



Weekly UPDATE  
First Adventist Church  
of Tulsa

**SO FAITH**  
**HOPE**  
**LOVE ABIDE**  
**THESE THREE**  
**BUT THE GREATEST**  
**LOVE**  
-1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

**August 8, 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 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 school office hours and the secretary will assist you. Or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment. All profits benefit TAA.



## 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!



## 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*  
*August 8, 2026*  
*10:45 a.m.*

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**Music for Worship Meditation**

Bruce Carrico

**Welcome and Announcements**

James Davison

**Worship Through Giving**

*Christian Record Services* | Lauren Fraser

**Children's Offering and Story**

Amanda Vargas

**Invocation**

Lauren Fraser

**Scripture Call to Worship**

*Nebuchadnezzar Praises God* | Daniel 4

**Songs for Worship**

*Praise to the Lord*, Hymn 1

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*, Hymn 103

*My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)*

Olivia Chuckluck, Gary Dies, Hillary McGehee-Weems

**Prayer**

Lauren Fraser

**Scripture Recitation**

*Pathfinder Bible Experience* | Mark 15 NKJV

Tyler Vargas

**Song of Consecration**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*, Hymn 101

**Sermon**

*Spiritual Renewal*

Tom Huff

**Song of Response**

*Hail Him the King of Glory*, Hymn 202

**Benediction**

Tom Huff

**Postlude**

Bruce Carrico

## 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 the Lord with our church family.

### Today's Offering

Our offering today supports *Christian Record Services* (CRS). CRS responds to the Quiet Crisis—the isolation that often follows vision loss—by providing free access to Bibles, books, camps, and faith-building resources. Please give today by marking your offering for *Christian Record Services* or by visiting their website at [bit.ly/CRSOffering2026](http://bit.ly/CRSOffering2026).

### Lunch and Meeting Rescheduled

The Soup & Salad Luncheon and **Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting** about how to reclaim missing members have been rescheduled for next Sabbath. The lunch (which will be provided) and meeting are now planned for Sabbath, **August 15** following the church service. The meeting will be hosted by Okla. Conference Exec. Secretary, Pastor Nathan Shires.



### Church Board Meeting

This month's Church Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **August 11** in the Board Room.



### Memorial Service

A memorial service for Minnie Bradley will be held on Sunday, August 9, 3:00 p.m. at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Tulsa. Let us continue to remember her family in our prayers.

### Evangelism Weekend



Evangelism is the focus of the **September 19** weekend at our church. More details are to come about this special weekend featuring outreach to our Tulsa area community.



### In Memory

With sadness we share that Dan Jensen passed to his rest this week. Elder Jensen was a faithful member of the Tulsa First Adventist Church for many years. Our love and deepest condolences are expressed to his family.

### Tulsa First SDA Community Services

- **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

## Fellowship Meal Hosts Needed

We are seeking monthly volunteers to keep our Sabbath Fellowship Meals going! Can you and your small group help?

**Sign Up:** Choose an open date on the Potluck Schedule below and/or contact the Hospitality Director, Garth Anthony (770-875-0139).

**Responsibilities include:** setting up and prepping Fellowship Hall before meal, assisting with food prep and service during potluck, and maintaining a clean environment afterward, etc.

**When:** Every 4th Sabbath or as scheduled

**Inspiration:** 1 Corinthians 10:31

## '26 -'27 Church Potluck Schedule

| <u>DATE</u>                             | <u>THEME &amp; HOSTS</u>                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August 22</b>                        | Haystacks / Nachos / Tacos<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Anthony Team                         |
| <b>September 26</b><br>(Outdoor Church) | Picnic Style (Sandwiches, Wraps, Subs, Chips, etc.)<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Knight Team |
| <b>October 24</b>                       | Chili, Cornbread, Potpies<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Vargas Team                           |
| <b>November 21</b>                      | Thanksgiving<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Anthony Team                                       |
| <b>December 19</b>                      | Holiday Dishes (Your Family Traditions)<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Duffy Team              |
| <b>January 23</b>                       | Soups, Salads, Breads<br><b>HOSTS:</b> OPEN                                      |
| <b>February 27</b>                      | Southern Style (Cornbread, Potatoes, Gravy, etc.)<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Anthony Team  |
| <b>March 27</b>                         | Soups, Salads, Breads<br><b>HOSTS:</b> Anthony Team                              |
| <b>April 24</b>                         | Haystacks / Nachos / Tacos<br><b>HOSTS:</b> OPEN                                 |
| <b>May 22</b>                           | Memorial Day Dishes<br><b>HOSTS:</b> OPEN                                        |
| <b>June 26</b>                          | Pasta, Pizza, Salads<br><b>HOSTS:</b> OPEN                                       |

## Prayer Requests

**Joe Barranco**

**Minnie Bork**

**Dan Jensen's family**

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America

**Mark McGehee Family**

**Edna Simms**

Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

### Special Prayer

For special prayer contact Prayer Ministries

Coordinator James Davison at 603-801-7172.

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

09 Gabriel Anthony; Lauren Fraser

12 Clint Robison

13 Evelyn Hold; Carolyn Mangrum

13 Manfer Romero-Potosme

15 Momo Huff

## Local Church Budget Summary

**July, 2026**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Amount planned for budget</b> | <b>\$10,350</b> |
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| <b>Amount received for budget</b> | <b>\$8,968</b> |
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**“God wants us to put Him first (Exodus 20:3), and promises to provide for all our needs (Philippians 4:19). We make His interests ours. He makes our interests His. God knows where our choices will lead, and wants to help us make wise decisions. As we daily depend on Him, He makes our ‘yoke’ easy and our ‘burden light.’ (Matthew 11:30)”**  
— Quote from [nadstewardship.org](http://nadstewardship.org)

*Thank you for giving!*

# Calendar

## Today, August 8

|                 |          |           |                                  |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Sabbath School  | 9:30 am  | Offering  | <i>Christian Record Services</i> |
| Worship Service | 10:45 am | Elder     | Lauren Fraser                    |
| Sunset          | 8:23 pm  | Deacon    | TBA                              |
|                 |          | Deaconess | Leatha Hamilton                  |



## Two Weeks at a Glance | August 9 - 22, 2026

|                                                         |           |                                                                               |                                       |                                       |                                       |                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>9</b><br>•Minnie Bradley's Memorial Service<br>3:00p | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>•Community Services<br>8:00a-11:00a<br><br>•Church Board Meeting | <b>12</b><br>•Prayer Meeting<br>6:00p | <b>13</b><br>•TAA First Day of School | <b>14</b><br><br><br><br>Sunset 8:16p | <b>15</b><br>Lunch and Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting<br><br><br>Sunset 8:15p |
| <b>16</b>                                               | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>•Community Services<br>8:00a-11:00a                              | <b>19</b><br>•Prayer Meeting<br>6:00p | <b>20</b>                             | <b>21</b><br><br><br>Sunset 8:07p     | <b>22</b><br>•Church Potluck Lunch<br><br>Sunset 8:06p                    |

## Next Sabbath, August 15

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sabbath School             | 9:30 am     |
| Worship Service            | 10:45 am    |
| Soup & Salad Luncheon      | 12:00 pm    |
| Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting | after lunch |
| Sunset                     | 8:15 pm     |

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Offering  | Local Church Budget |
| Elder     | Tom Huff            |
| Deacon    | TBA                 |
| Deaconess | Glenda Pifer        |

## Events

- August 9**  
 Minnie Bradley's Memorial Service, 3:00 pm  
**August 11**  
 Church Board Meeting  
**August 13**  
 TAA First Day of School  
**August 15**  
 Lunch & Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting  
**August 22**  
 Church Potluck Lunch

# Church Music Notes

## Prelude

An arrangement for keyboard of **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)** by Larry Dalton is the Prelude (words for meditation are with Hymn No. 108). John Newton wrote the words as a personal testimony of God's goodness in transforming him from a slave captain, later captured and held as a slave himself, and finally becoming converted and a Christian minister.

On his death bed John Newton said: *"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things – that I am a great sinner, but that Jesus is a great Savior."* This arrangement adds the refrain by Chris Tomlin, written for a recent feature movie, also named *"Amazing Grace."* The additional words go: *"My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending Love, amazing grace."*



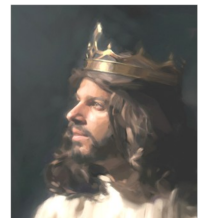
## Songs of Praise

Hymn No. 1, **Praise to the Lord**, is our first song of Praise this morning. The words to this hymn were written by Joachim Neander in 1680, using as inspiration Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. A reference is also included in the third verse from Psalm 23. In our SDA hymnal Neander's last verse of the hymn is omitted, but seems especially to express an attitude of adoration to God as we sing this morning: *"Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen sound for His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him!"*

Another of our hymns today is **O God Our Help in Ages Past**, No. 103. This hymn is a paraphrase of the first part of Psalm 90, a song of Moses: *"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. . . . For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night."*

The words were written by Isaac Watts at a time when the Dissenters, those who did not conform to the established Church of England, were in danger of severe persecution and of having their schools and academies closed. The music for *O God Our Help* was composed by William Croft, organist for twelve years at St. Anne's church in London, hence the name of the tune ST. ANNE. He also at various times was organist at the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey. Since it's composition, Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Ralph Vaughn Williams have all used the tune in various works of classical music.

Our last of the three Praise Songs this morning is **My Tribute**, by Andrae Crouch. This gospel song was written in 1971 Andrae Crouch began playing the piano as a boy in the churches pastored by his uncle and later his father. He later directed the addicts choir at the Teen Challenge Center, a rehabilitation center for drug addicts in Los Angeles. He loved to memorize Scripture by setting it to music. The words of the chorus read, *"To God be the glory, for the things He has done, With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raised me; To God be the glory, for the things He has done."* Mr. Crouch and his group of singers were introduced to the country by Ralph Carmichael, bringing his ministry of music to the nation and the world.



## Contact Us

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### Community Service Center

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### Tulsa Adventist Academy

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Website: [tulsaacademy.org](http://tulsaacademy.org)

### Tulsa Adventist Academy Food Store

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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

August 8 • 9:30 a.m.

#### Songs, Scripture, Prayer

*Lord I Lift Your Name On High*  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, Hymn 290  
Matthew 11: 28 NKJV  
Justin & Amanda Vargas Family

#### Mission Video

*Carried by the Current*, Brazil

### Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

*Spiritual Gifts*

**Small Group Class** | Donald Williams

**Online Class** | David Miller, Abby Duffy,  
Pamela Fraser

## 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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