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FRIDAY SATURDAY
SEPT 18 AND *SEPT 19*

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FIRST ADVENTIST CHURCH OF TULSA

920 S. NEW HAVEN AVE, TULSA, OK 74112

Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church
of Tulsa
September 19, 2026



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!

New Adult Saturday Morning Classes

Beginning today, **September 19**, exciting new classes for adults will be available as part of our *Family Bible Study* on Saturday mornings at **10:00 a.m.** (after breakfast and all ages being together in the Sanctuary for singing, prayer, etc.). Here are the 3 new adult classes everyone can choose to attend.



Class Location

What Class Will Study

Board Room

Regular Sabbath
School Lesson in
Lesson Quarterly

Sanctuary (Front)

Beliefs of the Seventh-day
Adventist Church

Sanctuary (Back)

*“Having a Mary Heart in
a Martha World”*, a book
by Joanna Weaver

Compassion Ministries | Donate Socks

SOCKTOBER: We are collecting winter socks for our homeless neighbors!

● Winter socks for homeless adults are one of the most needed but least frequently donated clothing items. *Clean socks are invaluable for warmth, to prevent frostbite, and avoid diabetic wounds or fungal infections.*



Clean socks can also provide comfort and dignity.

● **A bin will be in the church lobby to collect your sock donations from September 26 - October 31.** Please consider purchasing a pack (or more) of socks to donate!

— Jenni Hembry

Worship Service
September 19, 2026
11:00 a.m.



Music for Worship Meditation

Bruce Carrico

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Samson Sembeka

Worship Through Giving

Local Church Budget | David Miller

Children's Offering and Story

Justin Vargas

Invocation

David Miller

Scripture Call to Worship

Great is the Lord | Psalms 145

Songs for Worship

Great is the Lord

The Church Has One Foundation, Hymn 348

Days of Elijah

Lotoya Anthony, Olivia Chuckluck, James Davison

Prayer

David Miller

Song of Consecration

O Day of Rest and Gladness, Hymn 382

Sermon

Weekend Series | *Invitation to Rest*

This morning | *How Do We Rest?*

Pastor Samson Sembeka

Song of Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Hymn 499

Benediction

Pastor Samson Sembeka

Instrumental Musicians

Bruce Carrico, Mona Cook, Elizabeth Hancock,
Justin Vargas, Fernando Vasquez

Announcements

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome to everyone who is with us for Bible study, worship, and Christian fellowship here at Tulsa First Adventist Church this morning. We pray you will be blessed and enjoy your time together with our church family.

Fellowship Lunch

Our visitors are invited to join us for a complimentary lunch in the Fellowship Hall (at the SW entrance of the TAA school building) following today's church service.

Our hosts will be the Anthony Hospitality Team.



Today's Events



9:15 AM | BREAKFAST PROVIDED

9:45 AM | FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

11:00 AM | CHURCH SERVICE

"How Do We Rest?"

12:30 PM | POTLUCK LUNCH

1:30 PM | SABBATH WORKSHOP

"What Rest Looks Like"

Potluck Picnic Lunch Next Sabbath

Join us for a potluck picnic lunch after Outdoor Church services on **September 26** at Knights' (6109 E. 30th St. N., Tulsa OK 74115). Church members are asked to bring picnic foods to share such as **sandwiches, potato salad, wraps, chips and dip, veggie trays, etc.**

Outdoor Church | September 26



WHEN: September 26 (church closed)

Sabbath School - 10 am (kids too!)

Worship Service - 11 am

WHERE: At the Knights' place

6109 E. 30th St. N.

Tulsa, OK 74115

SEATING: Bring a lawn chair or quilt

ATTIRE: Wear casual clothes and flat shoes

POTLUCK: Afterward we will enjoy a potluck picnic lunch together. Please **bring picnic food** items to share for the potluck such as potato salad, veggie trays, sandwiches, chips & dip, etc. **Plan to bring a cooler if your potluck picnic foods need to be chilled.** The lunch will be hosted by the Knight Hospitality Team.

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 11, take the Sheridan Road exit and head north on Sheridan. Turn left on 30th Street North. Turn right at brick mailbox (across from Cavalier Homes). Follow gravel road to church site and parking.

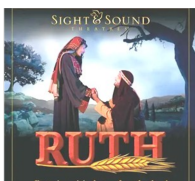
Leadership Workshop Guest Speaker

Joannah Joy, a doctoral student at ORU, will be the guest presenter for this month's Leadership Training Workshop on **September 29, 5-7 pm**. Her talk is on "Learning the World of Others to Better Lead."



First Tulsa Seniors

We are having a meeting **October 4**. We will be in the Board Room. The time is **12:00**. We will be having a movie from the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson! "Ruth" is the pick this time. Please bring your favorite snacks and have fun and fellowship. — *Carma Fox*



Pray for Tulsa State Fair Ministry

Please continue to remember our church's ministry at the Tulsa State Fair (**Oct. 1-11**) in your prayers and in your giving. For more information about the fair booth outreach, you may contact James Davison (603-801-7172).



Outgoing Membership Transfers

FIRST READING

Lemuel and Desirae Bach to the Ooltewah SDA Church in Ooltewah, Tennessee

Prayer Requests

Joe Barranco

Minnie Bork

Ray Family

Church Building Committee

Discover Bible School

Missing Members

America



Native New Day

Church Finances

Tulsa Adventist Academy

Tulsa State Fair Ministry

Special Prayer

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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 20 Barbara Carlson
- 22 Tom & Heidi Huff
- 25 Harold & Yenny Hurtado
- 26 Henry Blalock



Local Church Budget Summary

July - August, 2026

Amount planned for budget	\$20,700
Amount received for budget	\$16,805

"All may feel that they can act a part in carrying forward the precious work of salvation. Every man, woman and youth may become a treasurer for God. . . . If the plan of systematic benevolence was adopted by every individual and fully carried out, there would be a constant supply in the treasury."

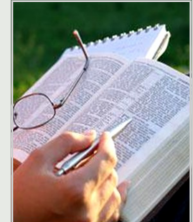
Ye Shall Receive Power, p. 245

Thank you for giving!

Calendar

Today, September 19

Breakfast in Board Room	9:15 am	Offering	Local Church Budget
Family Bible Study	9:45 am	Elder	David Miller
Worship Service	11:00 am	Deacon	Austin Paddock
Potluck Lunch	12:30 pm	Deaconess	Lotoya Anthony
Sabbath Workshop	1:30 pm		
Sunset	7:26 pm		



Two Weeks at a Glance | September 20–October 3, 2026

20	21	22 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a	23 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	24	25 Sunset 7:17p	26 •Outdoor Church at Knights' 10:00a •Potluck Picnic Lunch Sunset 7:16p
27	28	29 •Community Services 8:00a-11:00a •Leadership Training 5:00p-7:00p	30 •Prayer Meeting 6:00p	October 1 •Tulsa State Fair Begins	2 Sunset 7:07p	3 Sunset 7:06p

Next Sabbath, September 26

OUTDOOR CHURCH at Knights' (church closed)

Sabbath School for Everyone	10:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Potluck Picnic Lunch	12:30 pm
Sunset	7:16 pm

Offering	Onward Oklahoma 2%
Elder	Jason Vargas
Deacon	Brian Burgin

Events

September 26

- Outdoor Church at Knights', 10:00 am
- Fellowship Potluck Picnic Lunch

September 29

Leadership Training, 5:00-7:00 pm

October 1-11

Tulsa State Fair

October 4

First Tulsa Seniors Meeting, 12:00 pm

Church Music Notes

Songs of Praise



Our first Praise Song today is **Great is the Lord**. The music was written by the popular Christian singer Michael W. Smith. The words to this song are based on Scripture verses and especially bring to mind Psalms 145:3, *“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable,”* as we just read in our Scripture Call to Worship.

During the time of their engagement to be married, Debbie and Michael Smith wrote this song together as one of their first worship songs. Debbie recalled the story of the song to Lindsay Terry of the St. Augustine Record, *“Sometimes at night we would light a candle and would often open the Bible and God would inspire our hearts with a particular passage of Scripture.” “I wrote a few lines of the lyric as Michael was working on the music.”*

The couple were at the time active members of Belmont Church on Music Row in Nashville and were eager to share their new song with the congregation. Debbie Smith recalled: *“Michael often led worship at the church, so during one of the services he taught the song to the congregation. They seemed greatly moved to a spirit of worship as they sang ‘Great Is the Lord.’” “He said, ‘I remember I was so overwhelmed as I heard that great crowd lifting their voices in praise, as they sang our song,’”*

Our last Song of Praise today is **Days of Elijah**, written by Irish composer Robin Mark in 1994, about the time of the terrible genocide in Rwanda. As he watched the news reports, he found himself *“despairing about the state of the world and, in prayer, began asking God if He was really in control and what sort of days were we living in.”* As he reflected, he remembered the prophets of the Old Testament times, especially the prophet Elijah.

He relates again, *“I felt in my spirit that He replied to my prayer by saying that indeed He was very much in control and that the days we were living in were special times when He would require Christians to be filled with integrity and to stand up for Him just like Elijah did, particularly with the prophets of Baal. ‘These are “Elijah” days’.”* We read Elijah’s story in the book of Kings and you can just feel how isolated and alone he felt in the culture in which he lived, but God told him to stand up and speak for Him.



There are also references to the experiences of Moses, Ezekiel, and David in his verses. Finally the *“days of the Harvest” point towards what is the purpose of the Christian to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.”*

He concludes, *“The chorus is the ultimate declaration of hope – Christ’s return. It is paraphrased from the books of Revelation and Daniel and the vision that was seen of the coming King and refers to the return of Christ and the year of Jubilee.”* Excerpts from www.robinmark.com/the-story-behind-days-of-elijah/

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(Pre-K — Grade 12)
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School Office: (918) 834-1107
Website: tulsaacademy.org

Tulsa Adventist Academy Food Store

Offering canned & frozen vegetarian foods

To purchase foods, come to the TAA office during school office hours or contact Rowland Knight (918-381-9708) and make an appointment.

Saturday Mornings at Our Church

- Spanish Sabbath School Class is in the Chapel.
- Classes for children, youth, and young adults are held in the church's south hall classrooms.

Family Bible Study

September 19 • 9:15 -10:45 a.m.

9:15 | Breakfast in Board Room

9:45 | Adults and Kids in Sanctuary

10:00 | Classes for Adults and Kids

11:00 | Worship Service for All Ages

Saturday Morning Classes for Adults

Board Room	Regular Sabbath School Lesson
Sanctuary (Front)	Beliefs of the Adventist Church
Sanctuary (Back)	Book Study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", by Joanna Weaver

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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