

FALL REOPENING UPDATE

July 29, 2020

Dear Church Family,

At this time, we are going to **pause** (not pull back!) our reopening process. As we continue to pray through our COVID-19 protocols and the requests made of us by the City of Tulsa/ Health Department that extend through November, here is a detailed update regarding the upcoming months. These are very hard decisions, but I am confident they are the right ones at this time. Please keep praying and stay connected! ~Pastor Eric

SERVICES, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

- 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday worship services in person (*with social distancing, masks, and updated cleaning procedures*). As always services can be viewed online at southtulsa.live.
- Extended Teaching Care (ETC) for children 3 years and younger during both worship services by reservation using the form found online at southtulsa.org/ps-registration.
- Adult and Student Sunday Bible Study groups may meet in their regular classrooms or alternate spaces – directors can contact the church office (carolyn@southtulsa.org) with requests regarding set up.
- Large indoor spaces and outdoor spaces remain available for use by reservation using this [FORM](https://southtulsa.org/transition-facility-request) also found at southtulsa.org/transition-facility-request.
- Our Student Ministry will continue to meet on Wednesday nights for worship, discipleship, and fellowship practicing our protocols. Stay tuned for other Student opportunities in the weeks to come.
- The Adult Choir, Ensembles, and Orchestra will continue increasing their involvement in worship using updated protocols.
- Student Choir is working on a plan to resume meeting in the fall. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.
- The Early Learning Program (ELP) weekday preschool will hold their fall semester using new protocols and procedures. For more information contact Debbie Steen (debbie@southtulsa.org).
- English as Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship classes on all campuses are finalizing plans with options for Zoom or distance learning. Watch for details soon.

SERVICES, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL REMAIN ONLINE-ONLY OR PAUSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- Children's and Preschool Sunday School classes will NOT resume on August 2 as we had previously hoped. We have tentatively moved this date to **Sunday, September 16** – with preschool, children, and students promoting to their new classes. This may change again depending on circumstances, so we will continue to evaluate this on a week-by-week basis.
- Sunday Night activities for children and preschoolers will remain paused until further notice.
- Most Wednesday night activities – including Preschool/Children's Choirs, RAs/GAs/Mission Friends, and Adult Prayer and Bible Study – will not resume in September as planned. We are looking into preschool/children's music and missions that can be done at home and also praying about other alternatives when things change for the better.

NOTE: Our Family Ministry Team will continue working to provide fresh and creative ways for families to have Sunday School and devotional materials/videos for their children to use at home.

- Bridge Builders/Senior Adult Ministry will continue mostly through phone calls, distance visits, and online options for the time being. We will be looking for innovative ways to have events for this group with distancing in the fall.
- Food Services will remain suspended for the time being except for drive-thru meals, funerals, and other approved events/occasions.

