study: Ruth
 5:45-7:00 p.m. Library Open
 5:45 p.m. Vision Gathering Discussion
 6:20 p.m. Student Worship
 6:30 p.m. RA, GA, MF, Car Show Planning
 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ESL Classes
 9:30 a.m. Early Learning Program, Precept: Ezekiel
 10:00 a.m. Adult Game Day
 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry Ladies Night Out, Bible
 Art Journaling
 7:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study: Ezekiel
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Car Show Tent Raising

WEDNESDAY DINNER

September 12, 2018

Fried shrimp, baked potato bar, hush puppies, salad, 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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2019 DEACON NOMINATIONS - Members of South Tulsa are asked to prayerfully submit names of those persons whom they feel should serve as deacons. Deacon Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center and tables in the Worship Center. Completed forms are due by October 7.

MEDIA VOLUNTEER MEETING TODAY - If you would like to learn more about this ministry, join us September 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Pizza will be provided!

CHAPEL RENOVATION REVIEW - The update on the Chapel renovation with new renderings will be at 7:00 tonight, September 9. Go to southtulsa.org/special-events for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY LADIES NIGHT OUT - Thursday, September 13, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the home of Carol Ross. Enjoy "Fall into Italy," an evening of food, fun and fellowship as we play bunko and meet new friends. Please sign up in the Sanctuary Choir room.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - Monday, October 1 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.

BIBLE ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP - Ladies, join us on Thursday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in room B123 for our last meeting of the year. Contact Denise Curtiss, denise77@cox.net.

BOOK SIGNING - Our library staff will be hosting a book signing featuring Laura Drumb's new book *From Now Until Forever*, on September 23, 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Commons area in front of the Library and after the late service from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

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



south tulsa
VISION
gathering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
4-7 PM

Join us for dinner and discussion about where God is at work and how He is leading us forward as a church.

Register now at southtulsa.org/visiongathering

VISION GATHERING DISCUSSION MEETINGS:
 Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m.
 in the Chapel
 Wednesday, September 12 at 5:45 p.m.
 in Fellowship Hall



BELIZE GOLF
Tournament

SAT 13 OCT

8.00 AM SHOTGUN START

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE
DRINKS . SNACKS . BBQ LUNCH

\$75
MOHAWK GOLF COURSE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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8:30AM Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship Psalm 73:24-28 Don Akin
King of My Heart
Never Once
Baptism Roe Remy
Even So Come
Prayer and Welcome Rebecca Lee
Greeting One Another
Vision Testimony Lori Carver
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Ephesians 2:1-7
Response *Man of Sorrows*
Ministries@SouthTulsa Announcements
New Commitments - New Members
Blessing

10:50AM Worship

Ministries@SouthTulsa Announcements
Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
 Lance McCarver
Blessed Be the Name | Worthy of Worship
Prayer and Welcome Matt Wolff
Greeting One Another *Wonderful Words of Life*
Vision Testimony Lori Carver
Choral Worship *End of the Beginning*
 Solo - Brian Easterwood
Thou Art Worthy
Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* Stephen
 Goforth Signing - Doris & Sharon Goforth
Scripture Reading Yana Sherdis
Message Ephesians 2:1-7
Response *I'd Rather Have Jesus*
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Bricks and Stones and Smart Phones

Matt Wolff

I want to talk about technology and its effect on our relationship with God.

Let's look at **Genesis 11:2-4**, *As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."*

This scripture represents new technology for this people group. In order to build a structure using stone there must be a source of stone - a stone quarry available to cut out the rocks and transport to a specific location, similar to how the pyramids of Egypt were built. Very labor intensive. However, with the new technology of baking bricks, that could be done right on location, this new technology made them arrogant and hindered their relationship with God.

Have you ever allowed technology to come into your life and hinder your relationship with God? Has a new technology captured your heart's attention to the point that it has affected your personal relationship with God?

You can tell a lot about a person by their TIME, ENERGY, MONEY and CONVERSATION.

The average amount of time spent on technology - **social media**: 8 hours a month; **gaming apps**: 1½ hour a day; **texting**: 95 minutes a day; **online**: 32 hours on the internet every month; **television**: 28 hours per week.

The problem with the world, according to Rev. Graham, is not technology; rather, the problem is the people who use it. Despite advances in technology, we will always have war, poverty, and pain, because the corruption of humanity is an internal one. Moreover, we are all going to die, and technology cannot stop that impending fate. The hope available, however, is to come to know the living God through Jesus Christ. - *Billy Graham*

The Car Show

Bring your family and invite your friends to join us for the largest car show in the Tulsa area on Sunday, September 16 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. **Bless the Ministry Center with canned or non-perishable food items.** Parking for church family will be at Redeemer Covenant with shuttles running from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pastor Eric will officially open the show at 3:30 p.m. followed by a flag salute and the National Anthem. Miss Oklahoma - Ashley Thompson, will be signing autographs, children will enjoy the kid's area with great inflatables, new this year is an Art Auction benefiting Guatemala children. Help is still needed. Stop by the sign-up table near the Welcome Center. Register online at southtulsa.org/car-show.

CAR SHOW DESSERTS - The food at the Car Show will not be complete without something SWEET! 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 bring them and eaten with your fingers. We expect a tremendous crowd, so your help with desserts will be greatly needed and appreciated. Items can be delivered on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning to the church kitchen, or when you arrive for the Car Show.

15TH ANNUAL
★ SOUTH TULSA ★
Car Show & FOOD Drive
FREE!
Incredible cars and fun for the whole family
Rain Date: Sept. 23
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 3:00-6:00 PM
Bring canned goods & non-perishable FOOD FOR THE MINISTRY CENTER
Register at southtulsa.org/car-show

Getting to Know You



New Members of South Tulsa

Welcome to Jim & Connie Davis who joined the church in June!

Jim grew up in Amarillo, Texas and graduated from Northeastern University. He worked as an insurance agent for many years before he retired. He and his first wife were members here when the church first started.

Connie moved around a lot growing up since her father worked for Shell Oil. They lived in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. She graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She was a school teacher for 25 years, mostly teaching 1st grade, before retiring.

Jim and Connie met in Amarillo after both of their spouses passed away. They were married six years ago, before moving to Tulsa. They each have two daughters. Two of them live here, one lives in Albuquerque, and one in Dallas. All four of them are or have been school teachers. They also have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who are scattered in different places.

Jim enjoys playing the guitar and Connie loves to garden. They are members of the Kingdom Builders Bible Study class.

Sunday Nights

Join us TONIGHT for the Fall Preview of the following Bible studies and classes that will be offered soon. Full descriptions and enrollment information can be found at southtulsa.org/current-series.

PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Eric will be teaching in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - 9-weeks, begins September 23 at 5:30 p.m.

REVELATION - Patrick Lovelace will teach this 11-week study that begins September 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - *Comparison Trap*, October 14 - November 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

The following Bible studies will be offered on Wednesdays. Descriptions and enrollment information can be found at southtulsa.org/with-god.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER - 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - *The Book of Ruth*, 8-weeks, starting September 12, 5:30-7:15 p.m., D165/166.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - *Finishing Strong*, starting September 19, 6:00-7:15 p.m., D174.

SINGLES BIBLE STUDY - *The Book of James*, begins September 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m., D172.

Let's Talk

VISION GATHERING DISCUSSION

Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 p.m. and

Wednesday, September 12 at 5:45 p.m.

Our Vision Gathering Open Meetings will be a time to discuss various responses from our Vision Gathering surveys and to discuss the wonderful things God is doing in our church. Pastor Eric will facilitate each of the meetings with a few questions followed by open discussion.

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER

Scripts & Auditions

Christmas Dinner Theater scripts are available to check out in the Commons. There are speaking parts, solos and a large chorus available for children as young as 3rd grade through adults. You may also sign up for a five minute audition spot for TODAY Sunday, September 9, 1:30-4:00 p.m. in D-174.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER?

Christmas Dinner Theater is a 27-year tradition at South Tulsa Baptist Church. You enter the Commons to the sounds of Christmas music performed by the Adult Handbell Choir and then move into the transformed gym to enjoy an elegant candlelit dinner in a festive atmosphere followed by *A Place to Call Home*, a fun musical that the whole family will enjoy. Performances are November 29-December 1, at 7:00 p.m. with a free matinee on December 1 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale in late October.

last week

GIVING

Ministry Financial Plan \$723,449
Actual MFP Receipts 607,720
General Fund 85,949
Capital Reserve (New Day) 330

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adults 482
Students 64
Children 79
Preschool 75
Unclassified 10
Total 710

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 98

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Volunteers 23
People Helped 240
Medical Clinic 13

WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

LIVE Views 3,148
(U.S. 2,059; 13 Retirement Centers with 145; International 944)
ON DEMAND Views 2,029
(U.S. 1,353; International 676)

NEW MEMBERS

John, Aon & Joi Sanders by letter
Bill & Judy Rothrock by letter
Jeanene Absher by letter

MINISTRY STAFF

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