



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

Presidents Day
February 19, 2024

February 17, 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**."

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

February 17, 2024

10:45 a.m.



Musical Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Lauren Fraser

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget

Children's Story

Jenni Hembry

Invocation

Lauren Fraser

Songs of Praise

Here I Am to Worship

Morning Has Broken, Hymn 44

Amazing Grace, Hymn 108

Lauren Fraser, Brittany Lang

Altar Prayer

Lauren Fraser

Song of Consecration

We Gather Together, Hymn 8

Sermon

Sermon Series | *From Blessing to Blessing*

Make Me a Blessing

Tom Huff

Song of Response

Make Me a Blessing

Benediction

Tom Huff

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.

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. 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. If the Lord is calling you to help with this vital ministry, please volunteer as soon as possible. You will be blessed!



Community Services Center Hours



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.

Sir Patrick L. Allen, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, is the Governor-General of Jamaica who represents the head of state, King Charles III of England. Governor-General Allen is the highest ranking Jamaican government official and exercises most of the powers of the monarch. Pastor Allen has also served as a teacher, school principal, and the president of the Adventist West Indies Union. He lived in the United States while studying at Andrews University in Michigan where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1985 and a Master's Degree in Systematic Theology in 1986. Although the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Jamaica's largest religion, Pastor Allen is the first Adventist Governor-General.



Fellowship Lunch Next Sabbath



There will be a Fellowship Lunch next Sabbath, **February 24. The theme for the lunch is SOUP, SALAD, and SIDES.** Church members are asked to bring **Soups, Salads, and Sides.** Hosts are the Knight Hospitality Group.

Leadership Workshop February 27

Pastor Samson Sembeba, who is studying for a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership, will continue his series of free **Leadership Development Workshops** on Tuesday, **February 27,**



5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at our church. Pastor Samson says the workshops are for **EVERYONE**, because all are leaders in one way or another. Twenty-one people attended last month's workshop, which included printed informational handouts and time for questions and comments in addition to Pastor Samson's verbal presentation.

Church Board Meeting

This month's Church Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, **Feb. 20, 5 pm** at church and via Zoom.

Prayer Requests

Childress family	Ralph & Kathryn Perry
Ida Clark	Vasquez family
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.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

15 David & Evelyn Hold
18 Leatha Hamilton
19 Piper Humble
20 Betsabe Goodwin; Greg Still
22 Sergio Roblero; Lourdes Vasquez
23 Olivia Chuckluck; Nidia Castillo

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

Offering Elder Deacon
Local Church Budget Lauren Fraser Richard Adams



Two Weeks at a Glance | February 18–March 2, 2024

18 •Church Banquet 6:15p	19 •Presidents Day	20 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a •Church Board Meeting 5:00p	21 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	22	23 Sunset 6:11p	24 •Fellowship Lunch Sunset 6:12p
25	26	27 •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a •Leadership Workshop 5:00p - 7:00p	28 •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	29	March 1 Sunset 6:18p	2 Sunset 6:19p

Next Sabbath, February 24
Sabbath School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Fellowship Lunch 12:30 pm
Sunset 6:12 pm

Offering *Onward Oklahoma 2%*
Elder *Daniel Duffy*
Deacon *Richard Adams*

Events
February 18
Annual Church Banquet, 6:15 pm
February 20
Church Board Meeting, 5:00 pm
February 24
Fellowship Lunch
February 27
Leadership Development Workshop, 5-7 pm
March 3
Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon

Church Music Notes

Prelude

February is Black History Month, and today the Organ Prelude is a musical meditation for organ by Gilbert Martin based on the African-American spiritual **Steal Away to Jesus**. When the storms of life grow too great, the soul who looks to Jesus can “steal away” to refuge in Him, protecting such a one from all that threatens to overwhelm in this life.

Songs of Praise

Today we will sing **Morning Has Broken**, No. 44 in our hymnal, for one of the Songs of Praise. The tune for this hymn is a Gaelic folk melody, first written on paper by Alexander Fraser after having heard it sung by a wandering Scottish Highlander. It was printed in 1888. The words by Eleanor Farjeon remind us of Gen. 1:3-5, “And



God said,
Let there
be light:
and there
was light.
And the
evening
and the
morning

were the first day;” and Lam. 3:23 which describes God’s mercies, “they are new every morning.” Every morning, the Christian sees, “God’s re-creation of the new day.”

Another hymn of Praise is No. 108, **Amazing Grace**. John Newton was captain of a slave ship in the 1700’s. Later in his career, he was captured and held as a slave himself. He eventually was converted and later became a Christian minister, thus learning by personal experience about the transforming power of God. In 1779 he wrote the words of this hymn as a personal testimony of

God’s goodness in his life. On his death bed John Newton humbly said: “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, and that Jesus is a great Savior.”



Ellen White wrote in the book *Steps to Christ*, p. 68. “In the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the globe. All who choose to breathe this life-giving atmosphere will live and grow up to the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.”

The tune for Amazing Grace, first appeared in 1835 in the early American shaped-note book *Southern Harmony*. This hymn is undoubtedly one of the most popular sacred songs of all time. Through the years it has inspired many church musicians. This morning we will use different settings by Robert Batastini, Robert MacDonald, and Don Hustad; changing keys several times during the four verses we will sing today.

Postlude

The Postlude is **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**, No. 12. Henry van Dyke, noted writer, pastor, and educator (as well as a close personal friend of President Woodrow Wilson), wrote the words in 1907 after meditating on the beauty of the mountains, and specifying that it should be sung to the music of Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy, from the final movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.

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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 17 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

All the Way, No. 516
Savior, Like a Shepherd, No. 545
Psalm 23:1-6 KJV
Don Williams

Mission Video

A Church Hub in a Tech Hub, India

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Your Mercy Reaches Unto the Heavens

Small Group Class | Don Williams

Online Class | David Miller, Jackie Wilson,
Joe Barranco

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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