



The Well April 2020 Update for Midsouth Reunion

Who we are and what we do

The Well is a new church plant west of downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma using a Dinner Church model as our primary gathering for spiritual community and formation. We meet at a strategic intersection of economics, ethnicity and experience so we can serve several different neighborhoods with diverse backgrounds and life situations that are adjacent to each other, but that all share the common reality of not having adequate access to grocery stores, health care facilities and other basic services. This is also an area where there are few churches flourishing and able to serve the community. Many churches are hanging on to a small aging congregation. Lastly, we are in what is potentially one of the most post-Christian parts of the city, with an abundance of millennials moving in and revitalizing a few of the neighborhoods.

Our vision is to be a church where everyone who comes finds their place in God's story. ***Our mission*** is to set the table every day for people to belong in a community where they feel heard, refreshed, and welcomed into the life changing story of Jesus. We do that by pursuing these Core Values:

Hospitality - We welcome friends and strangers to share food and relationships that nourish body and soul.

Conversation - We create space for people to know and learn from each other, not shying away from difficult topics or doubts.

Mission - We work for Christ's love, justice and compassion in the neighborhood, our city and the world.

Celebration - We experience wonder and awe of God through our prayers, music, art, and story.

Reconciliation - We build bridges across division and help set things right between us.

How we are doing

The Well began meeting once a month in January, gathering our Launch Team along with guests they invited from all over Tulsa and neighbors who live in the area. Each Dinner Church gathering includes good food, meaningful conversations, live music and singing, and a story from the Gospels followed by an invitation to engage hearts and minds in that story.

Like all churches in this season of COVID-19, we have temporarily paused in person gatherings, but are remaining active online with Stories from The Well outreach happening on Facebook Live every few weeks, Launch Team Zoom meetings and a partnership with local projects helping meet needs in the neighborhoods.

What you can pray for

We ask for our Midsouth family to pray for 1) Clear vision to build authentic relationships and help people we meet hear they can belong in God's story 2) Growth for our Launch Team in this strange time without the ability to physically gather 3) Continued peace and strength for Denise in the loss of her father in late March 4) Wisdom for how to best lead and care for our team as many of us have suffered difficult life circumstances complicated by COVID-19 at just the time we were gaining momentum.