

Weekly UPDATE
First Adventist Church of Tulsa

# Outdoor Church

**October 17, 2026**

**Our mission is helping people experience the love of Jesus**

# *Church Service Songs*

## Redeemed

**Verse 1**

**Redeemed! how I love to proclaim it!**
**Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;**
**Redeemed through His infinite mercy,**
**His child, and forever, I am.**

***Refrain***

***Redeemed, redeemed,***
***Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;***
***Redeemed, redeemed,***
***His child, and forever, I am.***

**Verse 2**

**Redeemed! and so happy in Jesus!**
**No language my rapture can tell;**
**I know that the light of His presence**
**With me doth continually dwell.**

**Verse 3**

**I know there's a crown that is waiting**
**In yonder bright mansion for me;**
**And soon, with the saints made perfect,**
**At home with the Lord I shall be.**

## Shall We Gather at the River

**Verse 1**

**Shall we gather at the river**
**Where bright angel feet have trod,**
**With its crystal tide forever**
**Flowing by the throne of God?**

***Refrain***

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,***
***The beautiful, the beautiful river;***
***Gather with the saints at the river***
***That flows by the throne of God.***

**Verse 2**

**On the margin of the river,**
**Washing up its silver spray**
**We will walk and worship ever,**
**All the happy golden day.**

**Verse 4**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,**
**Soon our pilgrimage will cease,**
**Soon our happy hearts will quiver**
**With the melody of peace.**

## You Are My All in All

**Verse 1**

**You are my strength when I am weak**
**You are the treasure that I seek**
**You are my all in all**
**Seeking You as a precious jewel**
**Lord to give up I'd be a fool**
**You are my all in all**

***Chorus***
***Jesus Lamb of God***
***Worthy is Your name***
***Jesus Lamb of God***
***Worthy is Your name***

**Verse 3**
**Taking my sin my cross my shame**
**Rising again I bless Your name**
**You are my all in all**
**When I fall down You pick me up**
**When I am dry You fill my cup**
**You are my all in all**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Verse 1**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,**
**All our sins and griefs to bear;**
**What a privilege to carry**
**Everything to God in prayer!**
**O what peace we often forfeit,**
**O what needless pain we bear,**
**All because we do not carry**
**Everything to God in prayer.**

**Verse 2**

**Have we trials and temptations?**
**Is there trouble anywhere.**
**We should never be discouraged;**
**Take it to the Lord in prayer!**
**Can we find a friend so faithful,**
**Who will all our sorrows share?**
**Jesus knows our every weakness;**
**Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Verse 3**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,**
**Cumbered with a load of care?**
**Precious Savior, still our refuge,**
**Take it to the Lord in prayer!**
**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?**
**Take it to the Lord in prayer!**
**In His arms He'll take and shield thee,**
**Thou wilt find a solace there.**

# *Worship Service*

*October 17, 2026*

*11:00 a.m.*



**Musical Meditation**
Bruce Carrico

**Welcome and Announcements**
Pastor Samson Sembeba

**Worship Through Giving**
Local Church Budget | Jason Vargas

**Children's Story**
Amanda Vargas

**Invocation**
Jason Vargas



**Songs of Praise**
*Redeemed!*
*You Are My All in All*
*Shall We Gather at the River*
Lotoya Anthony, Olivia Chuckluck

**Prayer**
Jason Vargas

**Song of Consecration**
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Sermon**
Pastor Samson Sembeba



**Song of Response**
*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**Benediction**
Pastor Samson Sembeba

**Instrumental Music**
Bruce Carrico, Jason Vargas

# *Announcements*

## Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship today! Videos of the services will be posted on our church's website (tulsasda.com) and social media as soon as possible.

## Outdoor Church

Thank you for joining us for Outdoor Church as we worship the Lord on this lovely Sabbath day surrounded by the wonderful things He has created. We are grateful to the Knights for inviting our congregation to hold church services at their beautiful property. May everyone be blessed today as you enjoy this special time of worship and fellowship with our church family!

## Potluck Picnic Lunch Today




Our visitors are invited to join us for a picnic lunch here at the Knights' after today's church services, hosted by the Knight Hospitality Team.

## Church Board Meeting

Our Church Board Meeting for this month has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **October 20** in the church Board Room. All Church Board members are asked to attend.



## Compassion Ministries | Donate Socks




Compassion Ministries is collecting **new adult socks for our homeless neighbors** to keep their feet warm and dry this winter.

- Please place socks in the box outside the main sanctuary doors.
- If you don't know what kinds of socks to get and like to purchase on *Amazon*, there are two QR codes on the box with suggested products. **Adult white crew socks are ideal**, making it easy to see when the socks need a wash.



- Thank you for sharing your resources to bless someone else this month! — *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 a.m.**

**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. See Matthew 25:40.

## Learn More About Our World Church

If you have ever wanted to explore more about how our world Seventh-day Adventist Church works, you may be interested in watching the videos of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's *2026 Annual Council* held at the General Conference Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD this past week, **October 7-14**.




The *Annual Council* is attended by Church leaders from all over the world who worship together, make important decisions about our Church's mission, elect new leaders, receive inspiring progress reports from many departments of the world Church, and much more.

The *Annual Council* videos are available at the SDA Church website **gc.adventist.org** by searching for "2026 Annual Council", or on YouTube.

## Church Potluck Schedule

| DATE | THEME & HOSTS |
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| **October 17** Outdoor Church | Picnic Style (Sandwiches, Wraps, Subs, Chips, etc.) **HOSTS: Knight Team** |
| **November 28** | Thanksgiving **HOSTS: Anthony Team** |
| **December 19** | Holiday Dishes (Your Family Traditions) **HOSTS: Duffy Team** |
| **January 23** | Soups, Salads, Breads **HOSTS: Davison Team** |
| **February 27** | Southern Style (Cornbread, Potatoes, Gravy, etc.) **HOSTS: Anthony Team** |
| **March 27** | Soups, Salads, Breads **HOSTS: Vargas Team** |

## Prayer Requests

**Joe Barranco** **Baby Malone**
**Minnie Bork** **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 Coordinator James Davison at 603-801-7172.

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

17 Keith & Holly Humble
21 Hadassa Reyes
22 Rose Swayze
23 Arin Bailey; David Miller
23 Matthew Williams
23 Eric & Errin Gonzalez




## Local Church Budget Summary

### July - September, 2026

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| Amount planned for budget | $31,050 |
| Amount received for budget | $27,054 |

**"Through faithful stewardship we acknowledge that everything we possess ultimately belongs to God. Offerings beyond the tithe allow believers to express gratitude, care for others, and support particular ministries or mission projects."**
***Quote from nadadventist.org***

***Thank you for making a difference!***

# *Announcements, cont'd.*

## 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. See you there!




## Three Ways to Give

### Online

tulsasda.org
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

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## Contact Us

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**Tulsa Adventist Academy**
(Pre-K — Grade 12)
Larry Seery, Principal
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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.

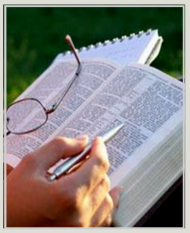
# *Calendar*

## Today, October 17

**OUTDOOR CHURCH at Knights' (church closed)**

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| Sabbath School for Everyone | 10:00 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am |
| Potluck Picnic Lunch | 12:30 pm |
| Sunset | 6:46 pm |

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| Offering | Local Church Budget |
| Elder | Jason Vargas |
| Deacon | Josh Ray |



## Two Weeks at a Glance | October 18 – 31, 2026

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| **18** | **19** | **20**<br>•**Community Services 8:00a - 11:00a**<br>•**Church Board Meeting** | **21**<br>•**Prayer Meeting 6:00p** | **22** | **23**<br>Sunset 6:39p | **24**<br>Sunset 6:37p |
| **25** | **26** | **27**<br>•**Community Services 8:00a - 11:00a**<br>•**Leadership Workshop** | **28**<br>•**Prayer Meeting 6:00p** | **29** | **30**<br>Sunset 6:31p | **31**<br>Sunset 6:30p |

## Next Sabbath, October 24

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|---|---|
| Breakfast in Board Room | 9:15 am |
| Family Bible Study | 9:45 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am |
| Sunset | 6:37 pm |

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| *Offering* | *Onward Oklahoma 2%* |
| *Elder* | *TBA* |
| *Deacon* | *Mitch McGehee* |
| *Deaconess* | *Nayeli Ramirez* |

## Events

**October 20**
Church Board Meeting

**November 1**
Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00 am

**November 7**
Vespers & Hayride at McGehees'

**November 28**
Church Potluck Fellowship Lunch

# *Sabbath School Songs*

## This My Father's World

**This is my Father's world,**
**And to my listening ears,**
**All nature sings, and round me rings**
**The music of the spheres.**
**This is my Father's world;**
**I rest me in the thought**
**Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;**
**His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world,**
**The birds their carols raise;**
**The morning light, the lily white,**
**Declare their Maker's praise.**
**This is my Father's world;**
**He shines in all that's fair;**
**In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,**
**He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world,**
**O let me ne'er forget**
**That though the wrong seems oft so strong,**
**God is the Ruler yet.**
**This is my Father's world;**
**Why should my heart be sad?**
**The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!**
**God reigns; let the earth be glad.**

## There is Sunshine in My Soul

**There is sunshine in my soul today,**
**More glorious and bright,**
**Than glows in any earthly sky,**
**For Jesus is my light.**

***Refrain***

***O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,***
***When the peaceful, happy moments roll;***
***When Jesus shows His smiling face***
***There is sunshine in the soul.***

**There is music in my soul today,**
**A carol to my King,**
**And Jesus, listening, can hear**
**The songs I cannot sing.**

**There is gladness in my soul today,**
**And hope, and praise, and love,**
**For blessings which He gives me now,**
**For joys "laid up" above.**

# *Sabbath School*

## Adult Sabbath School Program

**October 17 • 10:00 a.m.**

### Songs and Prayer

*This is My Father's World*
*There is Sunshine in My Soul Today*
Jessica & Austin Paddock

### Mission Story

Mona Cook

### Sabbath School Classes

**Sabbath School Lesson Class**
Bruce Carrico, Abby Duffy

***Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World***
**Book Study Class**
Lauretta Pontiflet

**Adventist Church/Bible Beliefs Class**
Jason Vargas

**Young Adult Bible Chats Class**
Austin Paddock

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# *Church Service Closing Song*

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**Verse 1**

**I have decided to follow Jesus;**
**I have decided to follow Jesus;**
**I have decided to follow Jesus;**
**No turning back, no turning back.**

**Verse 4**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;**
**The world behind me, the cross before me;**
**The world behind me, the cross before me;**
**No turning back, no turning back.**