



Weekly UPDATE First Adventist Church of Tulsa

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February 10, 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 something 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 TAA.



Be the Answer in 2024

Pastor Samson Sembeba has shared the great news that in the new year everyone in our Tulsa



First Adventist Church family is invited to participate in a dynamic movement called **Be the Answer**. "Instead of just praying for people, think about how **you** can be the answer to someone else's prayer request," suggests Pastor Samson. "It goes in line with our theme for 2024, **BLESS**."

QR Code for Online Giving

For your convenience, using your mobile phone camera to scan the QR Code in this announcement will take you to our Tulsa First Adventist Church's online giving page on the Adventist Giving website, just as when you go to our local church website and donate tithe and offerings.



Worship Service

February 10, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Adventist Television Ministries Evangelism

Children's Story

Invocation

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Songs of Praise

Our God Reigns

On Jordan's Stormy Banks, Hymn 620

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

Lem Bach, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

Altar Prayer

David Miller

Song of Consecration

I Love You Lord

Sermon

Sermon Series | *From Blessing to Blessing*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

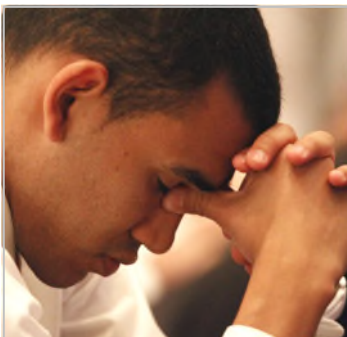
How Firm A Foundation, Hymn 509

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 through live stream. May you receive abundant blessings as we worship our loving Lord together on this Sabbath day.

40 Days of Prayer



The *40 Days of Prayer* is a Seventh-day Adventist Church prayer initiative which takes place **February 1 - March 4, 2024**. To learn more and be a part, visit 247unitedprayer.org.

Community Services Center Change



Our Tulsa First Adventist Church's Community Services Center will now be open on **Tuesdays, 8 - 11 am.**

First Tulsa Seniors Meeting

All Seniors are invited to a fun get-together on Sunday, **March 3 at 12:00 noon** in the



Fellowship Hall. **Bring an Italian food dish.** Don Pifer will be sharing his pictures taken in the country of Israel. Come and enjoy a great time!

African American History Month

February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. It can also be a time to celebrate the many African American Seventh-day Adventists who have achieved major accomplishments.

Sheila Jackson Lee is currently a United States Congresswoman serving as the democratic Chief Deputy Whip for the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist and holds membership at an Adventist church in Houston, Texas.



Congresswoman Lee was named by the *Congressional Quarterly* as one of the 50 most effective members of Congress. The *U.S. News and World Report* named her as one of the 10 most influential legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Lee has many successful major legislative initiatives to her credit including the Sentencing Reform Act.

Church Banquet Reminder

- **Money for the banquet must be turned in no later than Monday evening, February 12.**

We have to let the restaurant know the headcount so they will know how much food to provide for everybody.

- Please **ONLY** give your money to Mona Cook or Stella Harris. They are willing to meet you to collect your money.

Mona 918-607-4464

Stella 918-504-5765

- Call either number if you have questions.
- We look forward to seeing you February 18 at 6:15 sharp! — *Mona Cook and Stella Harris*

Church Board Meeting Rescheduled

This month's Church Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **February 20**.

Christian Home and Marriage Week

The Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference has designated **February 10-17, 2024** as *Christian Home and Marriage Week*. Please pray for God's blessing as churches around the world focus on Christian family life during this week. Resources for Christian families can be found at family.adventist.org.



Prayer Requests

Ralph & Kathryn Perry

Vasquez family

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America



Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Special Prayer

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

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 11 Pam Fraser
- 12 Diane Russell; Glenda Thomas
- 13 Lori Huddleston
- 14 Matthew Hansen

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

Amount needed for budget	\$73,465
Amount received	\$72,037
Amount short of budget goal	\$ 1,428

- **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, February 10
Sabbath School 9:30 am Offering Adventist TV Ministries
Worship Service 10:45 am Elder David Miller
Sunset 5:58 pm Deacon Richard Adams



Two Weeks at a Glance | February 11–24, 2024

11	12 • Banquet Money Deadline	13 • Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	14 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	15	16 Sunset 6:05p	17 Sunset 6:06p
18 • Church Banquet 6:15p	19 • Presidents Day	20 • Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a • Church Board Meeting	21 • Prayer Meeting 6:30p	22	23 Sunset 6:11p	24 Sunset 6:12p

Next Sabbath, February 17
Sabbath School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Sunset 6:06 pm

Events
February 18
Annual Church Banquet, 6:15 pm
February 20
Church Board Meeting
February 24
Fellowship Lunch
March 3
Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon

Offering
Elder
Deacon

Local Church Budget
Lauren Fraser
Richard Adams

Church Music Notes

Song of Praise

Our first praise song this morning is **Our God Reigns**. This tuneful gospel praise song was written by Leonard Smith, Jr. This is a scripture song, using Isaiah 52:7: *“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ”* The words also echo 1 Chronicles 16:31-33: *“Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice and let the nations say, ‘It is the Lord who reigneth!’ Our God reigneth! Let the seas roar, let the fields rejoice, let the trees sing at the presence of the Lord.”*



Another of our praise songs this morning is the hymn, **On Jordan's Stormy Banks**, hymn number 620. This hymn was first printed in London in the year 1787 under the heading “Heaven Anticipated.” The author of the words was Samuel Stennett, born in Exeter England, in 1727. In his adult career, he became a Seventh Day Baptist minister in London, and was a widely respected statesman, taking a strong stand for religious liberty. He also preached in his church regularly on the seventh-day Sabbath, and wrote many sermons, pamphlets, and 38 hymns. The words of the hymn refer to the Children of Israel crossing from the years of wandering in the wilderness, over the Jordan River into the promised land. Of course as Christians, this symbolizes our looking forward to the Second Coming of Jesus, and our eventual transition from

this earth and it's sinful wandering, to the promised land of heaven. The rousing tune PROMISED LAND is of uncertain authorship, and was first published in William Walker's book Southern Harmony in 1835. This tune is very simple and lively, and is arranged in our hymnal by Adventist musician Melvin West.

Another of our songs of worship is the familiar old hymn, **In a Little While We're Going Home**, Hymn number 626. This song was one that the hymnal committee “brought back” from the old Adventist hymn book, *Gospel in Song*, printed in 1926. At that time it was recorded as being copyrighted in 1899 by Hope Publishing Company, but little else is known about this hymn. Eliza Hewitt was a poet and musician and wrote both the words and the music for this song.

Postlude

Edward Mote was a cabinetmaker in London who was converted as a Christian at the early age of 16. One day in 1834, while walking to work, the idea came that he should write a hymn on the gracious experience of following Christ. The words of the refrain formed in his mind, based on Jesus' parable from the sermon on the mount about the wise man



who *“built his house upon a rock.”* Matthew 7:24. The sturdy tune was written in 1863 by William Bradbury, using very simple materials of three major chords. The Organ Postlude today is titled **In Celebration: The Solid Rock**, a joyous arrangement of this hymn by Gayden Sikes (words with Hymn No. 522). You are welcome to meditate on Hymn No. 522 as the music is played.

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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

February 10 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

The Golden Morning, No. 205
Abide With Me, No. 50
John 14:4-6 ESV
James & Paula Davison

Mission Video

*Crossing Mountains and Rivers to Carry
Hope to His Village*, Costa Rica

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

I Will Arise

Small Group Class | David Miller

Online Class | Don Williams, Lem Bach,
Pam Fraser

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:

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