

MONEY'S WORTH

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Finding your financial happy place

Money isn't just about numbers. It's about the feeling those numbers create: the calm of paying bills on time, the excitement of growing your savings, the confidence of making purchases without a second thought.

Find what financial happiness looks like for you

Feeling safe financially looks different for everyone. Some people find joy in traveling or spending time with family, while others feel secure knowing they have a safety net, and neither is right or wrong. The real test is whether your spending reflects what matters to you.

Know that money doesn't always fix everything

A bigger paycheck doesn't guarantee peace of mind. Someone earning a six-figure salary can still feel stretched thin if every dollar is already spoken for. Someone earning half that can feel completely secure because their spending lines up with their priorities. Financial peace comes from spending with purpose, not from a number on a pay stub.

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Watch for those everyday moments

Financial happiness shows up in small moments such as covering a surprise car repair without panic, a credit score that opens doors instead of closing them and a budget with room for both fun and future goals. It's feeling confident in saying yes to what brings you joy and no to what doesn't.

Tune out the noise

The world around us seems to be constantly pushing the idea that happiness means having more, but true financial happiness isn't about having everything. It's

about feeling content where you are and recognizing when enough is enough.

Being financially responsible doesn't mean giving up on joy, and having fun doesn't mean ignoring your goals. Splurging feels good when it's done guilt-free and saving feels good when it's tied to something meaningful. Balancing both is what creates financial happiness. ■

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Holiday closing: September 7, 2026

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Drop-in financial coaching: September 25, 2026

OKC, Northeast branch, 1177 N.E. 23rd St. | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meet TFCU's financial coaches for free, one-on-one support and guidance.

CU in the Park: September 26, 2026

Scissortail Park, 300 S.W. 7th St., OKC | 7 - 10 p.m.
Free concert featuring country artist Russell Dickerson.

Holiday closing: October 12, 2026

TFCU branches will be closed in observance of the federal holiday.

Selling a car? Watch for fake buyers

Scammers may pose as dealerships or buyers offering to buy a vehicle sight unseen, often overpaying with a check and asking for the difference back. If a buyer pressures you to move fast, avoids meeting in person or makes an unusual payment request, treat it as a red flag and pause the sale.

Stay safe and alert with these tips:

- Verify the dealership through its official website and phone number
- Avoid unfamiliar vehicle history report sites suggested by the buyer
- Push for a secure payment method, such as a verified cashier's check or in-person cash, rather than sharing your banking account details
- Never send back an overpayment or accept checks for more than the selling price
- Confirm the payment is legitimate before handing over the keys
- Never share your verification codes, passwords, PINs or card details
- Never sign over, mail or hand over a paper title, or release the vehicle, until the payment has cleared
- Contact your financial institution independently if requests like this ever seems unusual

A few extra moments to verify the buyer and payment can keep a fake buyer from driving off with both the car and the money. ■

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