



Weekly UPDATE First Adventist Church of Tulsa

August 15, 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!

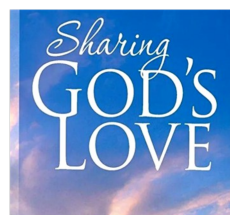
TAA Food Store

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.



Evangelism Weekend



Evangelism is the focus of the **September 19** weekend at our church.

There will be meetings on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, and Sabbath afternoon.

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 15, 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 Offering and Story

Jessica Burgin

Invocation

Tom Huff

Scripture Call to Worship

God's Goodness | Psalms 89, 34, 27, 23

Songs for Worship

The Goodness of God

I'm But a Stranger Here, Hymn 445

Shall We Gather at the River, Hymn 432

James Davison, Lauren Fraser

Prayer

Tom Huff

Scripture Recitation

Pathfinder Bible Experience | Mark 6 NKJV

Betsy Goodwin

Song of Consecration

Living Hope

Sermon

Homecoming | Luke 15:4-5

Pastor Nathan Shires

Song of Response

Amazing Grace, Hymn 108

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeba

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.

Soup & Salad Luncheon

A Soup & Salad Luncheon is being provided for those who are planning to attend this afternoon's

Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting about how to reclaim missing members.

Everyone is invited to stay after the church service today and enjoy the lunch and meeting.



Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting



Following lunch **today**, Pastor Nathan Shires, Oklahoma Conference Executive Secretary, will host an **Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting**. Everyone who would like to learn how to help missing members reconnect with our church will want to attend this meeting.

Church Potluck Next Sabbath

Plan to come and join us for a potluck lunch next Sabbath, **August 22**. **The theme will be HAYSTACKS / NACHOS / TACOS**. Thank you to the Anthony Team for hosting the lunch.

Church members are asked to bring ingredients such as chips, beans, rice, cheese, tomatoes, taco shells, sour cream, onions, avocado, olives, salsa, etc.



Leadership Workshop

Pastor Samson Sembeba continues his Leadership Development Workshop Tuesday, **August 25, 5-7 pm** at the church. All are welcome to attend this informative seminar.



Outgoing Membership Transfers

FIRST READING

José and Martha Camacho to the Miami Seventh-day Adventist Church in Miami, OK

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

Church Potluck Schedule

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

Welcome Pastor Hurtado & Family



A warm welcome to our Tulsa First Adventist Church's new Hispanic Ministries Leader, Pastor Harold Hurtado along with his son, Ronald; wife, Yenny; and daughter, Melany.

Prayer Requests

Joe Barranco	Gilliam Family
Minnie Bork	Lynn Silkey
Childress Family	Fernando Vasquez
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 Coordinator James Davison at 603-801-7172.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 16 Jason Vargas
- 19 Dhanyca Naca
- 20 Erin McBride; Arabella Williams
- 21 Gary Dies; Karen Marler

Local Church Budget Summary

July, 2026

Amount planned for budget \$10,350

Amount received for budget \$8,968

“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

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, August 15

Sabbath School	9:30 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Worship Service	10:45 am	Elder	Tom Huff
Soup & Salad Lunch	12:15 pm	Deacon	TBA
Oklahoma Reconnect Meeting	After Lunch	Deaconess	Glenda Pifer
Sunset	8:15 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | August 16 - 29, 2026

16	17	18 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	19 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	20	21 Sunset 8:07p	22 •Church Potluck Lunch Sunset 8:06p
23	24	25 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a •Leadership Workshop 5:00p-7:00p	26 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	27	28 Sunset 7:58p	29 Sunset 7:57p

Next Sabbath, August 22

Sabbath School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:45 am
Church Potluck Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	8:06 pm

Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Elder	Jason Vargas
Deacon	TBA
Deaconess	Lisa Peugh

Events

August 22
Church Potluck Lunch

August 25
Leadership Workshop, 5-7 pm

August 30
Men's Ministry Cookout

September 19
Evangelism Weekend

September 26
Outdoor Church

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise



Our first song of praise today will be ***The Goodness of God***, written by church musician Jenn Johnson, along with a team including her husband Brian, Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, and Jason Ingram. The process of adopting a child is not simple or painless. For the Johnsons, it involved a long season of waiting, uncertainty, paperwork, prayer, and the particular kind of emotional exhaustion that comes from loving a child before you can hold them. And it was during this season — specifically in the period after they had finally brought their son home — that Jenn found herself driving one night on a country road in northern California, overcome with gratitude.

In her own words, as shared in *Worship Leader* magazine: “I just was so overcome with the goodness of God in my life, . . . and [His goodness is] my anchor.” She grabbed her phone — not a notebook, not a piano, not a recording setup — and sang what was in her heart into the phone’s voice memo app while driving. What came out was not a polished song. It was a testimony. A declaration. An overflowing of a heart that had seen God be faithful in the hardest places and could not stay silent about it. After more work with the song-writing team, the rough material recorded on her phone, was shaped into the structured, singable, theologically rich song that the world would come to know. As a measure of its impact in the world of gospel music, this song was

named in 2023 — four years after its release — by the GMA Dove Awards in Nashville as Song of the Year.

The heart of “*Goodness of God*” is Psalm 23:6 — one of the most famous verses in the entire Bible: “*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*” — Psalm 23:6 (ESV). The bridge of this song — “Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me” — is a direct and deliberate paraphrase of this verse, with the Hebrew translated “*follow*,” meaning not just to walk with, but to pursue, to chase, to run after.

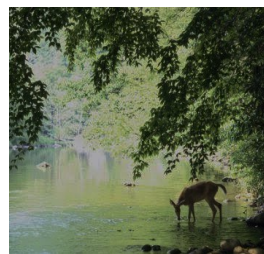
The song that began on a country road with a phone and a grateful heart has become a celebrated worship song, sung by thousands.

Postlude

The Postlude is an arrangement by Douglas Wagner for organ of the beautiful praise song ***As the Deer***, with words and music originally written by Martin Nystrom. The words are based on the

42nd Psalm: “*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my*

Strength, my Shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship Thee.” Later in the Psalm, the Bible writers describe the extravagance of God’s love and mercy, again with a water metaphor, “*Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me. By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me — a prayer to the God of my life.*”



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Website: tulsaacademy.org

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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 15 • 9:30 a.m.

Songs, Scripture, Prayer

Blessed Assurance, Hymn 462

You Are My All in All

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NKJV

Vasquez Family

Mission Video

The Surprise School, Portugal

Sabbath School Lesson Discussion

A Portrait of Love

Small Group Class | Tom Huff

Online Class | Bruce Carrico, Lotoya Anthony,
Mitch McGehee

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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