



# Weekly UPDATE First Adventist Church of Tulsa

**March 2, 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!

## 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. The Background Check/Training takes approximately 30-45 minutes. Contact Amber Gilliam (918-899-9971) if you have completed the Background Check/Training within the last three years, or for more information about the Background Check and Safety Training.

## Union Youth Mission Event in Tulsa



The Southwestern Union Conference is sponsoring a free Union-wide mission event for youth and young adults **March 6-9, 2024** here in Tulsa, called *More Compassion Tulsa*. The event will include community service projects at Tulsa Food Bank, Tulsa Day Center, Emergency Infant Services, Denver House, Northpoint, and Tulsa Community Service Center as well as worship experiences and recreational activities. We will welcome this group of mission-motivated young people to our church for worship and lunch next Sabbath, March 9.

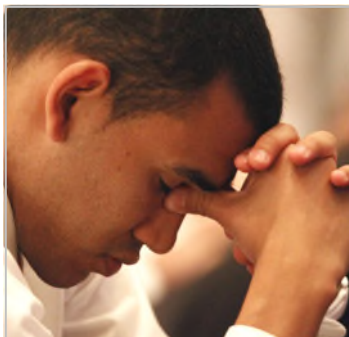


# *Worship Service*

*March 2, 2024*

*10:45 a.m.*

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## **Musical Meditation**

Bruce Carrico

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## **Worship Through Giving**

Local Church Budget

## **Children's Story**

Desirae Bach

## **Invocation**

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## **Songs of Praise**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, Hymn 334

*Fairest Lord Jesus*, Hymn 240

*We Will Glorify the King of Kings*

Tom Huff, James Davison, Pam Fraser, Lori Knight

## **Altar Prayer**

Tom Huff

## **Song of Consecration**

*God Will Take Care of You*, Hymn 99

## **Sermon**

Sermon Series | *From Blessing to Blessing*

*Can You Receive?*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

## **Song of Response**

*O Lord You're Beautiful*

## **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.

### 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. Please volunteer soon!



### Feed the Need

Join Tulsa Adventist Academy as we FEED THE NEED! This is a mission based fundraiser that helps us better our school AND helps us pack 10,000 meals for a refugee camp in Bangladesh! Scan the QR code or make checks out to TAA, and in the memo add Feed the Need!



### Special Fellowship Lunch March 9



Our church will have the privilege of sharing God's love with a special group of young people next Sabbath, **March 9**, at a Fellowship Lunch in our Fellowship Hall for all those attending the Southwestern Union youth mission event called *More Compassion*, along with our members.

**The theme of the lunch is Italian, and church members are asked to bring DESSERTS.** Our church Hospitality Teams are providing entrées, salad, and bread.

### Outgoing Membership Transfer

#### SECOND READING

**Bill Earnhardt** to the Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee

### Tulsa Botanic Garden Reopens Today

After being closed during January and February, **March 2-3, 2024** is the reopening weekend for Tulsa Botanic Garden (3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., Tulsa OK 74127) including some special features. Admission prices and other info about the garden available at [tulsabotanic.org](https://tulsabotanic.org).



## First Tulsa Seniors Meeting

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



Fellowship Hall.

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

## Prayer Requests

**Childress family**

**Lynn Silkey**

**Ralph & Kathryn Perry**

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.

## Deacon and Deaconess Nominations

### SECOND READING

Our Church Board has nominated the following church members to serve as deacon and deaconesses for the current church year:

#### Deacon

Kevin De Leon

#### Deaconesses

Desirae Bach

Lori Knight

Debbie Childress

Jessica Paddock

Lucrecia De Leon

Lisa Peugh

Peggy Dohlman

Glenda Pifer

Carma Fox

Sandra Scott

Leatha Hamilton

Jackie Wilson

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

04 Stephen & Tammy McGehee

05 Jorge Luis Castillo; Henry Fraser

07 Minnie Bradley; Brianna Reid

08 Tori Ellis

09 Harold & Valerie Dotson

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

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

- **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.

## Adventist World Radio Offering

Imagine learning about God and the Adventist Church through a message in a bottle! Don't miss this and many other incredible stories next week during Adventist World Radio's annual offering on **March 9**.

# Calendar

### Today, March 2

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Sunset	6:19 pm	Deacon	Richard Adams



## Two Weeks at a Glance | March 3–16, 2024

<b>3</b> •Seniors Meeting 12:00p	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a	<b>6</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>    Sunset 6:25p	<b>9</b> •Fellowship Lunch    Sunset 6:25p
<b>10</b> •Daylight Saving Time begins 2:00a	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> •Community Services Center 8:00a - 11:00a  •Church Board Meeting	<b>13</b> •Prayer Meeting 6:30p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>    Sunset 7:31p	<b>16</b> •Communion 10:45a   Sunset 7:32p

### Next Sabbath, March 9

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	6:25 pm

Offering	Adventist World Radio
Elder	David Miller
Deacon	Richard Adams

### Events

**March 3**  
Seniors Meeting, 12:00 noon

**March 6-9**  
More Compassion Youth Mission Event

**March 10**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00 am

**March 12**  
Church Board Meeting

**March 16**  
Communion Service, 10:45 am

# Church Music Notes

## Songs of Praise

The first Song of Praise this morning will be **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**, Hymn No. 334. This music is based on an American folk tune called NETTLETON, which first appeared anonymously in John Wyeth' Repository of Sacred Music in 1813. The words were written in 1758 by Robert Robinson, a Methodist preacher. The hymn expresses his feelings after his own conversion three years previously while in his early twenties. As we begin our service today, with this young preacher let us also ask the Lord: *"Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still Thy goodness prove; while the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love!"* Harmony for the three verses is from Wyeth' Repository (1813). Appropriate to this hymn is the scripture Psalm 36:7-9 which reads in the NIV translation: *"How priceless is*

*Your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They feast on the abun-*



*dance of Your house; you give them drink from Your river of delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light, we see light."*

Our last Song of Praise is a majestic gospel chorus, **We Will Glorify the King of Kings**, by songwriter Twyla Paris. The words of each verse repeat similar words of praise, but using different names for our God and Savior, *"We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb. We will glorify the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I AM;"* *"Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow*

*before His throne, we will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.;"* *"He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live. He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give."* In the first three vers-



*es we see a complete word picture of who Jesus is, and the words ascribe praise to*

the King of Kings, much in the manner of the choruses of angels and the redeemed quoted in chapter 5 of the Book of Revelation. Each verse lifts our thoughts a little higher to the Throne of Grace, until in the final verse we end with: *"Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lord of hosts, who is the great I AM."*

## Song of Consecration

Our song of Consecration is the gospel hymn, **God Will Take Care of You**, hymn 99. We began to sing this song online when our church services were first closed for the COVID-19 pandemic on March 21, 2020. We sang this song every week through the months of April through June, 2020. The song was written in 1905 by a husband and wife musical team, Civilla and Stillman Martin, during another time of great stress. Mrs. Martin wrote the words one afternoon while she herself was confined to a sick-bed. She gave the words to her husband, and in her words, *"He immediately sat down to his little Billhorn organ [a small portable instrument] and wrote the music,"* and it was sung in the service that evening, and later printed in a songbook, *Songs of Redemption and Praise*, which he was compiling for the school where they worked. **God has also taken care of our Tulsa First Church family through many trials in the past, and we are grateful.**

## Contact Us

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### Church Office

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**Church Email:** [tulsafirstadventist@gmail.com](mailto:tulsafirstadventist@gmail.com)

### Community Service Center

Carma Fox: (918) 200-2613

### Tulsa Adventist Academy

(Pre-K — Grade 12)  
Larry Seery, Principal  
900 S. New Haven, Tulsa OK 74112  
School Office: (918) 834-1107  
Website: [tulsaacademy.org](http://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 2 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*We Gather Together*, No. 8  
*Jesus Saves!* No. 340S  
Psalm 118:22-24 NLT | Gabriel  
Prayer | Nathan  
Anthony Family

#### Mission Video

*Passed Out in Church*, India

#### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord*

**Small Group Class** | Leatha Hamilton

**Online Class** | James Davison, Judy Miller,  
Richard Adams

## 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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