



Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa



God
Bless
America

July 4, 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!

TAA Job Opportunities

Tulsa Adventist Academy is now hiring for two positions. Contact Principal Larry Seery at 817-456-4585 or email lseery@tulsaacademy.org if interested in either of the following positions.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

2 - 3 days per week (based on school needs)

Duties: Answering Phones & Directing Calls, Greeting & Assisting Visitors, Maintaining Attendance & Student Records, Data Entry & Records Management, Assisting with Billing & Tuition-related Tasks, General Office Support

Qualifications: Organized, Dependable, Friendly, Good Communication & Interpersonal Skills, Learn & Use *Microsoft Office*, etc.

After School Care Supervisor

M-Th | 3:30-5:30 pm, F | 12:30-5:30 pm

Duties: Supervising Students After School, Maintaining Safe & Orderly Environment, Coordinating Student Pickup, Monitoring Student Behavior, Communicating with Parents & Staff About Students' Needs

Qualifications: Enjoy Working With Kids, Patience, Responsibility, Good Judgement, Dependable, Punctual, Supervise with Positive Environment, Support Mission & Values of Church and School; **Helpful but not required:** Bilingual, Experienced, CPR & First Aid Certification

Children's Story Volunteers Needed

Sign up to share God's love by telling a story for



our children during the Sabbath morning church Worship Service. Scan the QR code in this announcement and a Children's Story sign up form will appear for you to select. Thank you for your ministry for our little ones!

Worship Service

July 4, 2026

10:45 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

James Davison

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget | Tom Huff

Children's Feature

Amanda Vargas

Invocation

Tom Huff

Scripture Call to Worship

Trust in God | Psalm 22 NKJV

Song Fest for God & Country

God of Our Fathers, Hymn 645;

My Country 'Tis of Thee; *America the Beautiful*;

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, Hymn 647

James Davison, Pam Fraser, Austin Paddock

Prayer

Tom Huff

Song of Consecration

Father I Adore You

Sermon

Happy Birthday America!

James Davison

Song of Response

O Worship the King, Hymn 83

Benediction

James Davison

Instrumental Musicians for Worship

Bruce Carrico, Elizabeth Hancock, Jason Vargas.

Justin Vargas. Fernando Vasquez

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.

New Oklahoma Conference Podcast



Oklahoma Conference Stewardship Director Gio Marin has launched a new podcast called *Kingdom Conversations* in English and Spanish which connects faith, community, mission, and offers hope to connect hearts and advance the kingdom of God. The weekly podcast series began July 1, 2026 and a new podcast will be added each Wednesday. To listen to the podcast, go to the link on the Oklahoma Conference website (okadventist.org) or search for “**Kingdom Conversations with the Oklahoma Conference**” on Apple Podcasts.

Each episode of the podcast features thoughtful conversations with ministry leaders, pastors, educators, healthcare professionals and more who are passionate about advancing God's kingdom. They explore Scripture, discipleship, evangelism, leadership, education, health ministry, and the stories about how God is working throughout Oklahoma and beyond. If you are looking for encouragement, practical ministry insights, leadership development, or updates on Conference initiatives, you'll want to listen to the *Kingdom Conversations* podcasts.

Camp Meeting Speakers



Edward Bryan, Fernanda Rinza, Ysis España, Robert Quintana, Jill Morikone, Jonathan Henderson, José Cortés, Jr., Leslie Williams, Alex Rodriguez

Ray Family Baby Shower



Let's shower
Josh & Josheline Ray
with love, Laughter and gifts
as we celebrate the upcoming
arrival of their new baby girl!

Thursday, July 30
6:00 p.m.

First Adventist Fellowship Hall

~ Diaper Raffle ~

Bring a pack of diapers and/or wipes
(any brand and any size) to be entered
for a chance to win a special prize!

Registered on Amazon

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

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:** Tues., 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.

Prayer Requests

Dan Jensen
David Morris
Lynn Silkey

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.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 05 Kumiko Huff; Elizabeth Vargas
- 05 Sandi Wagner
- 06 Kathryn Perry
- 08 Valerie Dotson
- 09 José & Gladys Reyes
- 11 Donald Williams

Local Church Budget Summary

July, 2025 - June, 2026

Amount planned for budget \$110,940

Amount received for budget \$118,935

**“Give and you will receive.
Your gift will return to you in full —
pressed down, shaken together
to make room for more, running over,
and poured into your lap.
The amount you give
will determine
the amount you get back.”
Luke 6:38 NLT**

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, July 4

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



Two Weeks at a Glance | July 5 - 18, 2026

5	6	7 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	8 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	9	10 •Oklahoma English Camp Meeting Begins Sunset 8:43p	11 Sunset 8:43p
12	13	14 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	15 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	16	17 Sunset 8:40p	18 •Last Day of Oklahoma English Camp Meeting Sunset 8:40p

Next Sabbath, July 11

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunset	8:43 pm

Offering	World Budget (GC)
Elder	TBA
Deacon	TBA

Events

July 10-18
Oklahoma English Camp Meeting

July 27
Church Board Meeting

July 30
Ray Family Baby Shower, 6:00 pm

August 13
TAA First Day of School

Church Music Notes

Lest We Forget

Today we celebrate Independence Day, and we in the United States have the opportunity to pause and remember the freedom which God has provided in this unique country of the world. The Sabbath is a day in which we also remember another kind of freedom, God's breaking of the tyranny of sin.



What better day to commemorate freedom from political tyranny, won by the forefathers (and mothers) of this country, than to do so when Independence Day is on the Sabbath, a time to commemorate freedom from the power of sin which was won at such great cost by Jesus our Savior.

From our study of Bible prophecy, we also learn that this country was raised up by God as a refuge for those who came in order to worship God according to Bible truth, rather than religious tradition. We must remember to pray for this great nation, that our religious freedoms may be preserved for a time so that we may have the liberty to spread the Good News about our loving and gracious God, who values nothing more highly than the freedom of His children to serve Him from love, rather than fear or coercion.

Songs of God and Country

This morning we will sing songs of praise to God for our country. One of these is the beloved patriotic hymn, ***America the Beautiful***. In 1893, Katherine Bates, an English teacher, was visiting and teaching in Colorado during the summer months. One day she visited Pike's Peak and was

inspired by the panorama of the surrounding countryside as seen from the vantage of that 14,000 feet summit. She wrote, *"It was there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under the ample skies, that the opening lines of this text formed themselves in my mind."* Each stanza is also rounded off with an earnest prayer, that God will always protect and help our land to attain its true destiny. Think about these beautiful words, especially the final verse: *"O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees, beyond the years, . . . God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea."*

Another wonderful patriotic song is ***Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord***, Hymn No. 647. On one occasion following the Civil War, President Lincoln heard a stirring account of bravery and imprisonment during the war by the "the singing Methodist chaplain," Charles McCabe. Chaplain McCabe closed his chilling story by singing this song, which he had taught to the other prisoners; *"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."* When he got to the chorus, *"Glory! glory! Hallelujah!"* the entire audience and band joined in.



Before the last notes a voice rang out; *"Sing it again!"* It was the voice of none other than President Lincoln. The inspiring music was duly repeated with great fervor, Mr. Lincoln standing, his voice raised in song, tears streaming down his cheeks, and was obviously very moved.

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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 (Wed., 9a-1p) 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

July 4 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Amazing Grace, Hymn 108
Lord I Want to Be a Christian, Hymn 319
Mark 11:24-25 NKJV
Duffy Family

Mission Video

The Mission Field of Education, Spain

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

Paul's Ministry in Corinth

Small Group Class | Abby Duffy

Online Class | Bruce Carrico, Jason Vargas,
Jackie Wilson

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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