



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa

Vacation Bible School

June 8-13, 2026

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

June 6, 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, **No meeting 6-10-26**

Prayer Meeting



Prayer Meeting is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Board Room. Join us each week and be blessed. **Due to VBS, there will be no Prayer Meeting on June 10, 2026.**

TAA Food Store

Tulsa Adventist Academy's food store offers canned and frozen vegetarian food products. To purchase something from the store, come to the TAA office during summer office hours on **Wednesdays, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**, and the secretary will assist you. Or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment. All profits benefit TAA.



Church Business Meeting

All church members are invited to attend a Church Business Meeting on Wednesday, **June 24 at 6:00 pm.** Come and participate in the important business of our First Adventist Church of Tulsa!



Three Ways to Give



Online

tulsasda.com
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



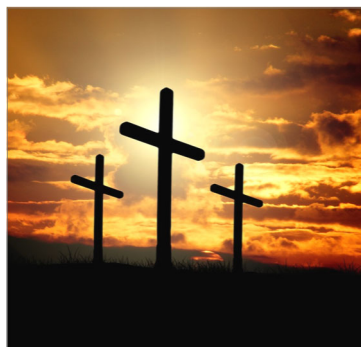
Mail

First SDA Church of Tulsa
920 S. New Haven Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74112

Worship Service

June 6, 2026

10:45 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget | Tom Huff

Children's Feature

Lisa Peugh

Invocation

Tom Huff

Scripture Call to Worship

Annointed to Preach Good Tidings | Isaiah 60 & 61 NKJV

Songs of Praise

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, Hymn 12

How Great Is Our God

To God Be the Glory, Hymn 341

Olivia Chuckluck, Pam Fraser, Tom Huff, Austin Paddock

Prayer

Tom Huff

Song of Consecration

As the Deer

Sermon

Sermon Series | *After God's Heart*

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Song of Response

Step By Step

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

Musicians for Worship Service

Bruce Carrico, Elizabeth Hancock,
Jason Vargas, Justin Vargas

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.

VBS Begins June 8

Kids ages 4-12 will be enjoying our Vacation Bible School **June 8-13, 5:30-8:00 pm**. You can register kids for VBS online on our church's Facebook page or website (tulsasda.com).

This year's VBS theme is *Heroes from the Bible* and will teach children about Miriam, Samuel, Rhoda, and more who were all kids that did little things which made a big difference.

For more Vacation Bible School information or to volunteer your help, contact Abby Duffy. And remember to keep VBS in your prayers!



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. — Jenni Hembry



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



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*

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*

Prayer Requests

Minnie Bork

Church Building Committee Native New Day
Discover Bible School Church Finances
Missing Members Tulsa Adventist Academy
America Vacation Bible School

Special Prayer

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

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 07 Thelma Cooper
- 08 Kaylin Gilliam
- 10 Darla McGehee
- 10 David & Judy Miller
- 11 Donald Dohlman



Local Church Budget Summary

July, 2025 - May, 2026

Amount planned for budget **\$101,695**

Amount received for budget **\$110,228**

A Diligent and Grateful Heart

**A diligent and grateful heart
prompts me to sing Thy praise.
Thy love and mercies from the start
Have blessed me all my days.
I thank Thee for the means to serve
with talents and with tithes,
For sharing brings the utmost joy
When lifting other lives.**

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, No. 639

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, June 6

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Sunset	8:38 pm	Deacon	TBA
		Deaconess	Leatha Hamilton



Two Weeks at a Glance | June 7 - 20, 2026

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
14 •Reid & Campos Wedding Shower 1:00p	15	16 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	17 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	18	19 Sunset 8:43p	20 •Sabbath School Study Extension 12:30p Sunset 8:44p

Next Sabbath, June 13

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:41 pm

<i>Offering</i>	<i>NAD Women's Ministries</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>David Miller</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Deaconess</i>	<i>Lori Knight</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 24**
Church Business Meeting, 6:00 pm
- June 27**
Church Potluck Lunch

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise



Our first Hymn of Praise 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), was on a preaching mission in 1907 at Williams College in Massachusetts. On this occasion, he was a guest in the home of the college president. One morning at breakfast, he placed a manuscript on the table and said, “Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy.’ ”

He was deeply moved by the beauty of God’s power in nature, and penned these lines so that others could feel a portion of his spiritual experience. Henry van Dyke has written many books over the years, the most successful was *The Other Wise Man*. A number of hymns have been composed by or adapted from the works of the so-called classical composers, and the tune for *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* was adapted from the melody of the final movement of Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony* (1824). This adaptation was by Edward Hodges in New York in 1846, only 20 years after the symphony was written.

Our next Praise song is by Chris Tomlin, **How Great Is Our God**. Mr. Tomlin is a contemporary Christian song writer, artist and worship leader, whose college career preparation was interrupted when he responded to what he calls “God’s call to something else.” Since that time, he has been writing music and leading worship, working direct-

ly with Louie Giglio in Atlanta Georgia as youth pastor. Tomlin recalls that this song’s development began with the chorus section “*how great is our God,*” and that that’s all he was able to come up with initially. He says he almost felt regret when he prayed “*This is all I have Lord, there’s no other words I can summon to describe how great you are.*” And then, rather than focusing on what we as Christians get from Him, he decided to shine the song’s spotlight more brightly on the nature of the Godhead: “*Light, majesty, a creature that’s both lion and lamb, and a three-in-one concept none of us can honestly fathom.*”

Our last Praise song is No. 341, **To God Be the Glory**. This beloved gospel hymn was written by Fanny Crosby, of whom it was once descriptively said, “*she is a blind lady whose heart can see splendidly in the sunshine of God’s love.*” She herself said, “*Darkness may throw a shadow over my outer vision, but there is no cloud that can keep the sunlight of hope from a trustful soul.*” The words of this hymn bring

to mind Rev. 5:
“*In a loud voice they sang:
‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive*



power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!’ ” Written in 1875, this hymn was introduced in England by evangelists Ira Sankey and Dwight Moody. It was immediately popular in England, but almost unknown in America until rediscovered by Billy Graham during his 1952 British crusade.

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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

June 6 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Praise to the Lord, No. 1
Come, Christians Join to Sing, No. 10
Philippians 4:5-6 NKJV
Pontiflet Family

Mission Video

"Wimbo Wa Ushindi" by ECA Music Group,
Tanzania

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Repentance and Forgiveness

Small Group Class | Laretta Pontiflet

Online Class | Tom Huff, Pam Fraser,

Brian Burgin

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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