



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa



March 16, 2024

Our mission is helping people experience the love of Jesus

Opportunities

Come Grow with Us!

If you are looking for a change, or for a new church, we invite you to join our growing family. Here at First Tulsa we believe that everyone has something special and unique to add to our diverse congregation. We would love to welcome you into our church family! If this is your desire, please turn in a Connection Card (located on the tables at the back of the church sanctuary). Place it in the offering box on the wall by the doors at the rear of the church sanctuary.

United Prayer Opportunities

Monday — Friday

● **6:00-6:15 am** ● Prayer Conference Call
Dial 605-468-8026, Access Code: 1013047#

Tuesday

● **7:00-8:00 pm** ● Oklahoma Prayer Line
● Dial 1-470-480-9256

Wednesday

● **6:30 pm** ● Midweek Prayer Meeting
● In the Chapel

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Please join us for this time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with our church family. You will be blessed!

VBS Registration Now Open

Registration for our Vacation Bible School which will be held **June 10-14, 2024, 6:00-8:30 pm** at our church is now open at tulsasda.org. Please register your children as soon as possible as our VBS staff prepares a top-quality, Christ-centered program for them to enjoy.



Program About *Christ the Anointed*

On Sabbath, **March 30, 10:45 am** we will have a special worship service about *Christ, The Anointed*. This will be a family presentation including kids in costumes, narration from the Bible, hymns about the cross, and multimedia — all telling the story of the last week before Christ's crucifixion. Mark your calendars now.

Three Ways to Give



Online

tulsasda.org
Click on "Online Giving"



Church

Place your offering in a tithe envelope and put it in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary



Mail

First SDA Church of Tulsa
920 S. New Haven Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74112

Worship Service

March 16, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

Children's Story

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Songs of Praise

There is Power in the Blood, Hymn 294

Standing on the Promises, Hymn 518

Days of Elijah

Gary Dies, Brittany Lang, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

Daniel Duffy

Sermon

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Ordinance of Humility

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, Hymn 346

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude

Bruce Carrico



Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome is extended to everyone who has joined us for church services today, whether in person or online. May you receive abundant blessings as we worship our loving Lord together on this Sabbath day.

VBS Needs You!

It's time to get ready for that very important and effective ministry called VBS which will be held at our church **June 10-14, 2024!** Abby Duffy,



our Vacation Bible School Leader, has invited those who would like to be involved with VBS to contact her (918-998-3418) right away. You will be blessed! There are a

number of positions available, both behind-the-scenes and working directly with the children. Last year's VBS had an excellent attendance with many children coming from the community. Please volunteer soon. You will be blessed!

Oklahoma Conference Events

The Oklahoma Conference requests that you add the following events to your calendar. For more information visit okadventist.org.

April 12-14	Tulsa Children's Ministry Training
April 13-14	Men's Ministry Retreat
May 3-5	Hispanic Men's Retreat
July 4-7	Spanish Camp Meeting
July 12-20	English Camp Meeting

April Seniors Meeting

Our Tulsa First Adventist Church Seniors group has a fun new name — "The Ageless Wonders".

They are inviting all Seniors to attend a meeting on Sunday,

April 7, 12 noon
at a Tulsa area park to be announced



soon. In case of bad weather the group will meet in our church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to **bring picnic food and your own chair** and come enjoy a wonderful time outdoors together.

Leadership Development Workshop

Be sure to plan on attending Pastor Samson Sembeba's Leadership Development Workshop Tuesday, **March 26, 5-7 pm** in the Board Room. Enjoy this evening of learning and growth!

Haskell Music Festival Fundraiser

The All Nations SDA Church in Haskell, OK is inviting everyone to attend and participate in a Music Festival Fundraiser on Sabbath, **April 20 3:00 pm** at their church (1192 S. Haskell Blvd., Haskell, OK 74454). You are asked to prepare a couple of vocal or instrumental musical selections and be a part of the program. Call or text 918-906-9144 or 918-906-0535 to be added to the program list. Funds raised will help their church's youth group attend the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, WY in August.

Background Check for All Volunteers

For safety purposes, the Oklahoma Conference is requiring an online Background Check and online Safety Training for ALL church volunteers (including church officers, children's ministries/Sabbath School workers, praise team, ministries leaders, greeters, etc.). There is no charge to the volunteer for the Background Check and Safety Training. Contact Amber Gilliam (918-899-9971) if you have completed the Background Check/Training within the last three years.



Instructions for Completing Your Background Check:

- Go online to www.NCRISK.ORG/ADVENTIST
- Click on: "First Time - Registrant"
Union - "Southwestern"
Conference - "Oklahoma Conference"
Work Location - Name of Our Church
- Allow 2 hours to complete the training, or save your work as you go.
- When training is completed, you will be routed to a consent form that you must submit in order to complete your background check for yourself through the NCS Risk website.
- You will receive an email from Sterling Volunteers telling you what to do next to FINISH.

Fellowship Lunch March 30

There will be a Fellowship Lunch on Sabbath, **March 30. The theme is FAVORITES** and church members are asked to bring their favorite potluck dishes. Thanks to the Fox and Scott team for hosting the lunch.

Prayer Requests

Childress family	Rose Swayze
Brian & Jacqueline Griesbaum	Lynn Silkey
Church Building Committee	Native New Day
Discover Bible School	Church Finances
Missing Members	Tulsa Adventist Academy America

Special Prayer

For special prayer contact Prayer Ministries Associate James Davison at 603-801-7172.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

17	Kent & Amber Gilliam
17	Pati Rittenhouse
20	John Huff
21	Martha Camacho
22	Brian & Jacqueline Griesbaum
23	Peggy Dohman; Donald Pifer
23	Mark & Darla McGehee

Local Church Budget Summary

Amount needed for budget	\$83,960
Amount received	\$82,319
Amount short of budget goal	\$ 1,641

• THANK YOU for your donations to our Local Church Budget! Please continue your support so that vital church expenses and ministries can be funded and maintained.

• A portion of the contributions received for Local Church Budget each month will be allocated to a local Reserve Fund account which will be used to pay for much-needed or unexpected building maintenance and equipment repairs, etc.

Calendar

Today, March 16

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service - Communion	10:45 am	Elder	Daniel Duffy
Sunset	7:32 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams



Two Weeks at a Glance | March 17–30, 2024

17	18	19 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a •First Day of Spring	20 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	21	22 Sunset 7:37p	23 Sunset 7:38p
24	25	26 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a •Leadership Workshop 5:00p - 7:00p	27 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	28	29 Sunset 7:43p	30 •Fellowship Lunch Sunset 7:44p

Next Sabbath, March 23

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	7:38 pm

Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Elder	Lauren Fraser
Deacon	Richard Adams

Events

- March 26**
Leadership Development Workshop, 5-7 pm
- March 30**
Fellowship Lunch
- April 7**
Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon
- April 9**
Church Board Meeting
- April 27**
Fellowship Lunch

Church Music Notes

Prelude

Today's Prelude music is an arrangement for organ of ***Softly and Tenderly***, by Dale Wood. The author and composer of this hymn, Will Thompson, was a popular song writer known as the "Bard of Ohio," who wrote and published numerous collections of songs. He turned his talent to sacred music at the age of 40, and it is said about him that his greatest joy was writing and performing simple gospel songs about his Lord. *Softly and Tenderly* was used extensively in Europe and America by the Moody-Sankey evangelistic team. The words are an enlargement of the pleading words of the Savior to those who are weighed down and weary with the burden of sin: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are



heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Just before the great evangelist Moody died, Thompson visited him in the sick

room. Recognizing the visitor, Moody said feebly, "Will, I would rather have written 'Softly and Tenderly' than anything I have been able to do with my whole life." He also wrote another beloved song that has been influential in directing many to the Savior, *Jesus Is All the World to Me*.

Song of Praise

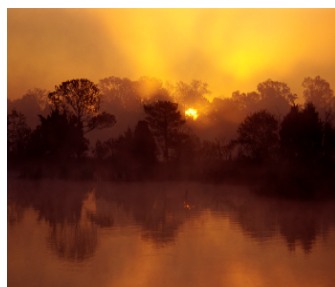
Today's first Hymn is based on Revelation 12:11, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." ***Power in the Blood***, Hymn No. 294 was written by Lewis Jones while attending a camp meeting in Maryland and was published in 1899, and has encouraged and cheered millions as they have sung its lively melody and uplifting words.

Postlude

The Postlude is an arrangement by Lani Smith of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, (words with Hymn No. 12). Henry van Dyke, noted writer, pastor, and educator (as well as a close personal friend of President Woodrow Wilson), was on a preaching mission in 1907 at Williams College in Massachusetts. On

this occasion, he was a guest in the home of the college president.

One morning at breakfast, he placed a manuscript on the table and said, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy.'" Obviously he was deeply moved by the beauty of God's power in nature, and penned these lines so that others, too, could capture a portion of his spiritual experience. Henry van Dyke's fame over the years has rested on his writing. He wrote many books, the most successful of which was *The Other Wise Man*.



A number of hymns have been composed by or adapted from the works of the so-called classical composers. The tune for Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee was adapted from the melody of the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (1824), by Edward Hodges in New York in 1846, only 20 years after the symphony was written. At the time of the composing of this symphony, Beethoven had been gradually becoming deaf for 20 years. The Ninth Symphony and some of his other greatest works were written with him hearing them only in his mind.

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Website: tulsaacademy.org

TAA Health Food Store

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods
To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during school hours or contact Rowland Knight at (918) 381-9708 and make an appointment.

Sabbath School Classes

- Spanish Sabbath School Class is in the Chapel.
- Classes for children, youth, and young adults are held in the church's south hall classrooms.

Adult Sabbath School Program

March 16 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

The Lord in Zion Reigneth, No. 7
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, No. 12
Revelation 21:1-7

Joe Barranco

Mission Video

"The Desert Taught Me How"

*An inspiring and original song performed by
collaborators from around the world!*

By Juan R. Salazar

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Longing for God in Zion

Small Group Class | Lem Bach

Online Class | David Miller, Yvonne Adams,
Josh Roberts

Church Bulletin Information

The deadline for receiving announcements to be printed in the bulletin is **11 am on Wednesday**. Please text your announcements to the bulletin secretary at 918-640-6540 or email announcements to the following email address:

bruce.carrico@gmail.com.



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