



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

**“In peace
I will lie down
and sleep,
for You alone, Lord,
make me dwell
in safety.”**

Psalm 4:8

May 30, 2026

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 back 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

● **6:00 pm** ● Midweek Prayer Meeting
● In the Board Room

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Board Room. Join us each week and be blessed as we meet together to enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship!

Card Ministry

One minute, one card, one smile will be in the lobby over the summer. Try to pick up a card every week for a different person, even if you don't know them personally. Cards are already addressed and stamped. It only takes a minute to write an encouraging note and drop it in your mailbox. The minute you spend on one card may produce a smile that lasts longer.

Register for Vacation Bible School

Register kids ages 4-12 now for our Vacation Bible School coming **June 8-13, 5:30-8:00 pm**.

You can register online on our church's Facebook page or website (tulsasda.com). For more Vacation Bible School information or to volunteer your help with VBS, contact Abby Duffy.



Sabbath School Update

June 20 Sabbath School Study Extension: *Growing in a Relationship With God!*

Join us for a special Adult Sabbath School Lesson Study Extension **June 20, 2026**. This session serves as an interactive continuation of our current study, "Share Him" after the church service. We will gather in the Board Room for one hour of deeper dive into the Word. Let us learn and grow together in the knowledge of our Lord! All are welcome; lunch will be served.

- **When: June 20, 2026, right after church**
- **Where: The Board Room**
- **Details: All welcome; lunch will be served**

— Lotoya Anthony

Worship Service

May 30, 2026

10:45 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation

Elizabeth Hancock

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget | Lauren Fraser

Children's Feature

Eliza and Abby Duffy

Invocation

Lauren Fraser

Scripture Call to Worship

David's Prayer of Thanks to God | Psalm 5 NKJV

Songs of Praise

Ancient Words

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

O How He Loves You and Me

Olivia Chuckluck, James Davison, Lauren Fraser

Prayer

Lauren Fraser

Song of Consecration

Blessed Assurance, Hymn 462

Sermon

Sermon Series | *After God's Heart*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

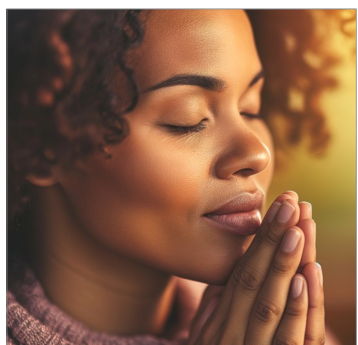
Draw Me Nearer, Hymn 306

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Postlude

Elizabeth Hancock



Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome to everyone who has joined us for church services this morning, whether in person or online. It is our prayer that you will receive abundant Sabbath blessings as you worship with our church family.

Potluck Fellowship Lunch Today

Our visitors are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall (at the west entrance of the TAA school building) following today's Worship Service. Thank you to the Knight Hospitality Team for hosting the lunch.



Let's Roll to Camp Meeting

Camp meeting is approaching, and transportation is available for those who would like to attend the first camp meeting Sabbath on **July 11**.

Our church will provide free van transportation for anyone who needs a ride or prefers not to drive.

The van is expected to leave the church parking lot at 7:15 AM and return after the final meeting at approximately 10:00 PM. Seating is limited. **Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Paula Davison at 603-801-7173 for additional information.**



— Paula Davison

Tulsa First SDA Community Services

Clothing, food, and houseware items we've given out for January - April, 2026: Total is 1,198 Items

Community Services Hours: Tuesdays, 8-11 am

Items we could use:

- Socks (men's and women's)
- Baby Diapers (all sizes)
- Sheets (king and queen)
- Plastic Hangers



We appreciate all donations from our church family. Matthew 25:40.

Reid & Campos Wedding Shower



2026 Church Family Graduates

Congratulations to all of the 2026 graduates in our church family! May God bless you as you move forward to the next step in your lives.

Kindergarten Graduates

- **Ava Burgin**
Tulsa Adventist Academy
- **Leonardo Carmona**
Tulsa Adventist Academy



Eighth Grade Graduates

- **Nathan Anthony**
Tulsa Adventist Academy
- **Alaithia James**
Tulsa Adventist Academy
- **Kolany Nuñez-Melendez** (Camachos' grandchild)
Tulsa Adventist Academy

High School Graduates

- **Perrin Beatty** (Tashina Childress' son)
Union High School
- **Cole Childress** (Danny Childress' son)
Collinsville High School
- **Alyssa Gilliam**
Tulsa Adventist Academy
- **Manfier Romero-Potosme**
Tulsa Adventist Academy

College & University Graduates

- **Esaias Betts** (Todd Carrico's son-in-law)
University of Oklahoma
Bachelor's Degree in Nursing
- **Kaylin Gilliam**
Oklahoma State University
MSW Master's Degree in Health Science
- **Arlan Henry** (J. & M. Camacho's grandson)
Georgia State University
Master's Degree in Business Administration
- **Antonio Melendez**
Tulsa Community College
Associate of Science Degree in Chemistry

Prayer Requests

Henry Blalock
Minnie Bork
Stella Harris

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.

May / June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 31 Pastor Samson & Natali Sembeba
- 01 Guadalupe Castillo
- 05 Hillary McGehee-Weems; Lynn Silkey
- 05 Jeff & Sandi Wagner
- 06 Clint & Rachel Robison

Local Church Budget Summary

July, 2025 - April, 2026

Amount planned for budget \$92,450

Amount received for budget \$100,073

Heaven Has Blessings For You

“How much owest thou unto my Lord?” (Luke 16:5) It is impossible to tell. All that we have is from God. He lays His hand upon our possessions saying: ‘I am the rightful Owner of the whole universe; these are My goods. Consecrate to Me the tithes and offerings. As you bring these specified goods as a token of your loyalty and your submission to My sovereignty, My blessing shall increase your substance, and you will have abundance.’”
— Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 245

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, May 30

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Lauren Fraser
Potluck Fellowship Lunch	12:30 pm	Deacon	TBA
Sunset	8:34 pm	Deaconess	Pat Wewerka



Two Weeks at a Glance | May 31 - June 13, 2026

31	June 1	2 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	3 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	4	5 Sunset 8:37p	6 Sunset 8:38p
7	8 •VBS 5:30p-8:00p	9 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a •VBS 5:30p-8:00p	10 •VBS 5:30p-8:00p	11 •VBS 5:30p-8:00p	12 •VBS 5:30p-8:00p Sunset 8:41p	13 Sunset 8:41p

Next Sabbath, June 6

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:38 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>Local Church Budget</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Huff</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Deaconess</i>	<i>Leatha Hamilton</i>

Events

June 8-13

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 8:00 pm

June 14

Reid & Campos Wedding Shower, 1:00 pm

June 20

Sabbath School Study Extension, 12:30 pm

June 25-28

Oklahoma Spanish Camp Meeting

July 10-18

Oklahoma English Camp Meeting

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise

Our first Praise song this morning is ***Ancient Words***, written by Lynn DeShazo in 2001, and frequently performed by gospel singer Michael W. Smith. She says that ‘*Ancient Words*’ is one of those songs she wrote because it just wouldn’t go away. “The longer I walk with the Lord, the more love and appreciation I have for the Bible and for those whom God has used throughout the ages to make it available to me. I suppose that was the true impetus for my writing ‘*Ancient Words*.’ And I also really wanted to treat it as a contemporary hymn, so that’s how the music took shape.”



This song focuses our attention on God’s Word, the Holy Scripture which is given by inspiration of the Spirit of God. There are many today who claim that the words of the Bible are old-fashioned, outdated, and passé, saying that something written two thousand years or more can have no relevance or application to today’s society so that we need a new gospel for a new age. . . . Thus, we recognize the need for us to pay attention to those “*Ancient Words*.”

Another of our songs of worship 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, almost immediately her body reacted with increased thrombin in her blood. This created a clot that exploded like a grenade in her brain. It 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***,’ ‘It Is Well With My Soul,’ ‘God Leads Us Along,’ ‘My Jesus, I Love Thee,’ ‘What a Friend We Have in Jesus,’ ‘Sweet Hour of Prayer,’ ‘Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,’ ‘Holy, Holy, Holy,’ ‘I Must Tell Jesus,’ ‘Near to the Heart of God,’ ‘Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,’ ‘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. I thanked Him for the many joys that we had shared. With my free hand I stroked her dear forehead. From time to time I would think she was asleep and would start to gently pull my hand away. But her eyes would open and she would grip my hand more tightly. We were siblings from a family that loved to worship. This was the sacred threshold of eternity, where life and death come together in their sunset. 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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Tulsa Adventist Academy Food Store

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods

To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during office hours or contact Rowland Knight (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

May 30 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Marching to Zion, No. 422
Holy Sabbath Day of Rest, No. 381

Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV

Lotoya Anthony

Mission Video

A School of Possibility, Kenya

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Sin, the Gospel, and the Law

Small Group Class | Joe Barranco

Online Class | Abby Duffy, Lotoya Anthony,

Pastor Samson Sembeba

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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