



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

I CAN DO ALL THINGS
★ THROUGH ★
CHRIST
WHO STRENGTHENS
»» ME ««

PHIL. 4:13

April 27, 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!

TAA Health Food Store

If you would like to purchase vegetarian foods from the Tulsa Adventist Academy food store, come to the TAA office during school hours and the secretary will assist you. Or, contact Rowland Knight at 918-381-9708 for an appointment. All profits from the health food store benefit Tulsa Adventist Academy.

Free Benefit Concert & Silent Auction

A free Christian Music Concert and a Silent Auction of Nicaraguan wares at the Claremore Seventh-day Adventist Church (20555 S. 4170 Rd., Claremore, OK 74017) on **May 11 at 7:00 pm** will benefit Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries. RSVP at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Christian concerts in Tulsa). Tasba Raya Adventist Ministries operates an elementary school and evangelism ministry in the jungles of Nicaragua.

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

April 27, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Onward Oklahoma 2%

Children's Story

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Songs of Praise

God of Wonders

My Savior, My God

In a Little While We're Going Home, Hymn 626

Lem Bach, Brittany Lang, Brandi Williams

Altar Prayer

James Davison

Song of Consecration

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners, Hymn 187

Sermon

Sermon Series | *Adopted*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

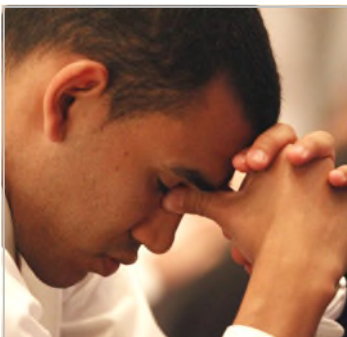
When We All Get to Heaven, Hymn 633

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.

Fellowship Lunch Today

Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall (at the west end of the TAA school building) following today's Worship Service. The Duffy Hospitality Team will be our hosts for the meal.



Leadership Workshop

Pastor Samson Sembega continues his Leadership Workshop Tuesday, **April 30, 5-7 pm**, in the Board Room. Come learn leadership skills for the home, church, and workplace!



Register Now for 2024 VBS



Registration for Vacation Bible School is available online at Tulsasda.org for kids ages 3-12. VBS will be at our church **June 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm**.

New Church Officer Nominee

SECOND READING

Our Church Board has nominated **James Davison** to be the State Fair Booth Ministry Coordinator for the current church year and also for 2024 - 2025.

Tulsa Adventist Academy Sabbath

TAA students and staff will lead our Worship Service on Sabbath, **May 4** at 10:45 am featuring **four choirs**. It is always a blessing to have TAA families worship with us and share their musical gifts and inspirational thoughts.



2024 Church Family Graduates

We want to celebrate the 2024 graduates in our church family by including their name and graduation information in the church bulletin. **Please text the graduate's name and school along with their degree and major** if graduating from college, to the bulletin secretary (918-640-6540).

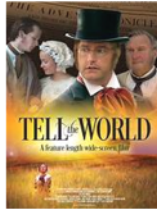


TAA Week of Prayer

Everyone is invited to attend TAA's Week of Prayer **April 29-May 3, 8 am** at our church with speaker Pastor Rick Mercer.

Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting

Ageless Wonders! Our next meeting will be Sunday, **June 2** at **12:00 pm**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall! Our food theme is **Favorites** and we will watch a movie called "Tell the World". Bring food and have fun!



Prayer Requests

Childress family	Lynn Silkey
Ida Clark	Vasquez family
Brian & Jacqueline Griesbaum	
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.

Background Check for Volunteers

For safety purposes, the Oklahoma Conference is requiring an online Background Check and online Safety Training for ALL of our church volunteers.



NOTE: The corrected Background Check website appears in red print below.

Instructions for Completing Your Background Check:

- Go online to **NCSRISK.ORG/ADVENTIST**
- Click on: "First Time - Registrant"; Union - "Southwestern"; Conference - "Oklahoma"; 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.

April/May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 27 Minnie Bork
- 28 Judy Garlock
- 01 Alexandria Gerstner



Local Church Budget Summary (for July, 2023 - March, 2024)

Amount needed for budget	\$94,455
Amount received	\$92,832
Amount short of budget goal	\$ 1,623

- **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, April 27

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Bruce Carrico
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams
Sunset	8:07 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | April 28–May 11, 2024

28	29	30 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a •Leadership Workshop 5:00p - 7:00p	May 1 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	2	3 Sunset 8:12p	4 •TAA Sabbath Sunset 8:13p
5 •TAA Talent Show 11:00a	6	7 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	8 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	9	10 Sunset 8:18p	11 Sunset 8:19p

Next Sabbath, May 4

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service - TAA Sabbath	10:45 am
Sunset	8:13 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Huff</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Richard Adams</i>

Events

April 30
Leadership Development Workshop, 5-7 pm

May 4
TAA Sabbath; Acro Show in evening

May 5
TAA Talent Show, 11:00 am

May 18
TAA Senior Commencement, 7:30 pm

June 2
Ageless Wonders Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

God of Wonders is a popular worship song sung in Christian churches all over the world, and was written by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd. Marc Hindalong tells the story of a song writing retreat in a cabin, somewhere in Arkansas. Marc Byrd had a deep spiritual awakening, and *“there was something profoundly inspired about several songs he wrote on that sojourn. One of them was what would become God of Wonders. He played me the chord progression, singing a few lyrics like, ‘Halleluiah to the Lord of heaven and earth. . . .’ It’s beyond our comprehension really,”* that the Creator of the whole universe *“wants to share an intimate relationship with each of his children. ‘God of Wonders’ is a celebration of unfathomable divine truth and love.”*

Another of our praise songs is **My Savior, My God**. This song was released in 2006 by contemporary Christian musician Aaron Shust, and has proven to be a popular worship song. Although usually credited as author and composer, Shust found this song in an old hymnal, and used the verses from Dora Greenwell's 1873 poem *“I Am Not Skilled to Understand”* and added a new bridge and chorus. He says that it was originally used in worship, but some years later, while stopped at a traffic light, he developed the chorus, before recording and releasing the song. The music begins with these words from the Dora Greenwell song, *“I am not skilled to understand what God has willed, what God has planned. I only know at His right hand stands one who is my Savior,”* The words of Aaron's chorus continue, *“My Savior loves, My Savior lives, my Savior's always there for me. My God: He was, my God; He is, My God is always gonna be.”*

Our last praise song this morning is the familiar old hymn, **In a Little While We're Going Home**, Hymn 626. In the book *Grace at 30,000 Feet and Other Unexpected Places*, attorney Kent Hansen tells a heartwarming experience involving the comfort of this and other familiar songs and an experience with his dying sister. He begins the story, *“Sometimes it is impossible to pray in words at all. When my sister was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer,”* she developed a clot which *“deprived her of speech and the use of the left side of her body, and in three awful weeks she was dead. But at first she could recognize*

and respond to her loved ones. On the third evening after the stroke I slipped into her hospital room and sat beside her holding her hand. When the lights were turned down for the night, I began to softly sing



to her the hymns and songs of our life. She gripped my hand firmly in her right hand and somehow she moved her limp left arm over her body and laid that hand on top of mine. I sang ‘Precious Lord, Take My Hand,’ ‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee,’ ‘Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,’ ‘Shall We Gather at the River,’ ‘In the Sweet By and By,’ ‘In a Little While We’re Going Home,’ . . . ‘Jesus Loves Me,’ ‘Gleams of the Golden Morning,’ ‘Day Is Dying in the West,’ and more. In between songs I would pray aloud for our heavenly Father to hold and comfort her and touch her with His love. . . . The songs and the touch were prayer. The hushed peace of our loving Savior enveloped us in the darkness. His presence was the answer to her speechless, waiting heart.”

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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

April 27 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!, No. 618
Faith of Our Fathers, No. 304
Isaiah 9:2 NKJV
Joe Barranco

Mission Video

Gambler Bets on Jesus, Uzbekistan

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Standing for the Truth

Small Group Class | Joe Barranco

Online Class | Bruce Carrico, Lem Bach,
Paula Davison

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**](mailto:bruce.carrico@gmail.com).



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